

MADISON RIVER RANCH NEWSLETTER

November, 1997

Time again for a little news from the ranch:

Power:

The power extension that Dave Crawley worked on actually did get accomplished last summer. It was something of a struggle up to the end, but perseverance paid off! One of our favorite pictures from Montana this summer is Dave, posing with the electrical box. "Friends Forever..." We've already heard from (and shared our file with) neighbors who want to do the same thing. At least now we all know it's possible!

All's Well that ends in a Well:

The list of people with wells is growing. Mike Wells, lot 112, put in a 780 foot well last summer, then the power was extended this summer (his lot was on the route that Dave Crawley worked on), so now he can actually get water! I hear from Jack and Jeanne Hardy that lots 67 and 93 have also drilled wells recently.

Hardy's On-The-Scene Report:

Weather, as of Nov. 7:

First snow on Oct. 8 -- 2" and gone in one day. It snowed all day Oct. 11, and for two days Oct. 23 and 24. The snow is melting more slowly with each storm, but as of today, (Nov. 7), it's mostly gone with some small patches remaining. Some rain, cool weather in the 30's, with a low temperature so far of 14 degrees on Oct. 17th in the morning, and an average during the day of 35. Frost most every night.

Wildlife:

The summer birds have migrated -- winter birds haven't shown up yet. It's hunting season so most of the animals are playing it safe and hiding out!

Meeting of Madison County Board of Commissioners:

On Sept. 2, Sept. 16, and Oct. 6 respectively, the Board voted and approved the preliminary plats for three Madison River Ranch minor subdivisions for lots 34, 102, and 65.

Real Estate Report:

Courtesy of Dave Adamson

MRR Lots currently on the market

	Asking Price
#2	\$20,000
#9 (well)	50,000
#13	45,000
#10	38,800 (?)
#28 (with house)	-- ?--
#34	59,500
#54	32,900
#75	40,000
#78	40,000
#102 (10 acres)	65,000
#103	65,000

#106 (well and power)	125,000
#133	38,900
#139	45,000

MRR Lots Sold recently	Price
#81	\$37,000
#82	36,500
#84	68,750
#86	47,800
#120	40,000

I also heard from Ann and Rich Sandmann that their lot #135 is for sale. It's 20 acres, views to the North-Northeast, and they're asking \$39,900. Their phone # is (510) 820-3851.

Ranch Recipes:

(Give one of your favorite recipes a suitably "ranchy" name and send it to me. I'll print one a month.)

Crescent H Spicy Pumpkin Soup:

1/4 lb. butter
 1 onion, diced
 5 garlic cloves, chopped
 2 shallots, chopped
 2 bunches green onions, chopped
 1 T. cumin
 1 t. oregano
 1/2 t. cayenne pepper
 2 T. chili powder
 6 oz. tomato paste
 1 1/2 gal. chicken stock
 1 lg. can pumpkin
 1 bunch cilantro

Sauté onions in butter. Add in everything, put through blender, then strainer. Finish with cream & adjust spices to taste. Serves about 10. (You may not think this sounds great, but try it. It's fabulous!)

Next time:

Let me know if you'd like to put any info in the next newsletter.

The **deadline** for that issue is January 31, 1998, and we'll try to have it mailed by mid-February.

If you have any questions or suggestions, they are welcome!

If you want to receive your newsletter via e-mail, e-mail me your address.

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