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KCSY-FM – TWISP, WA

OCT/NOV/DEC 2023

#1

ISSUE: ENVIROMENT/FIRE SAFETY

DATES: OCT 2, 2023 at 10:22am

LENGTH: 1:50

TOPIC:

The Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest is proposing to conduct fire risk reduction work. The 115,000-acre project will include thinning and prescribed fire starts to reduce the risk of fire to habitat, homes & businesses. An open house is planned on Wednesday, October 4 from 6PM to 7:30. For more information, go to the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest Facebook page.

#2

ISSUE: ENVIROMENTAL/SAFETY

DATES: October 24, 2023 at 9:52am

LENGTH: 2:17

TOPIC:

Energy efficient grants are now available from the USDA for rural startup businesses in areas with a population of under 50,000 population. President of Zero Emission NW, David Funk, will offer technical assistance on filling out these grants at low interest rates. HVAC and renewable energy projects such as solar start-up businesses are all available for these grants. For more information, go to zeroemissionnorthwest.com.

#3

ISSUE: HEALTH

DATES: November 21, 2023 at 10:35am

LENGTH: 1:20

TOPIC:

Despite the bond issue loss to rebuild 3 Rivers Hospital in Brewster, CEO, Scott Graham was still encouraged by the community support. The hospital's board will discuss the outcome to determine if they will try to win voter approval in a future election. The bond was needed to replace the 75 year

old hospital. Health officials are saying it's time to question to current model and to revisit the configuration of the 3 critical hospitals currently in the area. Consolidating care in one regional hospital may be the answer and give more to the community.

#4

ISSUE: HEALTH

DATES: December 18, 2023 at 7:50am

Length: 2:30

TOPIC: Respiratory illnesses are on the rise in Okanogan County. The CDC has issued an advisory to health care providers about the low vaccination rate for flu, COVID and RSV diseases. They are concerned that low vaccination rates could lead to more severe diseases and strain the health care system. They believe that future holiday gatherings of family & friends will cause infections to spike. Hospitalizations have increased among all age groups with increases of 200% for flu, 51% for COVID and 60% for RSV. The CDC is encouraging residents to get vaccinated as soon as possible.