

# MOW WEEKLY UPDATE!

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Hello MOW folks once again you have your chance to read the MOW Weekly Update. Some people spend their time reading the WS Journal, some the Sacramento Bee, and others read the chronicle. But for those with discriminating taste read the MOW Weekly Update. So let's get started.

## WEEK IN REVIEW:

**Tuesday:** We were busy in the shops. Gene worked with Cliff as they continued fabrication of a ballast screen. Brenton and Randy worked on building a wooden box to fit into the new truck to hold odds and ends and keep them from flying around during erratic driving of the vehicle. Mike began work on converting a side dump bin to a center dump bin. Bert was working on his motor car roof.

Earlier in the day Mike Taylor took his gallant weed crew down the Hood line and continued mowing and trimming the bushes and trees along the line. Keeping the line clear mechanically until we can do so again chemically.



Jim converting the side dump bin to a center dump bin



Saturday Crew down at Setzer

**Thursday:** Another productive Day in the shops. Bert continued work on the motor car roof. Cliff continued work on the ballast screen. Richard worked on greasing all the machines in prep for Saturday work day. It was a greasy job, similar to working in the legislature. Brenton worked with the loader out in the yard removing a tree that was encroaching on the tracks. Mike and Jim continued work on converting the side dump

bin to a center dump bin. David and Sandy serviced the crane on the MOW truck. We

will be holding training classes on the operation of the crane for MOW crews to maximize safety and reduce stupidity, well reduce it as much as possible.

**Saturday:** A Setzer cleanup day! A crew of about eight went down to Setzer to clean out more junk and remove encroaching plant life. We chopped, we pushed, we pulled, and we chomped our way through ties, bushes, trees, and limbs. Mike filled the side dump car with another load of dead ties to head over to the shop and ultimately the trash. Another crew began to clean out the drain ditch in Setzer that was full of homeless trash and rogue trees. We shredded the limbs and made firewood out of the trunks. The yard

looks better and has more space but still needs much more work. Meanwhile, Cliff and Sandy were busy in the shop area, fending off a TV film crew that wanted to film in the shops area and building the ballast screen.

### **WEEK AHEAD:**

**Tuesday:** We will meet at the shops as normal. Start time is 3:00 p.m. for those of lose employment or no employment schedules and 5:00 p.m. for those still tied to there work or just too lazy to get there earlier.

**Thursday:** More shop work, we meet at 5:00 p.m. and continue getting into trouble and such.

**Saturday:** Call time is 8:00 a.m. for Saturday. We have a number of projects and I am not sure which one we will be doing, if it will be more butchering at Setzer or work out on the line. Only time will tell for those that make it on Saturday.



Mike on the Green Machine loading the side dump car with dead ties while Brenton and Jack clear away limbs from a fallen tree.



David, Brenton, Caleb, Jack and Chris (left to right) feeding brush into the chipper.

**Reminder:** MOW BBQ is scheduled for October 17 at Miller Park. If you are reading this e-mail you are invited to attend. Please RSVP to MOW if you would like to attend so we can make sure we have enough tasty treats and food. If you don't know how to RSVP to MOW and would like to attend then please find some support to help you with the RSVP.

See you out on the line,

John, Sandy, and Chris