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**RE: Chipper Day Lindbergh**

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Hi everyone, hope you folks are having a great 2025 so far and trying to stay a little warm.

This is my first feeler for another chipper day sometime this year for Lindbergh Lake Road. I basically have a couple questions

1. Is there sufficient interest in another chipper day in your neighborhood?
2. Anything you thought did or didn't work? Time of year? Anything like that.

On my end, I thought it went pretty well, the only issue we had was the size of the chipper and trailer meant we could only set them up in one spot once we got past the bridge. This meant hauling every pile to that spot. If there is sufficient interest to do it again this year, I will be hanging flagging where piles can go, and I ask that all your slash be delivered there. This reduces our time blocking the road, picking up every pile to consolidate them. The road before the bridge is sufficiently wide enough that it wasn't a problem but I still appreciate the work everyone did to consolidate.

As always, if there is interest in learning how to create piles to burn in the meantime, don't hesitate to call or email me.

Let me know if there is interest in continuing this program, I think you guys did a great job last year and any more slash reduced, especially around the house, is a good thing!

Thanks,

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Subject: RE: Chipper Day Lindbergh

Hi everyone,

I just want to thank everyone who participated in chipper days this year by getting your slash to the road. I was unsure how much slash there would be and was surprised at the amount, which is a good thing! There was enough to keep us busy for two days, even with our enormous chipper.

If folks are interested, this is something I would like to continue to do into the future, probably once a year in the fall. I'd also like to get other road systems/neighborhoods in the Swan Valley involved in something similar and have their own chipper days.

As a forester, I think pile burning is one of the cheapest, most effective ways of getting rid of slash and in my opinion, ideally all that slash would be burned rather than chipped. I also understand that for many folks, that can be a scary step to take. If you're interested in learning more about pile burning, I would recommend attending a Firesafe Swan meeting. These meetings are intended as a way for citizens of the valley as well as larger groups like the DNRC, Forest Service, and Swan Valley Connections to get together and discuss how we can make communities in the Swan more fire hardened. The chipper days in your neighborhood was able to happen because of the resources in this group. It's through this group that we're planning educational events as well, like a pile burning workshop and home ignition zone class. Our next meeting will be October 24th at the Swan Valley Connection Building at 10am, and like I said, they are open to everyone.

But, until everyone is comfortable with pile burning, we will continue Chipper Days as long as there is interest. Thanks again for the work you folks put in!

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Hey everyone, just a reminder that next week we will be coming down the road with a chipper and a trailer on the 18th, and possibly the 19th. I took a drive down Lindbergh and I really appreciate the work folks have put in to do some thinning and get their slash to the road!

We will be chipping everything into a trailer and carting it away. We will try to set up in areas out of the main road when we can, but we also ask a little patience as we will be crowding the road for a bit.

Last push before next week for folks to get stuff ready to chip and pass this on to anyone who hasn't heard yet please.

Thanks,

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All right, it's official! Chipper days along Lindbergh Lake Road will take place on September 18th, and possibly 19th depending on workload. I don't have everyone's email who lives along the road, so be sure to pass the word along to members of the HOA's and neighbors who would like to participate but haven't given me their email.

As a reminder here are some specs

1. No slash over ~6" in size
2. All butts of the slash should to be pointing towards the road (Not jackstraw)
3. Piles should not exceed around waist height, longer is better than too tall.
4. Only pile clean slash (i.e.: not created from tractors or blades pushed with dirt, only cut by chainsaws or other shears)
5. If you don't live on the main Lindbergh Road, you will need to coordinate with someone to pile slash along the main road. (We will not be going down Edgewater or Princes Pine for example)
6. If possible, consolidate piles. We will take up way less time on the road if we deal with 10 larger piles in strategic wide areas i.e., wide parts of the road, rather than 20 little piles of branches and sticks.

The road is probably too narrow to take the chipper and trailer past the Junkermier lot, so if there are any folks past that turnout, please coordinate where you will put slash.

If you have any questions, let me know. I will be out of the office next week, but I'll get back to you when I can.

Thanks,  
Jack