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TREE STREETS SANITARY SEWER & WATER REHABILITATION Rock Springs, WY



COP Wyoming LLC was awarded the Tree Streets Sanitary Sewer & Water Rehabilitation project located in Rock Springs, Wyoming, on June 5, 2008, for \$4,736,000 from the City of Rock Springs.

The rehabilitation project included replacing 6", 8", 12", and 16" watermain and accessories. Also included was the replacement of 8" and 18" sewer mains with new manholes. Street reconstruction, asphalt patching, sidewalk, and curb and gutter were the major aspects of the project. The project utilized a sewer tugger to burst the old sewer service line and to pull a new 4" HDPE service line back to the new watermain. A pneumatic mole was used to install a new 1" poly service line from the new watermain to the property lines.



The work was performed in residential streets and alleys which created very tight working spaces. One of the most challenging aspects of the project was the City of Rock Springs did not have good information regarding the location of existing utilities. The original work was done by the AML (Abandoned Mine Land) in the 1960s, leaving little or no information as to the location of these utilities. The streets where the work was done has a number of the oldest homes in Rock Springs, several of which are listed with the Wyoming State Historical Society.

The project began in June of 2008 and was completed in September of 2009.



Project personnel included Joe Troester, Project Manager, Justin Tomison, Project Engineer, and Superintendents, Pat O'Brien and Cody Stansfield. Other personnel instrumental in completing this project were Jose Valdez, Dustin Kopp, Refugio Melendez, Mike Palmer, Normando Dominguez, Jeff Arsenault, Mitchell Eriacho, Dave Lee, and Alex Trujillo.

From the desk of the President –



You have often heard me say that the successful companies must adapt quickly in order to properly respond to our industry's ever-changing market conditions. In the present economic environment, it is critical that COP make the necessary changes that will continue to make us successful. You just need to look around to see the companies that are doing just what we must do. Utah DOT has been a leader in the Accelerated Bridge Construction (ABC) Program. Here, a new bridge is constructed near the old bridge to be replaced. When the replacement bridge is completed, the traffic over the old bridge is shut down for a period of a few days while it is demolished. Once this work is completed, the new bridge is rolled into place. Conventional bridge construction would have required traffic over the bridge to be shut down for six to nine months. With the ABC Program, traffic is now shut down for only two to three days, and it has significantly changed bridge construction in Utah by lessening the impact on owners, the taxpaying traveling public.

As you have seen, GM has had to undergo drastic changes to the way they do business since their old ways drove them into bankruptcy. It is yet to be seen if the changes were made soon enough and drastically enough to allow them to be a successful company. They may have been too late.

You have probably heard the saying, "The only thing certain is change." Well, all of us at COP need to constantly ask ourselves if there is a better way to do something. We need to be open and receptive to new ideas. The old saying, "I have been doing it this way for the past 20 years," no longer works nor should it be tolerated. We need to address how we can accomplish the task at hand rather than waste energy in trying to tell ourselves why something won't work. An important fact that needs to be understood is that change can be scary. Change can push people and companies out of their elements . . . out of their "comfort zones." Change can be confusing and stressful, but in the end, companies must adapt to their constantly changing environments if they are to survive and continue to be successful. We at COP must take the cards we are dealt and make the most of improving our position.

I challenge each of you to look for a better way to do your job. We want to work smarter, not harder. The quicker COP adapts to change, the more successful we will become, something that will benefit all of us. Let's all do our part to help COP continue to be a leader in our industry.

MEET THE FACES of COP

Justin Tomison works for COP Wyoming LLC out of the Rock Springs, Wyoming office. Justin started out as a laborer/operator in 2006 and is presently the Project Engineer on the Tree Streets and Grant Street projects. He is also the Assistant Secretary for COP Wyoming LLC. In his spare time he also helps with estimating and project management.

Interest in construction started in high school where Justin took building trades and CAD courses. At 16 years old, he got his first taste of construction as a yard hand. He has worked on prefab steel buildings on down to finish work and has had hands on training with form work and laying pipe.

As an Army Reservist, he has served for five years, attending annual trainings in Louisiana, California and Hawaii. Recently, he spent two weeks supporting construction of the schools in Honduras. He also completed a tour in Iraq from August 2005 to August 2006. At this point, he is still undecided if he will continue on with the military life after his contract expires.

Justin has two children who are a very important part of his life. He recently added a Labradoodle puppy to their group. Kids and puppies, you can't beat it! He also loves to spend time with friends, especially hunting, fishing, shooting pool and going to concerts.

The past three years have been an amazing opportunity for Justin. COP has provided the tools Justin needs to succeed, both in his career and in his life. He attributes his growth to those around him, from the laborers he worked with at the beginning of his construction career, to the managers who train and teach him now - he is glad to be a part of it all!



Pat O'Brien, a Superintendent for COP Wyoming LLC in the Rock Springs office, started at COP in July of 2006 on the Superior project in Superior, Wyoming.

Pat has a son who is 28 and a daughter who is 24. He has two grandsons; one is four years old and the other, just one month old.

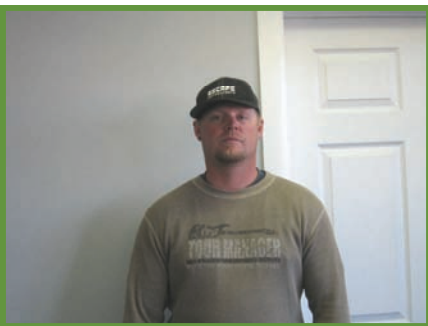
Pat enjoys boating fishing, hunting and doing anything and everything with his kids and grandkids!

He has a new Polaris 90 four-wheeler which keeps Pat and his older grandson entertained while the younger grandson watches and waits his turn.



Joe Troester is presently the Manager of COP Wyoming LLC in the Rock Springs office. Joe started with COP as a Superintendent on the OCI project in Green River, Wyoming.

Joe and Ginger, his wife of 18 years, have two daughters: Danielle is 23 and Shelby who just turned 16 in September. Joe and Ginger have two grandchildren, Hailey, 5 and Hayden, 4. Joe has lived in Wyoming for 30 years and enjoys spending time with his family and friends, and loves to travel and go camping.



Cody Stansfield is a Superintendent based out of the Salt Lake office, but helped out on the Tree Streets project in Rock Springs. Cody started with COP in May of 2001, and since that time has worked as a laborer, pipe layer, operator, top man, and foreman.

He and wife, Brit, live in Heber, Utah. They have two boys - Orion is six and Tyse is three. Cody always has his boys with him and says that three dogs and one cat definitely help to keep the boys occupied!

On weekends, Cody and the boys enjoy riding four wheelers, hiking, rounding up cows, shooting, or whatever sounds fun to the boys. Cody also enjoys wakeboarding, snowboarding, skateboarding, riding motorcycles and camping.



THANKS, CODY,
FOR THE HELP,
AND THANKS
TO ALL WHO
BROUGHT THE
TREE STREETS
PROJECT TO
COMPLETION!

~ RELAY FOR LIFE

More than 2,000 men, women and children participated in this year's Cancer Society Yellowstone County Relay for Life event, held at Billings West High School on July 10th and 11th. COP Construction LLC joined 176 other teams to raise over a half a million dollars in the fight against cancer.

COP Construction Engineer, Justin McGlone, was this year's team leader who set up and manned the camp site for COP. He also took to the track during the survivors' ceremonial opening victory lap which included 690 survivors. As the victory lap was completed, a member of each team took to the track, and for the remainder of the night, walked laps for a minimum of an hour. COP's contributing team members were Betty Warner, Donna Kuntz, Tanya Brown, Liz Kercher, Teresa Milligan, Debby Holmes and many supporting family members.

The highlight of the evening was the Luminaria Ceremony of Hope. As the sun began to set thousands of luminaries were lit, lining the track and spelling out "HOPE" across the West High bleachers. Every single luminary represented a person in their battle against cancer.

Special thanks is extended to everyone who was involved and contributed.



Deloma McGlone and Justin McGlone at "Camp COP"

Jacob McGlone - Ready to walk



Group Lap (L to R)
Tanya Brown
Justin McGlone
Deloma McGlone
Meri McGlone
Lizzie Brown
(hidden behind banner)
Jason Brown
Betty Warner



Ray and Donna Kuntz

SAFETY "TOOLS" YOU NEED TO KNOW

Who do you know that likes to fill out paperwork? Probably nobody. However, there are situations that require some degree of paperwork and that includes on-the-job safety. To help us be safe each and every day, we have developed forms for you to complete BEFORE you start a task. Let's look at a couple of these forms.

We start each day and each task with the Job Safety Analysis or JSA. The JSA is completed by the people involved in the task given by the Superintendent or Foreman. The supervisors DO NOT complete this form – they will review it after the crew completes it. The whole point behind the JSA is to help you and your co-workers "think through" the assignment before you start. The JSA is just an aid to help you work through that thinking process. If you give it the proper attention, the JSA will help you make sure you have the right tools and equipment, the right PPE and identify the possible hazards you will face during the task. Believe me, it works and will help you stay safe.

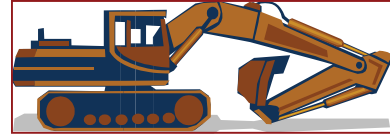
Another form we use applies to any open excavation or trench in which you will be working. This is the daily Trench Inspection Report. Unlike the JSA, this form is a specific requirement of OSHA and MUST be completed daily by the Competent Person on the job. This "tool" will help you identify the soil conditions you will deal with and the type of protective systems you will need to use. The form is to be completed at the start of the day and again if conditions change through the course of the day, such as a severe weather event. Keep the completed form at the work site in the event of an OSHA inspection.

In the next issue of the COP Chronicle, we will explore other "tools" in our tool box – also known as the Superintendent's Safety Box.

Chris Cull, Safety Manager



**Equipment / Transport Departments -
Billings, Salt Lake and Rock Springs Offices**



As Equipment Manager, Mark Rieker is responsible for the purchasing, selling, and maintenance of our equipment fleet. Mark reviews equipment utilization, maintenance costs, charge-out rates and fuel usage. He also oversees the daily activities of the shop and transport areas, as well as the job sites.

Tom Kittson, Equipment Maintenance Supervisor, is not only hands-on, but also supervises our mechanics, Josh Pearson, Jeff LaBard, and Dan Vogt. Tom is a strong believer in preventive maintenance. He reviews all oil samples and oversees all equipment repairs. Tom, Josh, Jeff and Dan are an integral part in making sure the equipment is well maintained and running properly. Nick Brauer is our parts runner and is instrumental in picking up and delivering parts to the shop and job sites. Nick also maintains the grounds area year-round.



Tracy Kaercher is Transport Manager. He schedules transports to and from the various job site locations and is responsible for the safety issues involved during transport. Tracy also is responsible for small tools purchase and repair and inventory of small tools at the job sites. Working with Tracy is Harold Stewart. Harold prepares the materials for transport, loads and unloads the transports, and undertakes Tracy's duties in his absence. Rounding out the Transport Department is Ron VanLuchene, COP's transport driver. Ron makes sure the equipment and tools reach their destinations safely and on time.



Pictured Left to Right: Josh Pearson, Nick Brauer, Harold Stewart, Dan Vogt, Tracy Kaercher, Tom Kittson, Mark Rieker, Ron VanLuchene, Jeff LaBard

Ray Speed and Shirley Totten have been working on COP's equipment for approximately 10 years in the Utah and Wyoming areas. However, they call Montana home. The COP-owned equipment and rental equipment in both Utah and Wyoming keep Ray and Shirley traveling from one job to another to keep the equipment in running condition, our projects on schedule, and our superintendents with few complaints - about their equipment anyway!



THANK YOU !!

A big thanks to all of you for the great job you do in keeping COP running.



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PROJECTS CURRENTLY UNDER CONSTRUCTION

COP CONSTRUCTION LLC

COP WYOMING LLC

EXXON CIVIL PROJECTS

Billings, Montana
Value Pending

LOCKWOOD SEWER PHASE I

Lockwood, Montana
\$2,662,000

UNITS 1-4 MERCURY BUILDING & SILO PIPE

Colstrip, Montana
\$27,440

TREE STREETS SANITARY SEWER & WATER

Rock Springs, Wyoming
\$4,736,000

MDOT HIGHWAY 191 - BIG SKY

Belgrade, Montana
\$13,000,000

COLUMBUS SEWER REPLACEMENT

Columbus, Montana
\$166,000

WOODS CROSS WATER TANK

Bountiful, Utah
\$3,596,000

COLLEGE DR.-GRANT ST. EXTENSION

Rock Springs, Wyoming
\$2,069,000

POLY DRIVE SOUTH UTILITIES

(Sub-quote to Knife River)
Billings, Montana
\$1,260,000

GIBBON RIVER BRIDGE

(Sub-quote to HK Contractors, Inc.)
Yellowstone National Park, Wyoming
\$3,889,000

P&G GOLDRUSH PIPE

Bear River City, Utah
\$2,040,000

STORY FISH HATCHERY

Story, Wyoming
\$2,285,000

THOMPSON FALLS FISH LADDER

Thompson Falls, Montana
\$5,900,000

LAUREL WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS PHASE 2

Laurel, Montana
\$1,060,875

WAKEGAN PUMP STATION

Bear River City, Utah
\$686,000

Enjoy the autumn days!

BILLINGS W.O. 08-01-SCHEDULE I SANITARY SEWER

Billings, Montana
\$715,000

NEIHART WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS

Neihart, Montana
\$418,224

BOAT HARBOR LIFT STATION

American Fork, Utah
\$2,900,000

BILLINGS W.O. 08-01-SCHEDULE III WATER & SEWER

Billings, Montana
\$4,038,000

LOCKWOOD PHASE 1 SEWER, PART 2

Lockwood, Montana
\$3,442,837

SPANISH FORK—SPRINGVILLE REACH PIPELINE

Springville, Utah
\$28,510,000

