

Case 245

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Subject Duhring Resources/Rock Run T.S. OGM line repair

On Tuesday August 7th, I met with Arthur Stewart and his partner Steve Tachoir to review our road re-construction plans on Forest roads 148, 162, and 163. Steve Dyne was the road contractor for Highland Forest Resources (Rock Run Timber Sale) he was in attendance. Also present was road inspector Jeff Stevenson.

Dyne was planning to start the installation of culvert pipes and it's standard procedure to meet with the OGM operator to locate his buried and above ground lines that we might be in conflict with. Enclosed are 2 diaries documenting that 8/7/07 meeting. All parties got into one vehicle and drove the construction route to discuss where lines might be.

Duhring admitted that they did not know where all the buried lines were. This was especially evident from Station 34+00 to the end of project (138+50) on FR 148. We were on our own along this segment. Stewart said this was the "old AZCO" and he didn't have any maps. He encouraged us to be careful digging from 34+00 East.

Currently all culverts on FR's 148, 162, and 163 have been installed.

Dyne broke 2 lines excavating for culverts on 148:

1) Station 68+95 2" plastic gas line

This gas line was improperly installed over the top of our existing culvert and was not marked with buried utility tape or tracer wire. Dyne immediately pinched off the line and called Duhring who responded promptly and fused in a replacement piece of plastic pipe so that the line would now be beneath the replacement CMP.

From this location, the next 5 pipe replacements: Sta. 71+20, 72+85, 75+30, 76+65 and 79+30 all had the 2" gas line over the top of the culverts.

Digging slowly and carefully, Dyne was able to replace these pipes without breaking the gas line. Duhring had men on-site and they fused in extra 2" pipe length so that the line would now be below the replacement CMP. Dyne was delayed while Duhring personnel did their work. He has not requested to date additional compensation for this delay or for the slower rate of production he had because of the improper location of the 2" gas line. (Dyne's rate for his excavator with operator is \$90/hr/)

2) Hit line at Station 97+05 2" plastic oil

Line was in the middle of the road unmarked No tape/ No Tracer Wire

Once again Duhring men responded quickly to extend line under CMP and vacuum spilled oil.

\* Note: During boom mowing operations to cut brush according to level C road standards, the mower operator hit a 1 1/2" riser at station 67+00 that was buried in thick vegetation. Duhring personnel responded quickly with repairs.

At station 131+20, Dyne worked with Duhring personnel to remove a 2" plastic line installed "temporarily" in our 148 road culvert. The culvert was replaced and the OGM line was dug in a separate trench. Dyne

doing excavation/backfilling.

FR 148 SUMMARY:

3 locations 3 lines damaged

FR 162:

- 1) Sta. 28+80 Installing a new CMP, 2 lines were struck 3" plastic Oil, 1 1/2" Gas

Looking at the excavation, there was a total of 6 lines in the trench. The lines were not marked (tape or wire). Duhring did not know where these lines were.

FR 162 SUMMARY:

1 location 2 lines damaged

FR 163:

- 1) Station 1+75 While excavating for a replacement CMP, this unmarked 2" plastic oil line was struck.

Upon closer observation, when this oil line was installed, the oil line trench was dug right through the existing CMP and then backfilled without notifying the F.S. of the damage that was done to our CMP

FR 162 SUMMARY:

1 location 1 line damaged.

The lines we struck were all unmarked and the OGM operator did not have any maps showing their location. The lines were incorrectly installed above our existing road culverts.

Dyne incurred extra expense to excavate around pipes looking for OGM lines and also worked with Duhring personnel doing the repairs. The situation would have been much worse with a less careful and skillful excavating contractor.

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