

**Dear Bear Paw Friends and Neighbors,**

**WOW! Never in my wildest dreams did I anticipate the turnout and results of Saturday's Community Clean-up. The pride and energy of Bear Paw shown through. The ladies didn't even look up without encouragement to have their picture taken. They were like worker ants or bees..."there is so much to be done and I can do it, yes I can."**

**And the men...who would have thought in 2+ hours, each road crew made at least four trips to the burn pile, trucks totally loaded with brush and caterpillar cocoons. The burn pile is so big now we may have to schedule the burn when one of our firetrucks can stand by.**

**The firehouse grounds have never looked better, the guys weed-whacked or blew dry mud off the fire road for over two hours. What a pleasant sight we see when we now drive in.**

**All in all, a great job and THANK YOU to each and everyone of you. This is what Bear Paw is all about. If you ask, they will give back wholeheartedly.**

**We got hot, sweaty, dirty and tired, but look what we accomplished. Each time I go through the gate I see a little of myself in the area in which I worked. I'm sure you have the same feeling. Pat yourself on the back, we did it. Hat's off to each one of you.**

**Enjoy the rest of the summer with your family and friends and we will do this again come Fall.**

**All the best,**

**Ron Taylor,  
FireWise**