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### In the Spotlight.....

Rick Smith, Recreation Center Maintenance Supervisor spent countless hours to compile bus and carpooling data worksheets. He came up with the idea while participating in the first Town/County Focus Group. Rick said he was amazed at how few people really knew what their savings could be by choosing a different mode of transportation. Follow the instructions of the worksheets. One computes \$\$'s saved taking the START bus, the other computes savings in carpooling. It is not a perfect system but will give you an idea of dollars saved and more importantly CO2 emissions saved along with wear and tear on your vehicle. To calculate your own commute go to one of the attachments with this newsletter. You may email Rick directly at [rsmith@tetonwyo.org](mailto:rsmith@tetonwyo.org) for ?'s or help with calculating.

### How To Measure A Carbon Footprint

Here is the formula used for the "Did you Know" on showers in the last newsletter.

The precise measurement varies according to where you live and who provides your energy. If you know the wattage of an item or appliance, you can calculate the CO2 emissions with this formula (using a 75 watt bulb as an example):

75 watts X 2 hours used daily X 365 days/1000 X 1.34 lbs CO2/kWh = 73 lbs. CO2 yr.

(note that the 1.34 lbs CO2 is the national average). You can also Google "carbon footprint calculator" where you'll find many websites to choose from to calculate your footprint.

Wondering how the WYECIP program is being funded? The answer is a state consensus block grant. For more information on this grant and the bill passed in March please go to the following State of Wyoming web link: <http://slf-web.state.wy.us/grants/adobe/DirectRevo408.pdf>

**Inter Departmental Delivery.....Just to see if you are reading the newsletter here is a contest to enter - All you have to do is find the oldest interdepartmental delivery envelope in the town or county system. We did find one that goes back to 2000. The winner will have an envelope that dates before 2000 or as close to the year 2000 as possible. Bring your envelope to either Jill Smith at Fire/EMS Admin Office or Roxanne Robinson at the Town Hall. This contest closes on Waste not Wednesday, August 13 at 5:00 p.m. The winner will receive a snazzy metal water Bottle.**

**Did You Know...** That computers in the business sector waste \$1 billion worth of electricity a year? Check with your IT Dept. first, then start a habit of turning off your computer at days end....and during the day set your computer to go to sleep automatically during short breaks. That can cut energy use by 70%. Remember-screen savers DO NOT save energy.

### UPCOMING MEETING SCHEDULE

- EEB Meeting
- August 13 - 3:30-5:00
- County Commissioners Chambers
- Action Team Meetings
- Fuels & Fleets Team
- August 1 - 9:00-10:30
- TOJ Conference Room
- Communication Team
- August 27- 3:30-4:30
- TOJ Conference Room

We welcome any suggestions, news from your departments or simply want to "toot your own horn" please e-mail your updates or ideas to either Jill Smith at Jackson Hole Fire/EMS at [jsmith@tetonwyo.org](mailto:jsmith@tetonwyo.org) or Roxanne Robinson in TOJ Administration at [rrobinson@ci.jackson.wy.us](mailto:rrobinson@ci.jackson.wy.us).