

Road Report June 11, 2011

A suitable replacement for the old backhoe was located and was approved for purchase by the RLA Board of Directors. The new to us backhoe was bought from Colorado Machinery and is a John Deere 410D with 3,500 hours, which is very low hours for this type of machinery. Also noteworthy is that the 410D is powerful enough to perform many tasks the old backhoe couldn't. With normal maintenance it will serve us well for the next 10 years. The cost was \$22,000 and included the old backhoe in trade.

The timely purchase of the new backhoe has allowed Rich to clean most of the Retreat's culverts, clean up some rock slides, and clear rocks from ditches.

Grass seed was applied to the road bank at 930 Copper Hill and covered with ground cloth. This was done to help stop the bank from further erosion. However, future remedies such as placing landscape timbers or rocks on the bank may be necessary.

The roads have been graded, some more than once as the torrential rain has caused some erosion that needed to be fixed.

Rich and I have examined the roads to determine where best to apply RCA. With board approval, it is recommended to cover 1 mile of Copper Hill. The cost of the RCA is estimated to be \$20,000. All of the major roads have had RCA applied, Copper Hill being the exception. The starting point will be at Saddle Court, then West for 1 mile.

Dick Boggs