LOIS: UPDATE

Pipe Fusing Starts: The "star" of the LOIS Project, the pipe, will make its debut on the lake this month. Delivery of the 50-foot-long sections of pipe to the McVey staging site will begin in October. Over 300 sticks of pipe will be fused into the 200- to 1600-foot lengths required for the interceptor project. Fusing will take place from October through January 2010.

The trestle dock at the McVey staging site was constructed in part as a place to fuse the pipe. The fusion equipment uses heat and pressure to connect the pipes. When the proper lengths are reached, construction crews will tow the long pipe to an area on the south side of the lake for storage. Eventually, the contractor will tow each section to its ultimate destination along the interceptor alignment. Once there, the buoyant portion will be lowered and connected to tethers under the water. The pipe for the pile-supported portion will be sunk in place, ready to be hosted onto pile supports when the lake is drawn down in September 2010.

Pipe fusing equipment to be located at McVey site.

Use of Lake Grove Swim Park: The contractor has begun using the Lake Grove Swim Park to moor a few small boats at the seawall. Workers will access the boats through the park only during the non-swimming season, September through May. The Lake Oswego School Board, who also acts as the board of the Lake Grove Swim Park, and the City, reached an agreement in August, 2009. The agreement is consistent with the considerations outlined by the School Board in July, 2008. The District agreed to negotiate with the City to grant a temporary easement that provides for safety, parking, program mitigation, and arborist concerns, and that allows for summer use of the swim park by patrons.