

The Postal Service has called a meeting for Tuesday, Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6 p.m., in order to

“Answer questions and provide additional info about POST PLAN. Local management will share results of the survey, answer questions, and solicit input regarding the time of day the Post Office will be open. Although survey results will be known and shared, the Postal Service *will not* make a final decision regarding this office until after the public meeting. This will enable the Postal Service to obtain all community input and opinions, from both the surveys and the meeting, before making a final decision.”

### **BACKGROUND**

The Postal Service has established a review process for certain Post Offices known as the Post Plan. Deadwood is one of the Post Offices evaluated under the Post Plan criteria. Unless more than 60% of us vote to establish one of the additional resources listed in the survey, the Postal Service intends to maintain the Deadwood with 4 hours of window service each weekday. (If you did not send in a survey form see the options at the meeting)

### **WHY IS THIS MEETING IMPORTANT!!!**

Many of us feel that the options listed in the survey were inadequate solutions and additional options should be considered. **THIS IS OUR OPPORTUNITY FOR COMMUNITY MEMBERS IN THE 97430 area TO EXPRESS OUR CONCERNS. PLEASE BE ON TIME – the USPS representative has driven all the way from Portland.**

### **POINTS TO CONSIDER FOR KEEPING A FULL TIME POSTOFFICE**

1. The post office should not be intended to be a moneymaker. It should provide Community service.
2. Depending upon your profession, ie-loggers and commuters who leave early in the morning and get home late need access.
3. Reduced hours make it more difficult to conduct personal business.
4. Need to expand services rather than reduce them. Examples will be given.
5. Reduced hours cut a full time position to ½ or more.
6. If you need to utilize postal services, it necessitates driving longer distances, difficult roads and during the winter, bad weather
7. Do not want to see the post office be privatized and profit oriented which would likely result in reduction of services that were NOT moneymakers.
8. Local businesses affected.
9. Should the post office be closed, we can't count on a privately owned grocery store for postal services.

**ANY FURTHER CONCERNS THAT YOU HAVE, PLEASE EXPRESS AT THE MEETING or SHARE WITH A NEIGHBOR IF YOU CAN'T ATTEND**

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