DAF Monthly Message

WATER TREATMENT PLANT, NEW PRE-TREATMENT SYSTEM
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Was any work done during the freezing cold stretch?
Yes, quite a lot actually. The trees atop where the new Dissolved Air Flotation (DAF) water treatment plant will be have come down, we've ground up the stumps, and our contractor (Stellar J) is working on excavation of the hillside.

What else is going on?
As we move into 2017 - two months into a two-year construction project - tree debris and slash from the excavation are being hauled away this week. That work to be complete before the last week of January. We're also re-routing some utilities into their "future" locations in the new water treatment plant. This will move the utilities out of the way of construction, with some moving from above-ground poles to underground conduits.
By the way, none of this utility work will affect the Park or nearby residents, it's all contained within the construction zone.

Then what?
Pretty soon the demolition work will begin on some existing facilities in order to make way for concrete work on the new DAF plant. And we are trenching for the new gas and power connections that will be installed over the next few weeks along with temporary connections for contractor operations.

As always, weather conditions could influence activity at the site, but you can expect to see workers on the job approximately 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays (not including holidays.)

And... why are we doing this?
This is to make sure the City's drinking water - drawn from Lake Whatcom - is as clean and safe as it can be. We're building a DAF pre-treatment plant to remove as many as particulates as possible from the water, in order to maximize the City's Water Treatment Plant efficiency. For more project information, click here.