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## **News Release**

There have been a lot of questions about all the white circles painted all over Bishop streets in recent weeks. Some think the circles dress up the town nicely, others are concerned the City is wasting precious tax money.

These circles are to outline features such as sewer manholes, water valves, and survey monuments so they are more visible in photographs taken from the air. These outlines are being painted now because a plane is expected to take new aerial photos of Bishop very soon. Once the photos are taken, the white outlines will fade away over time.

The white circles and the photos are for a Bishop Geographic Information System, a computer data base that uses maps - and aerial photos - to reference data. Most of the GIS effort is paid for through a grant from the State. To be eligible for the grant, the City had to pay its share of the total cost of the GIS. The City paid part of its share by painting the outlines around manholes so it is sure the features are visible in the photos. It would be expensive to have the plane and its special equipment come back and take them again if anything important can't be seen.

During the coming months as the GIS is developed, the City, its citizens, visitors, and business owners will benefit more and more from the use of GIS technology. The development of the GIS for the City of Bishop with grant funds is one way the City is working to improve the effectiveness of the services it provides.