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\$20,000 Loan Giveaway

Reliant Federal Credit Union will pay off one lucky new loan up to \$20,000! Whether you are shopping for a new loan or just want to refinance an existing loan from another institution, financing your loan with Reliant FCU gives you a chance at having your loan paid off up to \$20,000! With everyday great rates now is the time to come talk to Reliant FCU!

Please see Reliant FCU for official rules and details

Reliant FCU's Annual Day of Caring

June 7, 2011 - All Reliant FCU branches closed while employees worked with "Keep Casper Beautiful" to beautify the roundabout at 21st and Waterford in east Casper. Five semi-trucks unloaded pallets of sod and employees went to work right away. Wyoming weather was not the most cooperative with gusts of wind up to 45mph.

Despite the wind, staff worked hard almost completing the entire project by the end of the day!



75 Days of Giveaways!



Look for information on Reliant's 75 Days of Giveaways in future statements!

August 21st - November 4th

Celebrating 75 Years of Service to Central Wyoming!

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Financial Services

Upcoming Holiday Closures

Monday, September 5th

Labor Day

Statistics as of 5-31-11

Assets \$86,298,067

Deposits \$78,330,807

Loans \$56,252,066

Reserves \$8,102,005

Members 10,472

What is Forced Placed Insurance?

There are many obscure insurance products that most of us have never heard of, forced placed car insurance being one of them. Forced placed car insurance is a product that's rarely used since almost all of us carry our own individual car insurance policies. In fact, when a person is subject to forced placed insurance he has no say in the cost or coverage. From a lien holder's perspective, they want a car insured even if it's not being driven, because they have a financial investment in the vehicle. Reliant FCU requires full coverage insurance on all collateral loans, which includes Auto, RV, and Home Loans. If you choose not to fulfill those requirements, that's where forced placed car insurance comes in.

What exactly is forced placed car insurance?

Unlike the main types of car insurance policies, forced placed car insurance is a specific type of insurance policy placed on a car if its owner is not able to provide proof of insurance to his lender. This insurance is typically at a much higher cost than an individual insurance plan. When a financial institution loans you money to buy a car, it is in their best interest to make sure the car is insured at all times, whether it's being driven or not. Even a car stored in a garage is subject to loss from things like fire, theft, and acts of nature. Therefore, a financial institution must protect its interest as long as the lien exists on the vehicle.

Often times, if car buyers actually took the time to read their sales contracts in detail, they would notice that their lending institution has written into the deal its intention to purchase forced placed car insurance if the owner cannot provide his own proof of insurance.

As long as the buyer obtains his own insurance, the forced placed policy will not be enforced and the buyer will not be charged. But, if no proof of insurance is provided in a specific amount of time, or insurance lapses sometime in the future, the financial institution's policy will be enforced and the car owner will have to foot the bill.

What happens if I refuse to pay for forced placed car insurance?

It's important to note that financial institutions prefer not to have to purchase forced placed car insurance. They do so as a means of protecting their own financial investment as well as encouraging car owners to purchase insurance on their own. When a lender activates a forced placed policy it's almost always a last resort. Car owners who refuse to purchase their own insurance, or pay for the financial institution's forced placed policy, are putting both themselves and their lender at risk. The financial institution has several options in dealing with such a situation.

What does forced placed car insurance cover?

Remember that forced placed car insurance simply protects the investment your lender makes in your vehicle. If you are involved in an accident, any damage to your car lowers its resale value and puts the financial institution's money in jeopardy. The forced placed insurance policy will repair that damage or replace the vehicle up to the current value of the loan.

For more information visit www.carinsurancecomparison.com

Auto Rates as Low as...

3.49%*

*Annual Percentage Rate as of 6/30/11



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