

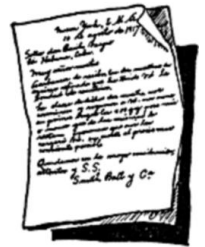


Chinook Pass Cabin Owners Association

Cabin Tracks

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President's Letter - Maureen Bell



Dear Fellow Chinook Pass Cabin Owners,

My hope is that you had a pleasant year and are eager to return to your cabin in 2016. We all have something in common in that we own cabins in the woods close to hiking, fishing boating and other recreational activities. Plus we have the beautiful landscape along Chinook. Hwy 410. In my view this is one of the most spectacular scenes in the state, so enjoy.

My goal for this year is to encourage cabin owners within tracts to meet and become better acquainted with each other. It has been my observation that cabin owners within some tracts are very friendly yet in other tracts, there are cabin owners who live next door to each other, who have not even met.

Several of our tracts have tract meetings and social gatherings which are excellent ways to meet cabin owners in your tracts. This would be a good time to organize your Cabin Watch Program. Gary Jackson, one of our members will be sharing this program at our summer meeting/potluck, June 25th or for more information contact Gary at gljackson1911@gmail.com

Other ways to meet cabin owners is to attend our association meetings, join our members on field trips, work parties, board meetings and general meetings. We have something very special (our cabins) in common.

Please consider joining us at our June 25th meeting and renew your association membership if you haven't already done so. Also, remember to invite other cabin owners to join us.

Sincerely,
Maureen Bell, President

Treasurer's Report - Jim Lundeen

For 2016 to date, we have received dues from 102 people—87 full and 15 associate memberships representing 87 cabins. Did you know that \$40 of our \$60 dues go to the National Forest Homeowners Association, \$2.00 pays for your Washington State Forest Homeowners Association dues, and \$18.00 goes to our treasury. Our CPCOA funds balances are as follows:



General Fund - \$6,476
Cabin Defense Fund - \$4,150



Hello from Ranger Lawrence

As always, this is a busy time for folks that work and volunteer on your National Forest. The Naches Ranger District is preparing for the summer season, bringing on approximately 45 seasonal employees to assist with recreation, timber, wildlife and fuel projects. Sno Parks closed on April 1st and the district will have campgrounds and recreation sites open by Memorial Day. Employees continue to progress on planning for the Little Crow Restoration Project and completing improvement projects at the Deep Creek Trailhead and Minnie Meadows and Lower Bake Oven Campgrounds. Other potential projects include Lodgepole Campground Accessible Pathway and Well Pad, Miriam Creek Bridge, Union Creek Footlog and the Sawmill Flat Community Kitchen Restoration. A seasonal Motorized Trail Closure remains in effect and the district will continue to monitor trail conditions for recreational use.

We are continuing efforts to streamline the Special Uses Program. In 2016 the district plans to reissue approximately 40 Special User Permits for uses including utility lines, communication facilities, events, outfitter and guiding, land use, club sites and resorts. The district is formalizing plans to implement a new process for managing new requests and modifications by employing an open season process for new permits, designating certain times of the year for submitting applications and would allow users to submit their requests on-line.

The district has partnered North Yakima Conservation District's Firewise program, to increase defensible space resources for cabin owners. The Forest Service will allow certain recreation residence owners, without the authorization process required in the Term Special Use Permit, to reduce fuels within 50 feet of their cabins in the following ways:

- Cutting of trees up to 7 inches in diameter (at ground level)
- Pruning of conifer trees up to a height of 10 feet from the ground
- Cutting of any brush under 5 feet in height, or grass
- Maintaining a clearing of 10 feet from the opening of a chimney through pruning
- This allowance does not permit the falling of trees greater than 7 inches in diameter (at ground level)
- Clearing of all surface fuels within three feet of a cabin
- Disposing of slash through chipping or hauling off-site

There are exceptions to this permission, such as no live trees or vegetation may be cut or removed within 100 feet of any stream channel, whether it is flowing water or dry, without prior approval as specified in the Term Special Use Permit (FS-2700-5a). I will be sending out a letter with more specific information soon. You can get assistance to reduce the fuels around your cabin by calling Mike Tobin, District Manager at 509.454.5736 Ext. 5, or mike-tobin@conservewa.net I look forward to seeing you on Saturday, June 25. Until then, have a great spring.

Kelly Lawrence
District Ranger.

REMEMBER: CABIN SELF INSPECTION REPORTS ARE DUE JULY 1, 2016



Happy 100th Birthday—Kloshe/Gold

By Steve Dunbar & Phyllis Siepman

In 1915, members of nine families comprising a Yakima bridge club scouted the area between Naches and Cliffdale for a site to escape Yakima's brutal summer heat. Recent road construction had made this mountainous area more accessible, yet it was still a formidable journey, crossing the Naches river in some places and having to push the Model T up some of the steeper inclines. This group, including Jim Louden, Fred Lynch, and George Dunbar pitched their tents at the homesteaded Fontaine ranch at Gold Creek. Mrs. Fontaine served them dinner, and in the morning, John Fontaine showed them a possible five acre site on Gold Creek. On May 15, 1916, for the sum of \$25 per year, a Special Use Permit was granted by the Forset Service. Soon, the nine families began spending their summer months camping at their new club site. They named it Kloshe Tillicum Il-la-hie (close friends meeting place). This was the first summer home site established by the Forest Service in the Naches drainage.

Each of the families had a tent house for sleeping, while a much larger tent was used as a communal kitchen/meeting place. Women and children stayed at the camp all week during the summer months, with the men, still with jobs in Yakima, joining them on weekends. Mrs Fontaine, from the nearby homestead and ranch, was hired to cook meals for the group during those first years, charging a modest sum per meal served.

The forest service, for \$25, sold K.T. enough Ponderosa pine and Douglas fir trees to construct the large log cabin at the center of the compound (The Big Cabin). More pertinent, wooden cabins soon replaced the individual eight sleeping tents. A four inch metal pipe was strung far up-stream in Gold Creek to deliver water with ample pressure. A blazing fire in the huge river rock fireplace, another in the kitchen's wood burning cook stove brought the members together for nightly communal pot-luck dinners. Tables enough to seat thirty people were later separated for games of bridge. Children invented their own evening games and were taught the values of respect for both their elders and the forest they felt empowered to protect.

Most of the individual cabins have been up-dated through the years and remain today with the fourth generation of the original families. Electricity replaced the diesel generator and a refrigerator in the kitchen replaced the old ice box sitting in the creek. The wood burning cook stove is still fired up for special occasions.

The real constant through 100 years at K.T. has been both the ability to experience the solitude of the majestic forest, the hard communal work necessary for maintenance, and the pleasure of meeting with family and friends of long standing in the tradition of the "Big Cabin". The sounds of pleasant conversation, heated debate and laughter have, from the beginning, permeated the log walls of this historic meeting place.

With this in mind, the Siepmans, Knoltons, Dunbars, Kochs, and Ranney families extend an invitation to all for an "open house" in celebration of the historic 100th year of Kloshe Tillicum Il-La-Hie. This will take Sunday, July 19th during the weekend of the Nile Valley Days gathering in 2016. Feel free to drop in to meet the present and experience the past.

We are located at 19011 St. Rte. 410. Mile post 90, Two miles south of Cliffdell's Whistling Jack Lodge.

Summertime Field Trips - Carl Buchholz.



Currently, two field trips are scheduled for this season: Dr. Paul Hammond will lead a geology field trip to Raven's Roost and Jim Christensen, a retired biology teacher from Naches, will lead a fall mushroom field trip.

It was a pleasant surprise when Paul told me that he would lead another field trip this year, and he already knew what he wanted to do. It really is a privilege to go on Paul's field trips where he shares his knowledge and experience about the local geology near our cabins. The views from Raven's Roost are extensive and spectacular. This trip will be on August 27. Details about time and place to meet will be available later.

Last year's fall mushroom field trip was cancelled, because there were only a few mushrooms. The mushroom fruiting bodies develop after the fall rains come and there was not enough rain last fall. Jim Christensen is with the Yakima Valley Mushroom Society and has led the mushroom field trips for us in the past. This field trip will probably be in early October.

I would like to schedule another field trip in July but need ideas from cabin owners. Please let me (Carl Buchholz) know what field trips you would like, and if you know somebody who could lead them.

Make sure CPCOA has your email address, so we can let you know the details as soon as we know them.

CPCOA'S CLEAN UP SERVICE PROJECT

Our group has joined together to help the Forest Service and to give back to the forest cleaning up the Mather Memorial Rest Area. We will gather at the rest area across SR410 from Sawmill Flats Campground to pick up trash and sweep up pine needles and branches.

WHEN: June 11, 2016—9:00 a.m. to completed

WHERE: Mather Memorial Parkway Rest Area

Contact: Maureen Bell 509.628.3867



Please bring brooms, clippers, shovels, and rakes. Portable generators are nice, especially with blowers and weed trimmers.

After the work is completed, members enjoy sharing lunch together at the rest area, so bring something to eat as well.



CPCOA ELECTIONS

Last June, we voted to change our By-Laws voting month from September to June. Board members are elected at-large for a 2 year position. Association officers are determined at the next board meeting. This year we have 4 open positions. If you would like to join the board for the next 2 years, please email me at bellwayne@charter.net. We have 3 board meetings a year—early spring and before each of the summer and fall member meetings.



TWIGS - Alonzo and Lillian Joslin

Twigs (Trails Wilderness Information Group) is a group of all trail users (horsemen, hikers, off road vehicle users, hunters, cross-country skiers, snowmobilers, etc.) that usually meet the first Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. at the Naches Ranger Station (enter through the back door). All trail users are welcome! Alonzo and Lillian Joslin represent CPCOA as well as the Horsemen Group.

Twigs members were provided the following information at their last meeting:

The Andy Creek trail head will have 8 places to park this summer, Hoodoo Management will have a 5/15 opening date for camp grounds they manage, Naches Pass Trail has received a \$10,000 grant for trail work, Motorized trails in the District have a delayed opening to be announced later, and Helicopter logging in the Nile will be finished by the end of April with all logging in that area completed by early June

If anyone is interested in off road motorized usage on forest service roads contact:

<http://waatva.org/hb/1632/> for appropriate equipment. Bill Zimmer, Resource Assistant with USDA Forest Service reported that HB1632 states that your ATV has to be street legal and certified to be driving on the approved forest service roads (Clover Springs and Bald Mountain). Maps of these soon to be opened roads will be available in June and the roads will be open June 26th.

Saw certification through the Forest Service is scheduled for June 13. Contact the Naches Ranger District to register. There will be controlled burns in the District throughout the spring and fall.



“Little Naches (Little Crow) Restoration” - Wayne Bell

For the past 2 ½ years I have represented the CPCOA on the Little Naches Collaborative Restoration Project. In addition I have represented all permit holders on the smaller steering committee.

To expedite the project the larger Little Naches area has been reduced to a smaller “Little Crow” area. The study committee and the forest service have collaborated on an agreement to present to the public for comment. Included in the agreement are; timber sales (logging), forest thinning, fire breaks, road restoration, trail improvements, additional camping area, stream restoration, and enhanced huckleberry picking areas.

The Little Crow initially included 30 miles of decommissioned (destroyed roads) and presently has only 4 miles of destroyed roads. We have stressed the need for public access to public lands and the need to prevent future large forest fires.

The forest ranger and her staff have been listening and adjusting their proposals. Now it is your turn. On June 28th, there will be a public meeting to review the “Little Crow Restoration” project and accept public comment. I can’t recall another time when the public has had an opportunity for input on a forest service

project. So please mark your calendars and invite friends and relatives who participate in forest recreational activities and plan to attend this meeting. We will let you know location and time when these have been determined.

Don't Forget!

Summer Potluck/Meeting

Saturday, June 25, 2016

11:30 a.m-2:00 p.m.

Nile Valley Community Church

Bring a hot dish, salad, or dessert to share

Drinks & table setting will be provided

**Guest Speakers—Ranger Kelly Lawrence &
Gary Hottell—Firewise Communities**

Please invite your cabin neighbors to join us!



Announcements:

***IF YOU HAVE NEW CABIN OWNERS WITHIN YOUR TRACK,
PLEASE INVITE THEM TO JOIN CPCOA!***

Information on CPCOA can be found at: www.cpcoa.com

**AVAILABLE AT OUR JUNE MEETING—UPDATED CPCOA DIRECTORY
BE SURE TO ATTEND SO YOU CAN GET YOUR COPY!**

