



Cabin Tracks

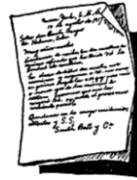
[Chinook Pass Cabin Owners' Association](http://www.cpcoa.com)—June 2020

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President's Letter - Ralph Berthon

Dear Fellow Chinook Pass Cabin Owners,

It has been a very unusual year for all of us. With the corona virus threat, the stay at home orders, social distancing, wearing of masks, on, and on. I am sure, that like me, you're just plain tired of hearing it each and every day. Yet, **we must take care that we do our part in mitigating the spread of the virus.** I have found no better way to do my part and avoid the media blitz than being up at the family cabin enjoying nature, my family, and our pets. We are blessed to have these cabins.



Our Chinook Pass Cabin Owners Association is seeing its fair share of impact from the virus. We have had our meetings cancelled; we have no field trips scheduled on the calendar, and our national conference cancelled and moved up in hopes that by fall things will improve on social activities. Most information that we normally get from the Forest Service is slower in coming, and it seems like the world has come to a standstill if one is trying to get special permits, transfers, and approvals. It is my hope that the association is able to help you in some way to meet your needs as it relates to making connections and keeping you up to date with what's new in the world of Chinook Pass and our cabins.

The USFS has a new Ranger as Kelly Lawrence has taken a new job as the Forest Supervisor with the Olympic National Forest. We wish Kelly the best in her new opportunity. The incoming ranger has not been selected. In the interim **Caesar Ramirez will be the acting Ranger.** He is from the Colville National Forest where he was the Timber Forester. **Jerry Ford is our new Recreation Manager.** He comes from the Job Corps in White Swan, WA. He comes to us as someone who has experience dealing with cabins and cabin ownership! His family used to own a cabin in the Bear Cove area of Rimrock Lake. He is reportedly quite personable and open to maintaining an open relationship with the cabin owners. **Mike Benoit,** USFS Law Enforcement officer is officially in our area and shares some of his time in the Kittitas area.

This year is expected to be a high fire danger season. The District is gearing up for no cross-district firefighting support which is likely to hamper our regions resources for fighting fires. They are also working on COVID protocols as they will most likely impact their stationing of firefighters during fires. So, as summer approaches, **be sure to have your cabin areas as clear as possible. Maybe even think about becoming a Fire-Wise Community within your tract.** With the USFS personnel being on mandatory home assignment things are obviously behind. I encourage you all to continue making your requests to Lee Ellis, our Lands and Recreation Permit Administrator at the Naches Rangers office and try to be patient. Some of you may know, and some may not, but with Lee's permission I am happy to announce CONGRATUATIONS are in order as Lee and his wife are expecting their first child August 3rd. He tells me that he might be a bit slower than usual in

responding to your inquiries. I think we can all understand that! If Lee thinks that working for the forest Service takes up his time. "Just wait and see what a baby will do for you!!!"

There is also some work being planned by PP&L to move some power lines to the easement along highway 12. Depending on the location some of that wire will be put underground. Public hearings are being planned, so stay tuned. I understand most of the work will be in the Gold Creek area but not for quite some time. Work is expected to begin sometime next spring/summer at the earliest. I will send out a notice as soon as I hear of any other developments. I want to remind everyone that **we do have a date of September 19th for our annual meeting**. I hope to be able to introduce the newer employees at the Naches Ranger's District office to the membership. **At that meeting we will vote on new board members. I encourage you to send me the name of someone who you think would make a good board member, or maybe even nominate yourself.** I will then contact the nominees, explain the duties, and confirm if they are willing to serve. WE will have four (4) potential vacancies this year. Wayne Bell has agreed to fill a term that expires this year with the understanding his position would roll over to a three-year term. Other board members may or may not decide to continue to serve. We appreciate their input over the last few years.

You all have a safe summer and I hope to see you this fall at our annual meeting and the NFH conference in Vancouver, WA.

Respectfully
Ralph Berthon, President, CPCOA



2020 CPCOA Board Members (see Website for contact Info)

President—Ralph Berthon—Bumping Lake, Lot 8
1st President—Gary Jackson—Union Creek, Lot 6
2nd President—Tamra Johnson—American River, #4
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Winona Rombough—Sleepy Hollow, Lot 17
Bill Hopkins—Crag #12
Doug Mayo—Bumping Lake #9
Wayne Bell—Cliffdell #3

\$\$\$ From Your Treasurer—Jim Lundeen Hello cabin owners. As of June 15th 34 members have paid their 2020 dues. This represents 34 full and 5 associate memberships. As of 2019 closing, these numbers were 96 full and 19 associates. Joining CPCOA, you automatically become a member of the Washington State Forest Homeowners' Association and the National Forest Homeowners', which all network together to carry our voice to the halls Congress and to keep us informed on issues at the state and national levels. Membership dues are: Registered Cabin Owner Membership: \$75, Associate Membership \$48. There is also an opportunity to donate to our Cabin Defense Fund. Membership forms are available on our website (www.cpcoa.com). Dues are coming slower this year; so, if you have not sent me your check, you can still submit it to me. You are appreciated.

Jim Lundeen,
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FOREST WATCH—Gary Jackson-- Just a reminder for all members that the CPCOA has the Forest Watch Program available for their use. For those of you that are not familiar with the program, it is modeled after the successful Neighborhood Watch program. The basic premise is that **“WE LOOK OUT FOR EACH OTHER.”** Our role is to Observe and Report, not to Intervene. To get started with the program in your cabin tract you will need a cabin owner, in your tract, to be a sponsor. The sponsor will find all the information on the Forest Watch link on the CPCOA website.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions at gljackson1911@gmail.com or (509) 952-8498.



FIREWISE UPDATE—Gary Jackson-- Summer has finally arrived! It is never too early to think about Wildfire Season. With all the rain we have had this Spring, the cheatgrass is rapidly starting to grow down here in the valley. Soon it will be fire season around our cabin tracts, and we will need to think FIREWISE. Wildfire Community Preparedness is yearlong. I know that some of you have been to your cabins and have started working and cleaning around your tracts. With social distancing, now is a great time to be out and doing some work. Word from the North Yakima Conservation District is that funding for the woodchipper this year looks very good. CPCOA has been adding new FIREWISE community tracts each year, so let's make your tract the next one. Our goal is to make each tract a member of FIREWISE by the end of this year. You can start by contacting the Yakima County Fire Marshall's office at (509) 574-2300 and they will provide you with all the information on becoming a nationally recognized FIREWISE Community. You can also find information at the National Fire Protection Associations website NFPA.org. Please contact Gary Jackson at (509) 952-8498 if you have any questions. It is not hard, and you will be glad you took the time to protect your cabin.

CPCOA Fall Meeting/Potluck: Due to the state's "Stay Home, Stay Safe" directive, our annual June potluck and meeting was canceled. Presently we have scheduled our fall meeting for Saturday, Sept. 19th at the Nile Valley Community Church, 60 Bedrock Ln, Naches. Members are asked to bring a salad, hot dish, or dessert to share. Plates, silverware are provided by the church and the association provides coffee, water, and soft drinks. We start at 11:30 and the goal is to eat and have a meeting. We will keep members notified for the fall meeting.

Forest Service 1900 &1902 Road Closures: Contact the Naches Forest Service for more information.

Cabin Tracks: In the past years, CPCOA published the "Cabin Tracks" a yearly newsletter sent to all cabin owners. Wayne & Maureen Bell have agreed to publish the newsletter. If you have ideas and suggestions to be included in the Cabin Tracks, contact the Bells at bellwayne@charter.net.

Thought for the Day: We are truly special people to have a cabin in the mountains near a lake or river to share with family and friends.

Laugh of the Day: What did the Mother Bear say to her cubs? "Don't go out in your bear feet!!!!"

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