

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS  
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SATURDAY, JUNE 9, 2007 12:00 P.M.  
SKI LODGE - AMERICAN RIVER

The meeting was called to order by President Mike Berriochoa at 12:10 P.M.

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**Fire Protection:** Gary Jennings from the Forest Service - Preventing a forest fire begins with an attitude of awareness of conditions around you. Be aware when using chain saws and power equipment, and be aware of Mother Nature. Around our area, it could be a 50-50 chance of which of these causes forest fires. In other parts of the country, it's 90% Mother Nature and 10% human caused. Keep fires small and cleared. Around cabins - keep needles cleared off roof and away from cabins. Fires inside structures are ok. Trying to improve draft for 1 - 2 highways beginning with Highway 410 going to Goose Prairie.

Fire prevention sources - "FIREWISE"

**Go to your site and look for hazard trees. Identify them. Obtain a Hazard Tree Request form from the Naches Ranger Station and follow its instructions.**

**If a fire crew is working adjacent to a summer home area, they will chip slash piles for us. Individual tracts could rent a chipper that could be used by anyone in that tract.**

Not writing any burn permits right now - June thru fall.

Copies of the Community Wildfire Protection Plan, December 2005 were handed out. This is also available on CD.

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**Water Rights** - Dan Haller - Soon you will be able to come in and pay for share of water rights (based on how much you will need) DOE estimates 200 acre feet of water to be used by cabin owners. Bureau of Reclamation is a necessary party to make this work because of the high number of reservoirs in this area.

**Metering** - has been a law since 1993 actually for every surface water diverter. If you are close connecting to a river, then you probably have to meter.

SEE: Subbasin 16 Report available from DOE or through Superior Court in Yakima. You may request it through the FOIA (Freedom of Information Act) - Becky Johnson or Elaine Taylor, 575-2491

**Cabin Trust Water Program** - If you meter for 3 years and you are only using 2/3 of what it is, there is a provision where you can donate it. You can set the terms of that donation.

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**Report from Sheriff Ernie Lowery** - He is our contact person. He wants to prosecute offenders. He wants to help recover items. But he needs our help. Passed around a list of cabin owners in the entire area, whether members of our association or not, and asked us to please update it with emergency contact people that he can call in case of emergencies if he can't get in touch with the owners. Also, he asked our help in recording serial numbers and putting I.D. on our "stuff" that we keep in our cabins. Photograph it. Put it on disk. Property recovered is stored for a year, and then it goes to auction. Idlewild cabins - had a cabin broken into with guns stolen. They were never reported stolen.

**Marijuana growth** - still a problem. Ernie would like us to report any growth we see to him or the Sheriff's department.

**Gates** - In those communities where gates have been installed, crime has dropped.  
Deputies Brad Martin (present at meeting) was introduced and Steve Sutliff are in charge of the e  
"horsemen" and ORV specialists in the Sheriff's department.

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**Field trips:** Carl Buchholz reported that two field trips have been set this year.

- June 16 - Geology - to be led by a professor emeritus of geology from Portland State University, Dr. Paul Hammond, who has spent many years studying and mapping the Cascade Mountains.
- August 18 - Larry Robinson will lead a field trip from 9AM to 12 Noon on bird recognition. There are 25 to 30 different species in our area.

One originally scheduled July 7 to Copper City will have to be rescheduled. The leader was called out to fight fires. Carl asked if there would be any interest in a Union Creek Falls nature walk. Several people indicated interest, so he will schedule that.

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**Other items of interest:**

- Jean Seipman - Reported a forest fire tax assessment on her latest tax statement. If you have paid this, you can get a refund.
- AARP refresher course for drivers 55 and older could be taught by Jocelyn Berriochoa, a state licensed trainer. The cost would be \$10.00 per person. A total of 4 people are needed. Sept. 8, 15, 18, 19 or 22 are available dates. The class lasts from 9A to 4P and should result in a reduction of automobile insurance premium per State insurance regulations.

Reva Bunnell  
Secretary