



May 2023

The Chinook Pass Cabin Owners Association (CPCOA) is looking for a new Board member. Will it be you? We meet four times a year plus being involved in the two general membership meetings in June and September. It is not time-consuming and gives you an inside track of what is happening in the forest and cabin owner world. If you are interested, send me an email at steve@emhoffgroup.com

Important dates to place on your 2023 calendar:

- Now: Membership dues are due.
- June 1st: Cabin Self Inspection report due July 1st: <http://cpcoa.com/MembersOnly/Files/Self-Inspection-Report-2019.pdf>
- June 3rd: Board meeting. Gold Creek Station at 11:00am. All members invited.
- June 17th: General membership meeting. This will be held at the Nile church from 11:30am to 1pm and is a potluck lunch.
- August 12th: Board meeting. Place to be determined. All members invited.
- September 23rd: Annual Membership meeting and election of new Officers and Directors: This will be held at the Nile church from 11:30am to 1pm and is a potluck lunch.

Rest assured that the CPCOA Board is working on your behalf with local USFS staff and members of the national association of Forest Homeowners. Our USFS district office team has remained stable and is still accessible to us via phone, email, and texts and in person with appointments.

Do you know your cabin neighbors? It would help us immensely if you could share any ownership changes with us so we can update our records and reach out to prospective members. Your assistance with this information is deeply appreciated. I would go a step further and ask you to share this letter and attached member registration/renewal with all the new owners and others in your respective tracts who are non-members. The Board is asking for Tract Representatives to present issues to the Board and recruit new members, especially new owners. If you are interested in this position, please contact me.

Several weeks ago, I sat in (virtually) on the National Forest Homeowners (NFH) annual business meeting that was being held at Lake Tahoe. Did you know that as Region 6, comprised of cabin owners in Washington and Oregon, we are the second largest region in North America with 2,726 Lots in 113 Tracts. Only region 5, which is all of California, has more with 5,983 Lots and 254 tracts. What this means is, we have influence. But to have influence, we must have dues paying members to help the NFH lobbyists in Washington DC to fight against measures that have a negative impact on our cabins. Never forget, our cabin ownership is under constant scrutiny if not actual assault.

Suzy Cyr has agreed to work on 2023 Fields Trips. A few of the ideas she is working on are geology, history, flowers, and trees. If you have any ideas for field trips, please email Suzy at suzy@seahorsestudio.net. Attend the June 17th potluck lunch and general membership meeting to learn what she has in store for us.

I have asked several of the personnel from the Naches Ranger District to write a few words for this issue:

- Hello Cabin Owners! Just a quick reminder that your point of contact for your cabin has changed. Please feel free to reach out to at 509-653-1434 or lenna.cherry@usda.gov if you have any questions or concerns relating to your permit. I look forward to working with you. Also, please remember that prior approval is needed before any work can be conducted on your cabin or hazard trees can be addressed. Hazard Tree and Project Request forms are available at the Ranger Station, on our website, or by email should you need them.

Lenna Cherry

Resource Specialist, Special Uses

- Fire season is right around the corner, now is the time to get your cabin and the land around it cleaned up from any damage winter may have brought. Some common items to do are cleaning up debris from windblown trees, raking needles, and debris from your structures, clearing off any woody material, or needles on roofs, cleaning out chimneys, and screens, etc. If you have any plans to set up a sprinkler system outside of your structure in the event of a fire, now is also the time to check those hoses, sprinkler heads, faucets, well pumps, etc. Ensure the area around your cabin is clear and accessible for fire apparatus/first responders. Also, make sure your cabin number is clearly marked, this is very useful for many different things. For burning any debris from cleaning, use your outside fire pit and keep the fire of a responsible size, this is allowed if there is not a fire ban due to elevated fire conditions. We here in the Fire program appreciate the efforts and coordination of the cabin association to keep your tracts clean and help enforce fire restrictions amongst each other and the general public. That said, please make sure to not interact with the public in any situations that may be dangerous, or you feel uncomfortable. Do not hesitate to call us to make those contacts. Have a good summer!

Please see attached Cabin Owner Wildfire Checklist, or [click here](#).

Jason Emhoff

Fire Management Officer

The CPCOA Board invites all cabin owners, members, and associates to become involved in the Association. If you are not a member, join us, if you are a member become more active. Consider helping to work on field trips, organizing your tract, or serving on the Board.

The CPCOA is only as strong as you make it. To add to our strength in numbers the CPCOA is also a member of the Washington State Forest Homeowners Association (WSFHA) and the National Forest Homeowners (NFH).

Cabin owner dues are \$75.00 of which \$2.00 goes to WSFHA and \$50.00 to the NFH.

Dues are payable in the first quarter of the year. (See attached Member Application/renewal.) Please send them in as soon as possible.

(Please note: Cabin owners may not sign up as an "Associate.")

Included with this letter is the application for new and renewal of membership. Please complete the form and mail it to Jim Lundeen with the appropriate dues.

We wish you the best and look forward to seeing you this summer. Please contact me with any questions, or recommendations on how the CPCOA can be of assistance. I will be checking the Comcast email about once every other Friday, so if you have urgent needs, please use my business address: steve@emhoffgroup.com

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Steve Emhoff".

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Preparing for a Wildfire

When time allows:

Keep wood pile stacked away from structures if possible.

Keep property tidy/free of clutter.

Maintain accessibility to cabin for emergency vehicles.

Rake/clear debris and litter away from all structures, including off of decks, porches, etc.

Keep driveways and parking areas free of needles and debris as they may act as a fireline, slowing or stopping the spread of fire.

Keep burnable materials from contacting structures, such as limbs touching a roof.

Upon leaving if fire is threatening: (Checklist)

___ Close all windows, shutters, doors,
etc.

___ Shut off gas supply

___ Turn on any outside sprinklers if available.

Don't wait too long to leave!

***When leaving, post this on door outside of cabin and fill out
info below.***

Name _____

Contact Number _____

Time Departed _____

Special Notes/Instructions



CPCOA Membership Information

As an owner of a cabin, you are encouraged to join the Chinook Pass Cabin Owners' Association (CPCOA). It's a great way to stay informed on a variety of issues that could impact the enjoyment you derive from owning your cabin. Whether it is changes in rules by the Forest Service or other government agencies, we are here to help keep you informed.



By joining the CPCOA you automatically become a member of the Washington State Forest Homeowners' Association (WSFHA) and the [National Forest Homeowners](#) (NFH), which all network together to carry our voice to the halls of Congress and to keep us informed on issues at the state and national levels. It really is a great way to keep in touch on the issues that we all share.

As an example, the unfair process regarding cabin fees that was created by the CUFFA law passed in 2000 was repealed in 2014 with a new Cabin Fee Act. The CFA eliminated periodic appraisals and extreme annual fees as well as provides a stable income stream for the Forest Service to support the Recreational Residence Program nationwide. This ensures that our cabins will remain for many generations to come!

The Chinook Pass Cabin Owners' Association works on the local level --- local issues and concerns are addressed by the forest ranger, the Washington State Department of Ecology, the Yakima County Sheriff's department, and other county officials. Through our newsletter and our two meetings each year we have an opportunity to know each other, share our love and concerns for our cabins with each other and stay informed.

Membership dues are \$75.00 for a Regular membership and \$48.00 for an Associate member, which is for another person besides a "Regular" member --- adult children, co- owners, etc. This is an increase over the past several years. WE raised our dues a few dollars as did NFH. As a member of CPCOA you are receiving group representation on the local, state, and national levels all working for your best interests in protecting your cabin ownership. In case you're wondering where the money goes, \$50.00 goes to the NFH, and \$2.00 goes to WSFHA. The rest stays with CPCOA for postage, supplies, and other expenses such as rental fees for our meeting room.



Chinook Pass Cabin Owners Association

and

National Forest Homeowners / Washington State Forest Homeowners Association

2023 Membership Application/Renewal Form

(Even though this is a membership renewal form it can and should be used by everyone to ensure we have correct contact information. The records we keep are beneficial to you as they will only be released upon request by the Forest Service personnel or emergencies services in case there are any problems with or at your cabins or tracts)(See Survey at bottom of back page)

Member Name: _____

Spouse / Co-owner: _____

Street Address: _____

City / State / Zip+4 _____

Home Phone _____ - _____ - _____ Work _____ - _____ - _____ Cell _____ - _____ - _____

Email: _____ @ _____ Check box to share email with members

Tract Name: _____ Lot # _____

USFS Registered Owner Membership (\$75) \$ _____

Associate Membership (\$48) \$ _____ (please complete back of form)
(Non-cabin owners only)

Cabin Defense Fund Donation: \$ _____
(\$50 per year suggested)

Total: \$ _____

Please make checks/money orders payable to: **Chinook Pass Cabin Owners Association**

Mail to: Jim Lundeen / Treasurer
5100 Manor Dr.
Yakima, WA 98901-1635

Associates are most often co-owners, family, or friends of CPCOA members. If you are the principle owner, and registered with the USFS as the owner you, yourself, are not eligible to be an associate member. Associate members must be sponsored by a registered owner. There is no restriction on the number of associate members a regular CPCOA member may sponsor. Associate membership is \$48 each. If you have a question about CPCOA / NFH memberships, please don't hesitate to contact the Chinook Pass Cabin Owners Association Treasurer at the above address or via email at jimbolundeen@gmail.com

The National Forest Homeowners website can be found at <http://www.nationalforesthowners.org/>

The CPCOA website is <http://www.cpcoa.com/>

Facebook: <https://facebook.com/pages/Chinook-Pass-Cabin-Owners-Association/404625509649392>

Associate Membership Status Information

Please list the names and addresses of all Associate Members covered by this form: Attach a separate sheet if needed.

Associate Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____ (specify home or cell)

Email: _____@_____

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Phone Number: _____ (specify home or cell)

Email: _____@_____

Survey

- I will be willing to serve as a Board Member.
- I would be willing to serve on a committee.
- I would be willing to work on IT matters.
- I would be willing to volunteer for a community work party.