

Silver Lake Homeowners Association

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Board Reports

President's Report

Barb Andrews, May 2023

Most of you have probably heard by now that the A-21 has finally opened. And while the A-10 still has a lot of snow and some of our cabins are still well buried in it, the snow is melting fast. I'm sure word will travel quickly once someone busts through that last snow patch. Watch the Facebook page! Our Caretaker, Gene Stewart, will be heading up to the lake as well as soon as the road opens.

USFS Updates

I have spoken with our USFS Special Use Permit Administrator, Debbie Foote, and have some updates:

1. **Permit Holders.** Please confirm that Debbie has the correct mail and email addresses, including phone number(s), for the permit holder of your cabin. She is working to ensure her records are correct and has found several discrepancies.

Pending any unforeseen issues, Debbie plans to attend our July 2nd General Meeting. Please shoot me an email (bandrews@calacademy.org) with any questions you would like her to address. Questions should address potential impacts on our entire cabin tract. Our District Ranger, Russell Nickerson, and Forest Service Archeologist, Seth Owens, may also attend the meeting. This is a great opportunity to further develop our direct lines of communication with the Forest Service, critical to such matters as ongoing fire suppression efforts and getting through our 2028 recreational permit renewals.

2. **Inspections.** The USFS plans to conduct annual cabin inspections at least a couple weeks after the lake and cabins are accessible by car. This year, the USFS Fire Management teams will reinstate their "Fuels & Prevention" inspections. So that you know what they will be looking for, Debbie has shared the form (see last page of Newsletter) they will use which details the scope of these inspections.

Debbie has requested no citations be issued for this first inspection, providing us time to address any issues identified on the forms. We will have the opportunity to thin "ladder" trees on our lots without having to get them tagged. These are trees up to 6 ft. in height and 10 in. in diameter that grow close to larger trees. During fires, they provide a "ladder" that can carry fire directly into the forest canopy. Fire travels quickly in the canopy, so keeping it down low will help slow the spread of a fire and help fire fighters.

Our permit renewals come up in 2028. As we approach this date, it is important we stay on top of these inspections and work with Debbie. Her goal is for all of us to pass the permit renewal inspections that will begin two years prior to the 2028 renewal. 2026 may seem far away, but the more we stay on top of things now, the better.

3. **Debris Removal / Burning.**

As long as you obtain a campfire permit, you may burn pine needles, branches and other debris you rake up around your cabin. A campfire permit allows you to build a fire no larger than 2'x2' in diameter. Any fire over 2'x2' will require a Burn Permit from Cal Fire which may only be utilized on a designated burn day. Another option for debris removal is to haul it to the Waste Management facility located off the A-13. Debbie is looking into other options for a possible debris dump location for us, so I'll keep you posted.

Board Reports

President's Report (continued)

4. **In-kind Repairs.** Debbie understands our tract has been impacted by the heavy snows this year. Some cabins may need a few repairs following the heavy snow loads, especially to bent stovepipes and flashing. If your cabin requires a simple repair like this, wherein you will be replacing, for example, the stovepipe with another that is no different in size/shape (in-kind), simply send Debbie an email (debra.foote@usda.gov) to let her know. She will note the in-kind repair/replacement in your cabin's records. Any repairs that are in-kind, can be handled this way.

a. Stovepipes and Flashing. If you are needing to replace these external, in-kind items, they must either be painted or in a non-reflective metal (black, or Forest Service brown or green). Reflective metals pose fire risks. This is why some metal roofs that are beginning to lose their color, becoming reflective, may need to be repainted.

5. **Extensive Repairs.** Any extensive construction/repairs will still require a permit. Debbie will work with you as quickly as possible to discuss the job with you and get your permit issued. We all realize that this season may be shorter than others to address repairs.

National Forest Homeowners Annual Meeting Recap

This year, fellow SLHOA board member, Hap Heiberg, and I attended the National Forest Homeowners meeting, May 6-7 at Palisades, Lake Tahoe.

As at last year's meeting, I teamed with NFH Field Director, Desiree La Maggiore, to present two break-out sessions on community science using the iNaturalist App. Please see the separate article on how to use the App and have some fun participating in community science by recording your observations in nature.

I'm always impressed at how the meeting is so professionally run, and this year was no exception. The NFH board and committee members have been working hard to ensure that our Recreational Residence Program thrives and continues to allow us to enjoy our cabins as we have for generations.

Did you know that of the 193 million acres of Forest Service land, the Recreational Residence Program only occupies 10,000 acres? Our cabin tracts may not take up a lot of space, but we are an important component to our National Forests.

It's hard to believe the Cabin Fee Act was implemented almost 10 years ago. Starting in 2025, an estimated \$30+ million of our annual permit fees will begin to benefit the National Forests. Of this, ~5% will stay in the Washington DC office, ~10% will go to the Regional offices, and the remaining 85% will benefit the Forests directly. According to Jeff Vail, Acting Director for the USDA Forest Service Lands & Minerals Management Program in DC, they are planning to use the funds to: expand permit administration training; expand fuel reduction and hazard tree projects; map tracks/lots to improve access to emergency services; update templates to improve customer service; improve permit renewals; enhance operating plans; and, simplify and improve exterior inspections (wouldn't that be nice!).

I encourage all of you to visit the NFH website and support the NFH! SLHOA Permit Holders dues cover NFH Membership. Associate SLHOA members can sign up for an annual NHF membership for \$35.

Attend an NFH meeting if you have the opportunity. Having attended the last five annual meetings, I have come to learn and value how much the NFH is in our court. They are essential when it comes to negotiating the Recreational Residence Program permit terms with the Forest Service, and in advocating for the Program. Aside from a small staff, the NFH is overseen entirely by volunteers - fellow cabin owners just like us who cherish their cabins and cabin tracts. Some NFH volunteers and members have lost their cabins to fire and intend to rebuild; here too, the NFH has been a tremendous ally and advocate.

Board Reports

President's Report (continued)

Communication Award

Lastly, I have a personal thanks to my aunt, Emily Moulton, and to my brother and sister-in-law, Scott and Kim Andrews, who nominated me on behalf of the SLHOA for the NFH 2023 Outstanding Communication Award. And thank you to everyone else who knew and kept it from me... I was so surprised and honored!

As always – looking forward to seeing you all at the lake!

Barb Andrews, President



NFH 2023 Outstanding Communication Award - Awarded for exemplary communication that succeeds in clarifying the association's purposes, informs and educates members and fosters a sense of community and cooperation.

Financial Update – Increase in HOA Dues

May 2023

As outlined in an April 3rd Dues update email, the SLHOA Board decided in March to increase SLHOA dues as follows:

- Permit Holder dues increase from \$490 to \$540. These dues include membership in the National Forest Homeowners (NHF) Association.
- Associate dues increase from \$35 to \$40. These dues provide an option to join the NFH for an additional \$35.

This increase reflects a substantial rise in HOA costs since our last dues increase 8 years ago. Our Treasurers, Pete Bogardus and Greg Merriman carefully reviewed all budget line items together with the full board. Over the past 8 years, our running costs for caretaker compensation, permits, garbage, and other services and supplies have increased substantially.

As you may recall, this past year we made necessary repairs and upgrades to the caretaker cabin, and we removed several hazard trees on the lot. While these items contributed to the increased costs this last year, they are not driving our decision to raise dues.

The Board has and will continue to carefully monitor the budget, which we will share at the July 2nd General Meeting. Please know that we have not made this decision lightly, and continue to support the SLHOA in all matters.

Board Reports

Silver Lake Snow Levels, April 1 and May 1, 2023*

Apr 1 Snow Survey

Silver Lake Meadows (Course #45) elevation: 6450 feet

	<u>Date</u>	<u>Ave. snow depth</u>	<u>Water content(inches)</u>	<u>Density (%)</u>	<u>% Ave. Apr 1</u>
	3/29/2023	113.0	20.3	17.96	<u>69</u>
	Apr. 1 average water content		<u>29.4</u>		
Last year	3/31/2022	16.4	7.3	44.51	25
Highest	1983	138.0	67.0	48.55	228
Lowest	2015	0	0	0	0
	3/29/2001	8.7	2.6	30	9
	4/1/2014	23.9	5.4	23	18
	1963	36.3	7.8	21	27

May 1 Snow Survey

Silver Lake Meadows (Course #45) elevation: 6450 feet

	<u>Date</u>	<u>Ave. snow depth</u>	<u>Water content(inches)</u>	<u>Density (%)</u>	<u>% Ave. May 1</u>
	5/1/2023	69.7	43.0	61	<u>125</u>
	May. 1 average water content		<u>34.3</u>		
	4/28/2022	5.6	2.4	43	7
Highest	1983	108.3	57.6	53	168
Lowest	1950	0.0	0.0	0	0

* Information based on historical data dating back to 1940. Silver Lake Meadows snow course is measured 2 times each year from April to May. The information is compiled for California's Department of Water Resources (DRW) and is used primarily for stream flow forecasting.



Silver Lake and the Silver Lake Road – May 3, 2023



Feature

Observations in Nature: Help Track Pacific Marten this Summer!



Pacific Marten (*Martes caurina*), Silver Lake, September 2020. Image, Barb Andrews

The Silver Lake homeowner community can assist USFS biologists monitor Pacific martens (I like to call them “pine marten”) in our area.

Pine marten were greatly impacted by the Dixie Fire, which burned a large swath of their habitat. The USFS’s previous conservation strategies for marten targeted several “population cores” – one in the Caribou Wilderness Area and the Lassen Volcanic National Park, and several others north and south of the Park. The Dixie burned through the population cores south of the Park, and extensively both in the Park and in the Wilderness Area. For the past year, Lassen’s USFS biologists have used trail cameras to see if marten persist in areas within the Dixie Fire’s boundaries.



Sierra Marten (*Martes caurina ssp. sierrae*), Lassen National Forest, September 2022.

Image courtesy Tom Rickman.

USFS biologists are also monitoring a sub-species of the Pacific marten, the Sierra marten. Sierra marten are listed by the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) as a Vulnerable Subspecies. They occur in the southern Cascades and Sierra Nevada, and their distribution and abundance appear to have declined in recent decades due to logging and expanding human settlement. Both the Pacific marten and Sierra marten are vulnerable to habitat loss, degradation, and fragmentation that may result from increased wildfires, shifting habitat, and other factors associated with climate change.

One of the biologists out of the USFS Eagle Lake office, Tom Rickman, asked me to encourage SLHOA homeowners to report any marten we may observe in the Silver Lake/Caribou Wilderness Area. The data they’ll need is location, date, and time of day. You can capture this data either with a GPS unit or you can take a photo with your smartphone; your phone will automatically record the location, date and time. Please email any images and location data to me at bandrews@calacademy.org, or to Tom at tom.rickman@usda.gov.

Observations in Nature: (Continued)



You also have the option of using the iNaturalist app to record your observations. Biologists can access all marten observations directly through the app, so you won't need to bother with an email to me or Tom. Below is a snippet of a presentation I gave at the annual National Forest Homeowners meeting about iNaturalist that includes basic instructions on how you can utilize the app to assist with the marten surveys this summer. Consider downloading the free app to benefit scientific research, and support environmental and wildlife management and conservation. It's also a lot of fun!

What is iNaturalist!?

iNaturalist is a free app, downloadable to your Android or Apple iPhone from Google Play or Apple's App Store.

iNaturalist is a joint initiative of the California Academy of Sciences and the National Geographic Society, designed to let people share their observations of nature and create an official record of the species that they've observed at a particular location, date and time. This official record can also be referred to as "species occurrence data."

iNaturalist can also be considered a social network of people sharing biodiversity information to help each other learn about nature. For example, you can use iNaturalist to record your own observations in nature, get help with identifications, collaborate with others in a project to collect this kind of species occurrence data for a common purpose. You may also access the observational data collected by other iNaturalist users, opening up the opportunity to learn more about a species and a region.

How does iNaturalist work?

1. To begin, take a clear, focused photo (or multiple photos) of an organism to turn it into an observation. Your phone knows where you are and what day and time it is when you take the photo, so that's part of the observation. Even in airplane mode, your phone can still pick up the date, time, and location.
2. If you have a network connection, iNaturalist will suggest what it thinks the organism is when you tap "What did you see?"
3. You can pick from the suggested list (look for things that are visually similar & seen nearby) or you can type in your own suggestion. As mentioned, if you don't have a connection, your device will still record your location, date and time, and your observation will fully upload once you are back online. Once uploaded, you can also access the suggested list of species.
4. When you hit "share," your observation is uploaded to the iNaturalist database where the iNaturalist community can confirm or refine the ID, such as suggesting a different species.
5. Lastly, if you're an avid photographer who prefers to use your own camera to take photos, you can still upload those to the iNaturalist online platform. You'll just need to record the date, time and location of the observation, using your smart phone, or with a GPS unit.

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Observations in Nature: (Continued)

Example Observation

Here are details, as seen from the iNaturalist website, of an observation I made at Silver Lake of a Pacific marten:

Pacific Marten (*Martes caurina*) VU Research Grade

Observed: Sep 6, 2020 · 9:27 AM PDT Submitted: Feb 10, 2022 · 9:52 PM PST

bdandrews 161 observations

Data Quality Assessment

Quality Grade: Research

The Data Quality Assessment is an evaluation of an observation's accuracy. Research Grade observations may be used by scientists for research. Cast your vote below:

Research Grade Qualification	Yes	No
Date specified	✓	
Location specified	✓	
Has Photos or Sounds	✓	
Has ID supported by two or more	✓	
Date is accurate	✓	👎
Location is accurate	✓	👎
Organism is wild	✓	👎
Evidence of organism	✓	👎
Recent evidence of an organism	✓	👎
Community Taxon at species level or lower	✓	

Projects (1)

Add to a Project

California Mammals

Notes

This was a pup, left at the den when the adult ran off to hunt. The den was located in a rock pile, just off shore from Silver Lake.

Activity

- bdandrews suggested an ID: American Marten (*Martes americana*) ID Withdrawn
- chewitt1 suggested an ID*: Pacific Marten (*Martes caurina*) Improving 1th Compare
- *chewitt1 disagrees this is American Marten (*Martes americana*)
- trickman suggested an ID: Pacific Marten (*Martes caurina*) 4th

It was recently split off from American as its own species

You can see this observation has become categorized as a Research grade observation, which makes this image and other observational data official “species occurrence data.” Research grade observations have:

1. Evidence of the organism (usually a photo, but you can upload sounds too, such as bird calls)
2. A correct location where the organism was seen
3. A date and time when the organism was seen
4. A consensus by the iNaturalist community about what species it is. Just like anyone can make observations on iNaturalist, anyone can help with identifications too. There are well over 200,000 iNaturalist members made up of scientists, amateur “experts,” and people just interested in nature (students, park rangers, etc.)

What began as just a photo is now official species occurrence data (a confirmed record that this species was seen at a particular location on a particular date at time).

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Observations in Nature: (Continued)

iNaturalist protects your Data Privacy

While all observations posted to iNaturalist are public, the app provides tools to restrict access to an observations' geographic information. For example, some of you may be concerned about recording an observation of a protected or endangered species and exposing its location or even your cabin's location within that observation.

To protect your privacy, iNaturalist distinguishes between two types of restricted geographic information: geoprivacy and taxon geoprivacy.

With geoprivacy, you – the individual observer – decide when information is restricted and when restricted information is shared. For example, you may choose to add geoprivacy to an observation made in your backyard in order to protect your personal privacy. The iNaturalist platform will never share this information without your explicit permission.

Alternatively, **taxon geoprivacy** is a process through which the iNaturalist platform automatically restricts geographic information associated with observations of taxa, such as an endangered species, that may be threatened by location disclosure.

Stop by for more information!

This is just a very brief introduction to iNaturalist. If you're interested, including engaging your kids or grand children in making observations through this App, feel free to stop by my cabin this summer, #17 on the North Shore. I'll be happy to show you how it works and other fun aspects of it. I know those marten move quickly and it's often impossible to capture a photo, but good luck and I hope you have fun keeping an eye out for these sleek and cunning creatures.

Barb Andrews

Feature

The Early Years and Ben Yeakey

By Ken McNany with Ian Foraker

The Silver Lake we know today was built in the early decades of the 20th century as an escape from the summer heat of the Sacramento Valley, and as a mountain retreat for urban residents of the Bay Area and beyond. Looking back, life at the lake in those early years was very different from life at the lake today.

The Dusty Road

In the early years, there was no 10 Road, no A-21 or Highway 44. There was only a 21-mile red dirt road from Westwood out to Silver Lake. It was a narrow one lane road with plenty of dust - in summer, up to 6 inches thick! When two cars approached from different directions, one had to back up and find a spot to pull over so the other could pass. Going to town was always an adventure and not a frequent experience.

Getting to Silver Lake from the Bay area was an epic journey that could take 10 to 12 hours. The roads back then had only two lanes. There were no freeways. These roads took you through every little town in the valley. When you add the 21-mile dirt road at the end, it was very slow going, and a major commitment. Once at the lake, visitors would stay for some time – usually a month or more, often for the summer season.

Lake Life: Both Rustic and Refined

In those early years, life at the lake was Cabins at once both rustic and refined. On the one hand, technical amenities were few. The cabins had no propane. Families relied on ice boxes and coolers to store food. Lighting beyond simple flashlights relied on white gas, Kerosene, or Coleman fuel. Most cabins used wood stoves for cooking, to heat water, and to provide heat in the early spring and in the fall. Running hot water was the exception. Some cabins had asbestos-insulated water heaters with coils running through the back of the wood stove to use for hot water and bathing.

Yet, there was an air of refinement to lake living. My grandmother always had a white tablecloth with linen napkins for every dinner. She would press the table cloth and napkins with a heavy iron heated from the wood stove. We also had an army generator that we would fire up to light the lone light bulb in our living room. Creature comforts were few, but we made the best of what we had!

Ben Yeakey and the Caretaker Cabin

For the most part, Silver Lake has always had a caretaker. One of the most prominent early caretakers was Ben Yeakey. Ben, his wife Betty, and their daughter Chrissy, arrived in the late 40's and worked through the 50's. In the off-season they lived in Susanville. Ben was very handy; he could repair pumps, fix broken pipes, and do some light carpentry. He was also a tree faller.

Ben had a complex of cabins and outbuildings at the end of the inlet, located at the point where you first arrive at the lake. At that time, the road to the cabins split at what is today the "day use area" next to the boat launch.

On their way back, they stopped in Westwood to pick up the mail. When they returned to Silver Lake, they would do the rounds, delivering the groceries, ice, laundry, and sharing what was going on in the world.



Feature

The Early Years and Ben Yeakey (continued)

When you arrived at the lake, you would turn left to get to the caretaker residence. There was the main house, a two-story log cabin, with some smaller log buildings and storage sheds. There were also 55-gallon drums on wood supports that contained, white gas, kerosene, and gasoline. Just off the road, in front of the cabin, was an in-ground gasoline pump where you could top off you tank when needed. As you faced the main cabin there was smaller cabin to the left about 20 yards away.

The main house included an upstairs with bedrooms. The front of the downstairs was a general store, with a counter where you could purchase milk, bread, eggs, and canned goods and - of course – candy (a favorite with the kids at the lake!). Behind the store, through a curtain, were the main living quarters with a kitchen and a living room.

One of the outbuildings was an icehouse. During the spring, Ben would cut blocks of ice from the lake and place them in the icehouse for his own use and to sell to the cabin owners. There was a long and narrow pier that ran out into the shallow water. Ben had a few row boats for rent.

Full Service!

Ben and Betty worked hard to serve the homeowners. Twice a week, families would bring their shopping lists and laundry to the caretaker's cabin. This often became social event; an opportunity to catch up on what was going on around the lake. After gathering the lists and laundry, Ben and Betty went into Susanville to shop and do laundry.

One evening, Emily Merriman was walking down to Ben & Betty's with her shopping list with her black cocker spaniel, Ripper, by her side. At one point, Ripper ran off into the bushes. As Emily walked along, she looked down and was amazed to see a little black bear walking along beside her. She screamed and ran the rest of the way to Ben's cabin. Our family was a bit behind Emily that evening. As we approached the Yeakey cabin, we saw several people with guns were running out to find Ripper and track down the bear. All worked out fine; Ripper arrived safe at the caretakers' and the bear lost himself in the forest at dusk.

Several years later, the US Forest Service decided that they no longer wanted a concessionaire at Silver Lake. They removed all the buildings at the end of the lake. It was then that the Association built the new caretaker cabin where it stands today.

A few years after he left Silver Lake, Ben became the Sheriff of Lassen County.

Sports on the Lake

The Yeakeys were central to the Silver Lake community of that era. They were also innovators. Chrissy had a weak leg from an early age bought with polio. To accommodate Chrissy, Ben customized a board with a handle coming up from the middle. With this board, he pulled Chrissy around the lake with his outboard motorboat, making Chrissy one of the first to experience water sports on Silver Lake. Chrissy still lives, with her family, in the Susanville area.

Lake Nokopen

For a short period of time, Silver Lake was known as Lake Nokopen. On May 28, 1938, it appears that the post office authorized a woman by the name of Lurah May Stubblefield to set up a seasonal post office at Silver Lake. For whatever reason, Ms. Stubblefield decided to change the lake's name to Lake Nokopen. We still have some letters with the Lake Nokopen address dating from that time. The post office closed on June 29, 1940 and was moved to Westwood.

For you Silver Lake trivia buffs: Lake Betty Lake, which is just off the 10 Road below Shotoverin Lake, was named for Betty Yeakey.

In Memory: Evan Neil Farnham

By Gwen Farnham



The sweetest of brothers passed on May 26, 2022. Evan was born July 27, 1953 and raised in a big house filled with art and architecture and a basement workshop that nurtured his imagination and growth into a mechanical magician who resurrected doomed cars, restored hand built homes, and engineered elegant solutions for all manner of failed devices and systems.

Evan spent 3 full months every summer of his life up until about age 18 at "the Lake", camped out behind the cabin or in the meadow. The cabin was reserved for Mom and meals only. Evan spent many hours restoring our cabin # 45 after one particularly hard winter in the 80's collapsed the roof of the cabin built by our grandfather Albert H. Siemer.

Evan is survived by his four siblings who adored him- Dr. Thomas Farnham, Gwen Farnham, William Farnham & Hugh Farnham.

Services

Caretaker Services

Looking ahead – The SLHOA will be purchasing a SAT phone this coming season that will reside with Gene Stewart, for emergency purposes. We have previously rented it for the past few summers (thanks for Lou Ginocchio’s efforts). It will be more cost effective to purchase one for the future, and then pay for the satellite coverage season to season.

Remember, aside from Gene Stewart’s regular rounds and SLHOA services, he is available to assist with lot clean up (e.g., clearing fire space around structures), splitting, stacking and cutting wood, small paint work, housekeeping, opening and closing cabins, etc. and will consider any opportunity. Gene will also provide references from members he’s worked for upon request. Cabin owners are responsible for certain material and equipment, such as stain, power washers, etc. Basic hourly rate is \$25 but may vary depending on the job. Service exclusions include carpentry, electrical and plumbing.

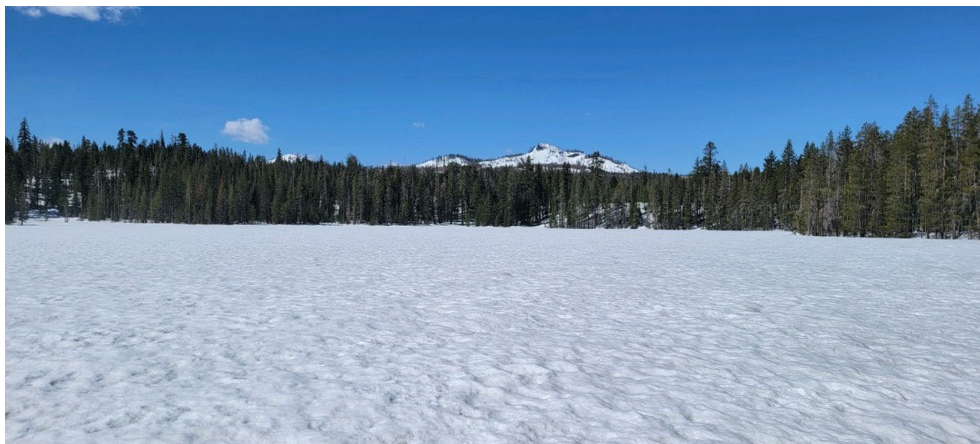
You can leave a note on the white board outside the backdoor of his cabin, or you can email him in advance at gene4261@yahoo.com, or by phone at (541) 954-7167.

Burn Permits and Emergency Preparedness

Burn permits can be obtained for late/early season burning from CalFire (<https://burnpermit.fire.ca.gov/>). And the Lassen Co. Fire Safe Council, Inc. (lassenfiresafecouncil.org) has useful emergency fire preparedness information through its website and emergency plans and forms that can be downloaded and posted in cabins. Additional emergency preparedness information and guidelines can also be found on the Silver Lake website at <https://www.silverlakelassencounty.com>.

Cabin Exterior Maintenance for Logs and Timbers

Do you need to do some maintenance on the exterior of your cabin, especially to logs? If so, a great contact is Log Home Restoration of California at www.loghomesrestored.com. President, Herb Meeker, tabled the NFH meeting in Tahoe. He offers a wide range of wood maintenance/restoration products, such as stains and sealants. One of their top products is put out by Sashco. Herb and his team are quick to respond and help answer questions. Their office number is 559-594-9578. You can reach Herb Meeker directly at herb@loghomesrestored.com.



Cooper’s Meadow, May 1, 2023

Your SLHOA

2023 SLHOA Meetings / Events

The Board of Directors sincerely thanks all hosts and attendees of the SLHOA social events for their generous donations of food, beverages and dollars that offset the cost of financing these events. Your continuing support helps to maintain our expenses at the lowest possible level.

Next SLHOA membership meeting

Sunday, July 2, 2023, 4:00 p.m. at Amphitheater

SOCIAL: 5:00 p.m., Caretaker's Cabin, Hosted by Giz and Shannon Polan (Cabin No. 37)

Labor Day SLHOA membership meeting

Sunday, September 3, 2023, 4:00 p.m. at Amphitheater

SOCIAL: 5:00 p.m., Caretaker's Cabin, Host Needed

SLHOA Board of Directors

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Newsletter – Call for Content!

Please submit any contributions for upcoming newsletters to Ian Foraker via email (slhoanewsletter@gmail.com)

Examples of newsletter content include:

- Community: New family members, births, passings, family updates
- Culture: Photographs, artwork, poems, stories, history, geography, ecology, etc. related to the lake

Dues Information

Permit Holder annual dues are \$540, which includes membership in the National Forest Homeowners (NFH).

Family/Associate dues are \$40, or \$75 if you want to add a NFH membership.

Dues can be paid in two ways:

1. Send payment to Kim Andrews (address on invoice) via USPS, or
2. Pay via PayPal on the www.SilverLakeLassenCounty.com website. You must be a member on the website to do this. There is a small transaction fee, but it is fast and convenient.



Defensible Space Inspection for Recreation Residence Almanor Ranger District - Lassen National Forest

Permit Address (Tract Name and Lot # @ minimum)

Permit Holders Name (Last, First, MI)

Permit Holders Mailing Address

City	State	Zip
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Phone #1	Phone #2	E-mail
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All Recreation Residence permit holders, per your Special Use Authorization and California Public Resource code 4921, are responsible to establish and maintain clearance of flammable vegetation within 100 feet of all structures or to the authorized permit boundary area if the distance is less than 100 feet. You are hereby notified to correct the Violation(s) indicated below.

1st 2nd Inspection (items checked must be corrected)

Trees

- 1. Thin out thickets of trees that may create a fire hazard. Remove live trees that are **less** than 6 inches in diameter at chest height to create up to a 10-foot spacing between trees. Removal of live trees greater than 10 inches in diameter must have Forest Service approval.
- 2. Remove dead trees **less** than 10 inches in diameter at chest height. Removal of dead trees 10 inches or greater in diameter must have Forest Service approval.

Limbs

- 3. Remove any branches hanging over roofs.
- 4. Remove all limbs within 10 feet of any chimney or stovepipe, or barbeque.
- 5. Remove the lower third of limbs and branches of trees to eliminate the “fuel ladder” within 30 feet of a structure. There should be a minimum of 5 feet between the ground and the lowest branches. When pruning leave a ¼” stub, this will heal faster and protect the tree.

Brush

- 6. Remove all brush within 5 feet of structures.
- 7. Remove all dead brush including dead branches within live brush patches.
- 8. Limit live brush to patches approximately 10 feet in diameter with 10-feet of separation between patches (to prevent rapid transmission of fire between fuel sources).

Pine Needles Permission to clear beyond the authorized permit boundary must be approved by the FS.

- 9. Remove all pine needles and leaves from roofs, rain gutters, and decks.
- 10. **Remove all flammable materials, including duff, out from the structure for at least 5 feet.** Duff is the black layer of decomposing needles/vegetation. The 5 foot clearance around each structure should be cleared to bare soil.
- 11. Between 5 and 30 feet of structures, or to the authorized permit boundary, remove all loose needles/leaves, (*trigs, Branches and rotted stumps*) while leaving a thin layer of compacted duff (decomposed vegetation) in place.

Propane Tanks

- 12. Remove all woodpiles within 10 feet of propane tanks.
- 13. Remove all (*live and dead/dying*) vegetation other than trees within 10 feet from a propane tank.
- 14. Within 5 feet of a propane tank remove all live trees (seedlings) less than 5 feet tall and dead trees less than 10 inches in diameter at chest height.

Campfire Rings/Barbeques

- 15. Remove all flammable materials (*to bare mineral soil*) within 5 feet of campfire rings and barbeques (*and locate so no branches are 10 feet above*).

Wood Piles

- 16. Firewood needs to be neatly stacked in one area located at least 30 feet from any structures if possible, away from trees, or other vegetation or combustibles, and clear all flammable material 10 feet around and 15 feet above woodpile and cover with fire resistant material.

Notes: (text in italics were added to the this form's requirement list for clarification purposes and are also covered under CA PRC 4291)

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