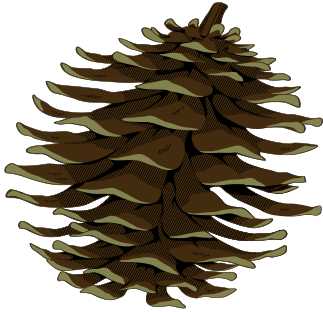


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The intent of this newsletter is to report the official minutes of the Board meetings and other unrelated events or notices which may be of interest to our Association members.

Board meetings are normally held the 3rd Thursday of each month at 7:15 PM at the SLP fire station. All property owners are welcome.
Next Board meeting June 22, 2000

IS YOUR MAILING INFO CORRECT?

If your address or phone number has changed please notify Bill Sigler, SLPPOA Treasurer, 829-4041 or lawsonproducts@jemez.com



Special Fire Meeting Report by S Star May 26-- La Cueva Fire Station

Presented by US Forest Service (John Peterson/Jim Stang) and New Mexico State Forestry (David Brevin, Bernalillo District Fire Management Officer)

Summary:

Closure of parts of the Jemez National Forest as well as other New Mexico and Arizona forests was initiated prior to the beginning of the Memorial Day weekend. All areas marked "CLOSED" mean NO ACCESS. Any individual ignoring these signs will be cited. Penalties could be costly.

Along with various handouts, an 11 page guide for homeowners called "Living with Fire" was available and contains *valuable* information about reducing fire hazards on your home site, how to create defensible space, defensive maneuvers when a wildfire is approaching, examples of local fire behavior, plants for wildfire safety and other topics relating to fire issues. Copies are available at the Walatowa Visitor Center.

The basis for the closure was explained as being determined by a ratio of soil, weather and fuel moisture levels as well as protection needs for residential areas, the need to provide some public access to forestland and patrol capabilities.

The Forest Service also reported that they have an abundance of resources for fighting a fire and that a helicopter will be patrolling.

Numbers you can call to report a fire or noted violation. (Neighborhood policing will help protect our area)

Post these numbers in a visible place for quick access

24 hr Fire Reporting Hotline:505-827-8080

Jemez Ranger District Station: 829-3535 or 911

Dave Brevin, Bernalillo Dist. Fire Mgmt. Officer:505-867-2334

Terry Wildermuth (SF Public Information):505-827-5830

For Fire Restrictions throughout Arizona/NM 1-877-864-6985

Updated Fire Information website:<http://www.fs.fed.us/r3/fire>

<http://nifc.gov>

Check the SLPPOA website for updates on local info

Forest Service Update May 30:

Extreme Fire Danger Alert:

The Forest Service/State Forestry reports that FULL CLOSURE is now in effect for all national forest lands, Jemez Ranger District, Cuba Ranger District, south of the Cuba/Coyote Ranger District boundary and east of Hwy 44, within San Pedro Parks wilderness. *(Certain restrictions also apply to private land, which are under state jurisdiction).*

Penalty Alert:

The Jemez National Forest is CLOSED TO ALL PUBLIC ACCESS. The Forest Service has an extensive patrol in force giving out citations.

[36 CRF.52 (e)] Violations of these prohibitions are punishable as Class B misdemeanors by a fine of not more than \$5,000 for an individual or \$10,000 for an organization, or imprisonment for not more than 6 months, or both.

The Forest Service office reported that they gave out a number of citations over Memorial Day weekend, making for some rather unhappy campers.

Information on closures and restrictions is being relayed on TV and radio and is available through the Walatowa Visitors Center and the Jemez Ranger Station. Please inform your visitors and *please watch your children*. Many fires are caused by local resident negligence. Stay informed about, and abide with, forest service and state restrictions.

~~NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNERS RENTING HOMES IN SLP~~

It is the responsibility of property owners to inform their renter(s) of SLPPOA covenants, bylaws and updates on local area information. Landlords can be held responsible for tenant's negligence to comply with SLPPOA, Sandoval county and forest service/state forestry rules and regulations.

OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE SLPPOA BOARD MEETING

Please note there was no board meeting in April.

May Board meeting called to order 7:21PM

Board members in attendance: Ann Cooke, Wayne Vanderham, Suzanne Star, Kirk Thompson, Bill Sigler, Julie Allen, Renee Collier, Eric Larson. Guests: Marj Sigler, David Garcia, John and Sherry Bingert

Star read the minutes of the March board meeting. Larson moved to accept the minutes as read; Cooke seconded. The minutes were unanimously approved as read.

Treasurer Report/Bill Sigler Sigler submitted copies of the Jan. 1, 2000 to May 24, 2000 P&L which showed a bank balance of \$57,202.95, and a monthly check disbursement register and a member-

ship balance summary which indicated 15 members delinquent on their association fees.

Sigler reported that the new accounting software is working well and that backups are being made for the data.

Water Report/Kirk Thompson Thompson reported that a lot of problems occurred over the last couple of weeks. He stated that a leak was found and fixed, and because of this leak and the increased consumption of water due to everyone being home (plus refugees) during the LA fire, the System 2 tanks were emptied and have been hard-pressed to keep up with demand.

Ara Stevens and Thompson are reminding residents, that the dry season is exceptionally strenuous on our water systems and requesting that residents please conserve on their water usage.

Thompson reported that the new System 2 well has been plumbed into the system and is awaiting final permit approval.

Thompson and Collier suggested that we might get our fire insurance ratings down if the association adds extra water tanks and hydrants. Vanderham suggested that we revisit the budget for more funds to help accomplish this.

Thompson reported that he bought some new equipment including two replacement pumps, numerous valves, and two handheld CB radios to help with communications during repair work of water system problems.

Thompson is planning a number of repairs and replacements to the water system in the future; namely, working on the old System 1 wells in Unit 1 and Unit 2 to get them operational again (if possible).

Thompson asks SLPPOA residents to review the SLPPOA plat that he has been working on at http://www.mosen.net/slppoa_plat.htm for blatant inaccuracies. This drawing will serve as the base for the SLPPOA water system piping and instrumentation diagrams he is working on.

Roads Report/Judy Kilburg Vanderham read an email report from Kilburg which indicated no activity on roads this month. Rich Kilburg will get the sand barrels put up around the area.

Architectural Report/ Eric Larson John and Sherry Bingert presented to board members their proposed fence plan to enclose their property. The Board members reviewed and discussed the fence plans based on maps presented, including concerns relating to the setback and other requirements in the covenants. Vanderham suggested that Larson and Kilburg continue to work with the property owners to ensure that the fence meets with architectural guidelines.

Larson also reported another fence proposal under review.

Legal Report/Renee Collier Marj Sigler reported receiving a notice from the insurance company, claiming our association needs to address certain matters that may need to be corrected prior to renewing our policy. Vanderham reported that he met with the inspector and suggested that the inspector meet with the water committee regarding the issues of covered wells and road widening. The inspector refused to comply with Vanderham's request and filed an incomplete report. The letter was forwarded to Garcia for recommendation, and a response letter was returned to the insurance company May 22. Garcia reported that he personally contacted, by phone and letter, the insurance company and is waiting for a response. Garcia will follow up with the insurance so the coverage won't be interrupted.

Parks Report/Eric Larson No activity to report.

Forest Service Report/Ann Cooke Cooke reported that restrictions have been put on the forest. She suggested that ignoring the restrictions could result in a felony. No entry is allowed in areas marked as **CLOSED no exceptions**. Call 829-3535 or 911 to report a fire or any violations.

Neighborhood Watch Report/Ann Cooke Cooke reviewed how the association "phone tree" works when the association is experiencing a problem and those members that are participating. She suggested that residents who are not receiving telephone up-

dates should contact her or their neighborhood watch block captain with a phone number where they can receive notification.

Next meeting June 22, 2000

Long Range Report/Judy Kilburg No activity to report.

Unfinished Business Vanderham reported that he has received calls expressing concern regarding the Board's adjournments into executive session at some meetings. Garcia was asked to respond. He advised that the Board has followed a reasonable policy of adjourning into executive session to discuss certain kinds of sensitive or potentially embarrassing matters relating to individual members, including matters that may be legal in nature or involve litigation.

Star brought up a resident's concern regarding vandalism that has occurred at the parking lot near the mailboxes. The resident requested that others be informed that cars have and could be vandalized if left unattended. Eyewitnesses report that the vandalism was initiated by youths in our association. The matter was turned over to the police.

Larson also suggested that residents be aware of potential property vandalism, as suspicious activity around a board member's home was noted recently.

New Business Thompson asked whether the association covenants and bylaws have been posted on the web. Vanderham agreed to follow up on getting these posted on the web in addition to posting our newsletter.

The issue of making sure that residents who are renting their properties pass along pertinent information to their renters, was discussed. The Board decided not to add individual renters to the newsletter mailing list, as this increases cost and is difficult to keep current. Sigler moved that it is the property owner's responsibility to notify their renters about the association covenants and bylaws and pertinent information regarding association news. Thompson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

The Board went into executive session 9:43 PM

Ann moved to adjourn the meeting. Bill seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned 10:27 PM.

A Pre-Fire Planning Agenda

- ☒ Designate a meeting place outside of your area in case members of your family are not allowed back into the area. Plan at least two evacuation routes from your neighborhood to the designated meeting place.
- ☒ Meet with neighbors to discuss their plans.
- ☒ Discuss fire plans with elderly neighbors who will need assistance.
- ☒ Identify what you would like to take with you in the event of a fire.
- ☒ Have important papers, in a fireproof box to take with you.
- ☒ Store papers and momentos in a suitcase near the front entrance with a red ribbon tied around it. Coordinate with neighbors who will retrieve the suitcase if you are not home during an emergency.
- ☒ Store photograph negatives at an alternate location (many people who lose everything in fires most regret the loss of family photos.)
- ☒ Bury all plastic waterlines that could melt in the event of a fire.
- ☒ Install gas powered pumps on your hot tub to be used as alternate water source. Be sure to store gas in a metal can.
- ☒ Review your homeowner's insurance policy periodically.
- ☒ Prepare your emergency preparedness kit, and have emergency supplies ready.
- ☒ Post the address at the driveway and any forks in the road. The address should be easily read from the street, both day and night. The address and post should be made of non-combustible material. (These are available through your local fire department.)
- ☒ Video tape all valuables and keep an inventory list, with duplicates kept at an alternate location.

Another website with more fire preparedness info:
<http://www.redcross.org/disaster/safety/wildfire.html>