

## WRRA Summer 2025 Newsletter

#### White River Recreation Association

REPRESENTING FEDERAL LAND PERMITTEES IN THE UPPER WHITE RIVER VALLEY, MT BAKER-SNOQUALMIE NATIONAL FOREST SINCE 1929

## WRRA 2025 Summer Picnic and Cabin Tour

#### Silver Springs Campground, Group Picnic Site

#### Saturday, July 26, 2025 starting at 12:00 pm

We are looking forward to seeing WRRA cabin owners and families Saturday, July 26th, at the Annual Summer Picnic at Silver Springs campground. The picnic starts at 12:00 pm at the Group Picnic Site and includes food, drink and lots of fun. We are hoping for another successful pie contest, and once again there will be lots of games including sack races and a tract tug of war!

The WRRA Picnic is free for WRRA members and their nuclear family. Extended family and guests are welcome and encouraged; non-members, extended family and guests will be charged \$10 for each adult, children under 12 free. WRRA will provide grilled hamburgers, hot dogs, veggie burgers, and chicken with all the trimmings. Beer and wine (for those over 21) and nonalcoholic beverages will also be provided.

- Please Register and Pay fees in advance, to aid in the planning and check-in process, by going to the WRRA <u>website reservation and payment portal</u>.
- Many volunteers will be needed! Help is needed with setup, prep and cooking, cleanup, and more.
  To help, sign up to volunteer at:

https://www.signupgenius.com/ go/10C0C44ABAD23ABFF2-56999310-wrra or email president@wrra.net.

- Parking is very limited at the picnic site; please try to carpool, and if possible park in the Silver Springs cabin area and walk over to the site.
- Please bring a salad, side dish or dessert that will feed at least 8 people.
- Bring chairs and sun shades as needed for your family.
- Pie contest: We need lots of entries pull out your favorite recipe and bake a winner!



Updates and news items also posted to Facebook Group: WRRA Cabin Group

#### **Cabin Tour**

Cabin Hosts to be announced and map provided. Saturday July 26, 6pm-9pm

The WRRA Annual Cabin Tour will again follow the Summer Picnic. The Tour is a great opportunity to socialize and appreciate the wonderful variety that makes up our WRRA Tract. Volunteer hosts provide a look into each cabin's unique story and history.

The cost of the Cabin Tour is \$9 per person or \$18 per family/group, no matter how many members. This nominal fee benefits the WRRA cabin defense fund after expenses for the event itself. Please register and purchase tickets in advance at the WRRA website reservation and payment portal. The Cabin Tour will include a brochure with a map showing the cabin locations, and cabin descriptions, which will be provided at check-in at the Summer Picnic. The Tour begins at 6:00 and will last until 9:00 pm. Do join in!

Note: We still need a few cabin HOSTS It can be rewarding and fun to open up your cabin; the only requirement is that someone be there to show people around, share history, and answer questions. It's a great way to participate more fully in the community if you will be attending the picnic weekend! If you are at all interested or have questions, please contact Anne Schopf at <u>anne@aschopf.com</u>.

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## **President's Message**

I hope everyone enjoyed a wonderful spring; I had a few fantastic days of spring skiing in the sunshine at Crystal Mountain over Memorial Day Weekend. As the ski season has ended, I look forward



to spending summer days at the cabin hiking, relaxing, and working on projects.

We are getting excited to see all of you, our cabin friends and neighbors, at the annual **Summer Picnic and Cabin Tour events on July 26**<sup>th</sup>! Once again, the Picnic will be at the Silver Springs Campground, at the group picnic site, which offers good space for socializing, room for many tables to eat at, and a wonderful field for games. However, there is limited parking at the campground and picnic site; please carpool, and try to park offsite or park in the cabin tract and walk to the picnic site.

We are asking everyone to **Register and Pay in advance** of the Picnic and Cabin Tour events, to make planning and purchasing of food and beverages easier. Please go to the payment portal on the WRRA website to register and pay for both events: <u>https://white-river-recreation-association</u> <u>-100733.square.site/</u>

The picnic event is always very well attended and lots of fun, but we need lots of help to make it a success – with setup, cooking, and cleanup, of course. Please contact me or use the **SignUp Genius to volunteer**, at:

https://www.signupgenius.com/ go/10C0C44ABAD23ABFF2-56999310-wrra. After the picnic, we will have the **Cabin Tour**, where several owners open up their cabins for us to visit and see. This is always a great event; every cabin is so different and unique; each having an interesting history to share. If you would be willing to host an "open cabin" please contact Anne Schopf at <u>anne@aschopf.com</u>. **We** need **hosts!** 

Social events are a key part of what our organization is all about; they're a great opportunity to get together with fellow cabin owners and others in the community, share camaraderie and stories, and learn about what others are doing with their cabins. I strongly encourage you to attend.

As for other updates, with the start of summer and wildfire season, I want to take the opportunity to remind people to please employ Firewise principles around your cabin (please see related article), and just as importantly, to pay your **Fire Protection Contract** to the Greenwater Fire Department, to help ensure they can continue to provide support to us for fire and other emergencies. You do not pay any fees for Fire or EMS in your Pierce County taxes, so this fee is the only payment you make for these support services.

Lastly, as you are all aware of by now, we are thrilled to have a new district ranger and a new special uses permit administrator in the Forest Service. Your WRRA Board have met with Brian McNeil and Tyler Willingham several times, and Tyler is working through the backlog of projects and other requests. Pending possible additional changes at the Forest Service, we are excited to work with them going forward. With summer being a time when many members do work on their cabins, please remember to follow the process to get approval from the Forest Service for any projects you plan to undertake. Doing work without permission can be cause for termination of your permit. Please see additional details about the cabin project review process on the WRRA website, and in the previous newsletter.

With that, to wrap up, I would just like to remind you all that your WRRA board continues to actively work to advocate for all association members, and for the recreational residence program as a whole; please let us know if you have any questions, or would like to volunteer to help us by joining the board or any of our committees or project teams. Thank you, and I hope to see you up at the cabins or in the mountains soon!

~Kevin Orth, President

## **Snowplow Report**

Thank you for your participation this last year in the snowplow and road maintenance program! It was an easy winter with little or no plowing around the cabins.

Here are Snowplow 410 Fund program income & expenses to date for the 4 divisions we service:

\$43,654 End of 2023-2024 season funds

\$34,200 Collected/snowplowing, 12 cabins didn't participate

\$13,900 Collected/road maintenance, 9 cabins didn't participate

\$1081 CD interest income

#### \$92,835 Total 2024-2025 winter starting funds

-\$19,764 Disbursed to C&J Excavation Services for 4 months machine lease & work

-\$650 To IRS for non-profit application fees

-\$20 WA Secretary of State report fee

- -\$50 WA State DOL business license fee
- -\$990 To CPA
- -\$809 to CPA

-\$13,800 dedicated to Road maintenance

#### \$56,352 End of 2024-2025 season funds on hand

Funds carry over so next year we plan to invoice half of last year's amount for the plowing.

Please let me know if you have any comments, questions or suggestions for the program. Now is the time (snowplow410@live.com)!

~Robbin Bradburn, Snowplow 410 Coordinator

## Software Update

We're in the final stages of our conversion to Club Express (the Software Product chosen to be our integrated software solution). We've begun board training, and it is our hope you'll soon receive a letter explaining how to access the Club Express Site. Club Express gives WRRA the benefit of offering two "views" of the site, those for members and those for non-members. Nonmembers will no longer receive full access to the



website. If you know of cabin owners who aren't members, they may wish to join so they can remain updated on WRRA and cabin community activity and information, since those parts of the website will no longer be accessible to them.

~Chris Masterson, Secretary

# 2026 Open Board Positions

Thinking about running for an office on the WRRA Board of Directors?

Every year at our Fall Business Meeting, we conduct an election for the upcoming available positions. The openings for the next term of office, January 2026 through December 2027 include Treasurer, Secretary, Goat Creek Rep 2, Silver Springs Rep 2, Silver Creek Rep and Dalles Rep. If you've not already stepped up, and are interested in learning more, please contact Rena Irwin at <u>renairwin1@comcast.net</u> or call/text 360-870-5453.

~Rena Irwin, Nominating Committee Chair

## **Spring Dinner Recap**

The WRRA Spring Member Dinner was held on April 26 at the Greenwater Community Center. About 50 cabin owners, families and friends attended the event, which was a great turnout.

The Community Center was fabulously decorated (thank you Diane G and crew!) and the event was a fun and festive





launch into Spring. The food was catered by Hanny's Catering out of Greenwater and was an excellent Spring Barbeque.

Above: Tri Tip Chef Extraordinaire!

The Spring Dinner is largely a social affair, but after a fun social hour and an excellent dinner, several board and other members provided updates on various matters.



Above: The Woods—Our Bartenders

VP Martha Hunter provided a **Membership update**; WRRA met its membership goal for 2025, thank you all! We then welcomed all new WRRA Members and first time social event attendees.

President Kevin Orth thanked the new WRRA Board Members and introduced them. To get ready for this Fall, the Nominations Committee wanted to note the upcoming **Open Positions on the board** – please consider running for positions up for election (see related article).

The recent passing of longtime member **Ross Gregg** was recognized. There was a small event held at Crystal Mountain, and it was announced there would be a newsletter article coming (said article is on the next page).

Kevin briefly recapped the recent meeting with the new **Forest Service** team – special uses admin Tyler Willingham, and District Ranger Brian McNeil. They both seem very engaged and seem like they will be great to work with. Unfortunately neither of them were able to attend, due to family conflicts. **Projects** submitted to Kevin for approval have been sent in bulk to the FS, and Tyler is working her way through them. Please let Kevin know if you have not heard back on a request submitted. The next meeting with the FS team will take place early this summer at the cabins to look at things in person. Martha provided **Crime** updates on the trial plan and other proceedings. The Crime Prevention committee is looking at installing **cameras** at road entrances. Kevin noted that **locked Gates** at all entrances (except Corral Pass Road) were offered as a possible solution by the FS. This solution was discussed, with pros and cons raised. Much more discussion is needed about this with all membership. Reminder that WRRA **Vehicle Stickers** are available for free (or Cabin Defense Fund donation); Linda Mower had stickers on hand to distribute.

The **NFH** Conference was heldin Pasadena this year. Kevin attended and brought back learnings to WRRA (see related article). It was noted by Tom Wood that Kevin was recently elected VP of NFH. Members are reminded to join NFH if you haven't already done so – there are key national issues that need our support including Retained Fees starting this year, Permit Renewal coming in 2028, and CPRA legislation currently in development.

**Plowing & Roads** updates were provided by Robbin. Minimal plowing was done this winter, so lots of funds will roll over to next year and the annual payment will be lower. Roads repair work for this summer is being started, contact Barbara Meade if you have any road maintenance requests.

**Fire Protection Contracts** are due again for all cabins (see related article). There was brief discussion about the importance of paying this fee to ensure continued strong support from GWFD.

Lastly, the **Summer Picnic and Cabin Tour** weekend was noted as coming soon – please Save the Date (July 26). After some **Q&A**, the evening concluded with **door prizes**.

Thank you to all who attended. We hope to see even more of you at the next dinner!



~Kevin Orth, President

#### In Memoriam - Ross Gregg

It's hard to imagine living in a part of the country as beautiful as ours and not having a friend like Ross Gregg to share it with. The place where our cabins are situated, the Upper White River Valley, is unique in the State of Washington. It is where Ross felt most at



home. He knew the area better than anyone else, and in a way became as integral a part of the landscape as the mountains, streams and trees we all love. Visitors were always welcome at his cabin and their company and conversation greatly appreciated.

Ross was born in Seattle in 1939 and passed away in Auburn in March 2025. His family consisted of his parents, Vean and Lucille, and sisters, Priscilla and Renee, all of whom loved the

outdoors. They acquired the family cabin on Goat Creek, Lot 20, in the 1950s. Ross attended Highline High School in Burien and always



led an active life. His sister Renee, nephew Cooper, and nieces Britt and Leena, survive him.

Ross's work life was remarkably varied and interesting, including employment as a tower crane operator in the Seattle area and an operating engineer on the Alaska pipeline. His private life was filled with hiking, biking and skiing, not to mention black powder muzzle loading and longrange sharp shooting. Float plane trips to Canada and horse pack trips in the Yellowstone back country reflected his abiding love of the wilderness.

Skiing was one of Ross's chief joys in life. He was

familiar with most of the slopes of Western Washington, but skied at Jackson Hole, Wyoming as well. Ross was a



member of the Ski Patrols at Crystal Mountain and Jackson Hole and was often at the forefront of new and treacherous runs. He loved demonstrating "Stein Ericksen's delayed rotation" downhill method using long skis, and often called himself a "vintage skier."

Ross had a curious mind, was a voracious reader, loved traditional country music, and was always on top of things. He often shared a "heads up" on what was happening. Ross loved the ancient forest and worked to protect it whenever he could. He was involved in early efforts to halt timber sales in the Silver Creek/Goat Creek watersheds and helped save old-growth trees along the Mather Memorial Parkway during its reconstruction.

Ross lived a rich, satisfying life filled with loyal friendships and memorable adventures. The following dedication, placed inside the cover of a book given to Ross last January, expresses what his life meant to one of his friends. It was a way of saying goodbye.

#### For Ross Gregg,

In celebration of our friendship, 25 years in the making, initiated and sustained by our mutual love of the mountains, rivers and forests of this beautiful region we call home.

#### From your good friend and Goat Creek neighbor, Albert Pollmar

On April 17, 2025, Ross's friends gathered on Crystal Mountain to release his ashes to the wind, share their final goodbyes and just to "celebrate Ross." We will miss seeing you around, old friend.

Rena Irwin and Albert Pollmar (with input from family and friends)



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## NFH Conference – Recap

The NFH Annual Conference was held at the Westin Pasadena, in Pasadena, California, on May 2-3. It was a fantastic conference and was well attended by over 150 people.



As you are surely aware, this winter there were significant and tragic wildfires in the LA and Southern California area. Unfortunately, those wildfires once again impacted cabin owners, with several tracts north of Pasadena having suffered cabin losses; additionally, some cabin owners lost their primary residences in the LA area as well. The site of the Conference was even impacted by the fires; the hotel was actually just outside the fire closure zone, and nearby Altadena was significantly impacted with many homes and businesses lost.

After discussion with cabin leaders in the LA area, NFH leadership determined that it would be a great show of support for the local/regional cabin owners to hold the Conference in Pasadena. By all accounts it was well received, and local cabin owners were directly supported by this Conference through information shared, and more.

The conference theme was "Changing Landscapes – Navigating What's Ahead for Forests and the Cabin Program". This theme addressed some important changes coming in the cabin program and management of the program by the Forest Service, as well as changes to the forests that our cabins are in, and how we interact with the forest. Presentations, breakouts, and discussions included many related topics, including Changes to the Permit Process coming for all cabin owners, Updates on the Cabin Program Restoration Act including proposals to make use of fire-resistant building materials and getting approval to rebuild after fire easier for cabin owners, Updates on the new Retained Fees approach and how it is benefitting cabin owners, and Changes in the Forests - how forest and land management is changing and how cabin owners can be better prepared for natural disasters.

The meeting events included tours of local cabin tracts for board members (including seeing some of the devastated cabin tracts from the recent fires), a Tract Leaders Meeting which was hybrid (both in-person and online), as well as multiple speakers and presentations, breakouts and roundtable discussions, and even a volunteer activity helping a cabin tract affected by fire and flooding to rebuild some banks along the creek.

There were excellent opportunities to hear updates from and to interact with National and Regional Forest Service staff, plus many other leaders and cabin owners from other cabin organizations and tracts from all over the US. The presentations supported the theme of Change in the program, including a fascinating keynote address from a wildfire expert, plus updates from Washington DC on current legislation impacts to

the program, and an informational session on how to get involved in advocating for the cabin program, plus much more.



The conference was heavily attended by Southern California cabin owners of course, but there were cabin owners from across the country in attendance too. WRRA President Kevin Orth is also the vice president for NFH and gave a presentation on fire preparedness and cabin

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hardening at two breakout sessions. WRRA was also a sponsoring organization for the conference, to show our support for the great work this organization does on behalf of all cabin owners.

Copies of speaker presentations, Q&A, and other reference material from the Conference are posted on the NFH website. Access to all of this valuable information is one of the benefits of NFH membership.

~Kevin Orth, President

### National Trails Day Recap

It was predicted to be a hot day, but nevertheless, there were 27 volunteers (7 from WRRA) and two FS personnel who showed up for NTD. In addition to WRRA, volunteers from Snoqualmie Fire Lookouts Association and Rainshadow Running were also in attendance.

After sign in, donuts, and the Tailgate Safety brief, they split into two teams to take on trail projects.

One team went to finish work started on the John Muir trail. They did a huge amount to clean up the trail and ready it for reopening, sweeping and blowing debris off, cleaning the margins of the trail, and repairing holes. The trail is at a level where it is believed wheelchairs can navigate it successfully, so the team pulled down the "Trail Closed" barrier and sign. There are a few spots where asphalt is still needed, including a few 5-10' stretches that are still gravel, but with some tamping, more cold patch, and a layer of asphalt sealer, the trail will be in fine shape. Another team went to work on the Deep Creek trail. While FS and volunteers have been doing some great logging work on this trail, it hasn't had any serious tread repairs in a number of years, so they wanted to make progress on this. 17 folks parked at the Deep Creek cabins and moved to the trail. They concentrated on repairing switchbacks, adding rock cribbing to support the tread, repairing sloughing tread, widening the tread where plants had encroached, and moving trees and branches back from the patch.

They started at the junction with White River trail where they reinforced the junction with a rock wall to discourage bikers who were making a "Race track banked turn" there. They did the same at the switchbacks moving up the trail, and also blocked a number of developing shortcuts, as well as restoring tread, and adding drain dips every 30' or so. It was very hot in the sun (not many live trees for shade) but they repaired about .75 miles of trail before the wind started to come up and rattle the dead trees.

It was decided that between the heat and the tree danger enough had been done so folks returned to their cars and back to their starting point.

More Volunteers are always welcome at the National Trails Day, and as it says above, the work being done directly impacts the trails we love and frequent. There are projects to be done by folks with varying skill levels. Consider participating during the next event!





L to R: Martha Hunter, Peg Crawford, Margo Thomas, Bob Zimmerman, Fred, Saul, and Rebecca Kaplan

~John Hearing, Board Member, Snoqualmie Lookouts, and Martha Hunter, Vice President, WRRA

## **Crystal Mountain Update**

The snow may be melting but there's still plenty to do at Crystal! Summer activities started Memorial Day and will be available Friday-Sunday until daily operations begin on June 27th. Cruise through the climbing wall, tackle the Flying Raven Adventure Course, or experience the Mt. Rainier Scenic Gondola! Hike a trail, or play the disc golf course (when snow has sufficiently melted).

Don't forget to keep an eye out for events like the Summer Solstice on June 21st, Sip and Savor Hikes, and Summit Fest on August 9th. And check out the new Base Area Lodge if you haven't seen it yet.



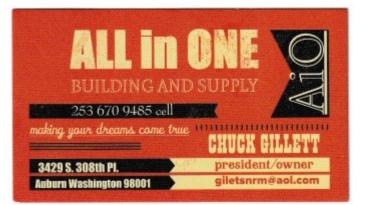
A new B-Lot shack will be open Wednesday-Sunday 4pm-10pm. Stop by for snacks, refreshments, ice, water and more located in (as the name would suggest) the B-lot!

~Kevin Orth, President

## **Burglary Trial Update**

The trial for burglary suspect Robert Addison has been moved from May 20<sup>th</sup> to July 21<sup>st</sup> at 8:30am at the Pierce County Superior Court. In addition to residential burglary and trafficking stolen property, charges of malicious mischief, theft, unlawful possession of a firearm, and possession of a stolen firearm have been added. According to Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Dickinson, the trial has been moved due to ongoing discovery and investigation that needs to be finished. Additionally, they are continuing to negotiate with the defense to determine an appropriate resolution, if one can be reached outside of trial.

Nicole Daniel has pled guilty to residential burglary and trafficking stolen property in the first de-



gree. Her sentencing date has been moved to August 8th. I will continue to track/update you on these dates

~Martha Hunter, Vice President

## Introducing the White River Forest Protection Association

As you may know, recently many mission-critical Forest Service employees have been terminated, significantly impacting our community. This will affect everything from user access to forest fires and trash pickup. Your help is needed.

The White River Forest Protection Association (WRFPA), is an all-volunteer organization with no paid staff or ongoing budget. It is Greenwater -based, and in 2018, it was turned into a Wash-ington State Non-profit Charitable Corporation and holds 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status. Since then, WRFPA volunteers have dedicated over 7,600 hours to protecting local forests. This volunteer effort has also secured \$74,120 in matching funds for the USFS to use to support their seasonal forest workers in the area in past years.

Cabin owners directly benefit from the work done by WRFPA volunteers, and their work could be expanded up to the cabin tract regions if just 5 or 6 Cabin owners become WRFPA volunteers!

WRFPA sets up in-person field training orientation sessions, during which new volunteers are taken out for three hours and shown what to do and how to do it. Included in the training are the areas monitored, in cooperation with the USFS.

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WRFPA's primary work is keeping up the USFS signs in the forests and maintaining/replacing noshooting signs in 56 locations. They ask people engaging in illegal shootings to stop doing so. They also clean up trash, fix trails and roads, help build barriers (to discourage homeless camping), and work with other forest groups to remedy damaged areas and create better camping locations. They also identify and report small fires, so they don't grow to become catastrophic fires.



The impact of their efforts can be seen in these two photos. To the left is a picture of FS RD 7013 before they stopped the shooting and below is a picture taken after they

stopped the shooting, cleaned up the area, and it had the chance to return to its natural state.



The WRFPA is neither pro-gun nor anti-gun. Gun owners and hunters are welcome members of our group. They are about safe, legal, and responsible firearms use. That said,

well over 70% of all wildfires in Washington State are caused by unsafe target shooting. Their group has identified and reported many fires to the Greenwater Fire Department and the USFS. Things are expected to be much worse this summer and fall.

If you have been here for a while, you remember



the almost constant gunfire from illegal and unsafe shooting that could be heard in the Ranch. That has all but stopped due to their efforts. Homes, vehicles, and people were shot in our community, but not anymore. Many fires from illegal target shooting were stopped before getting worse.



Left: Explosive Target Practice remains found by WRFPA members.

On March 22, 2025, they held a local meeting at the Greenwater Com-

munity Center and signed up twelve new volunteers! They hope to get more soon. They also need donations for signs and other materials for which the USFS no longer has funds.

To learn more about WRFPA go to their website: whiteriverforest.org. If you're interested in volunteering, contact: Chris Hurst, WRFPA Director, at <u>chrishurst2000@gmail.com</u>, or call 360-720-4899.

~Information from WRFPA publication; approved by Chris Hurst for inclusion in our newsletter

## Spring Road Cleanup

The spring road cleanup was a huge success with 13 people participating. (The photo below shows that 4 folks were camera shy).



19 bags of trash, car parts, a rug, and 18 gallons of used oil were collected (yuk). The lookout at Huckleberry Road to just short of the Corral Pass road were covered, and the trash collectors worked until 11:45am. Afterward they were rewarded with a delicious lunch of homemade soup and leftovers from the Spring Dinner! After lunch David Glaab and Barbara Mead picked up all the bags and other junk and deposited them at the DOT site across from the community center. Thanks to all the participants!

## Wildfire Preparedness and Fire Contracts

As we move deeper into summer and warm, dry conditions, be aware the threat of wildfire increases, even on our relatively wet side of the Cascades. The Norse Peak Fire that came down to our cabins was not that long ago. Over the last several years, more than 500 cabins have been lost to wildfire in western states. Wildfires will continue to be something cabin owners need to prepare for; as such, its important we all do a few key things to prepare for the possibility of fire in our area again.

First and foremost, I encourage all cabin owners to pay your Fire Protection Contract fee to Pierce County Fire; this will help keep the Greenwater Fire Department strong and able to protect and support our cabin community in the event of wildfires, structure fires, or medical events at the cabins.

Everyone should have received a payment notice from PCFD 26 in April; if you did not receive one, the contract is on the opposite page. If you are not sure if you have paid, please contact Teresa Steel at 360-663-2626. There is additional information about the fire protection contract fee structure and more on the <u>WRRA website</u>.

Secondly, everyone should implement Firewise principles at your cabin; harden your cabin and lot against fire in case it comes, by maintaining the lot and structure. This includes removing all branches and needles from cabin roofs and from around the exterior of the cabin, to thirty feet from the structure. Trim branches up to six feet above ground, and cut back branches that restrict access to your cabin by firefighting equipment. Maintain the fire lines established around all our structures by the firefighters that supported us during the Norse Peak Fire, by removing all debris. Ensure your chimney is functioning properly, and has a screen on it. Make sure wood piles and fuel tanks are located well away from your cabin.

Lastly, everyone needs to pay attention to burn bans and other restrictions on use of outdoor equipment throughout the summer. Burn restrictions are usually posted in multiple places on the highway (departing Enumclaw, and entering

#### WRRA 2025 Calendar\*

Summer Board Meeting July 25, evening, Board Member Cabin

Summer Picnic July 26, Silver Springs Campground

> **Cabin Tour** July 26, evening, All Tracts

Summer Highway Cleanup: Silver Springs July 27, morning, Highway 410

Nat'l Public Lands Day Volunteer Event Sept 27, morning, Cabin area

> **Fall Board Meeting** Oct 20, Zoom Videoconference

Fall Dinner Meeting Oct 25, Greenwater Community Ctr

Fall Highway Cleanup: Deep Creek Oct 26, Highway 410

2026 Planning Meeting November or December, TBD, Zoom

\* All event dates, locations, and activities are subject to change.

Forest Service land), and are online as well (<u>https://www.fs.usda.gov/main/mbs/fire</u>). Be smart about outdoor burning at all times, regardless of burn bans. Use gas powered tools only when the restrictions allow it.

Doing these simple things will go a long ways to help minimize wildfire potential and impact in our cabin tracts.

~Kevin Orth, President

#### **Summer Directory**

The 2025-2027 directory will be published this summer. If your demographic info has changed or if you're not sure whether your information has been updated, please email the change/ update to our secretary, Chris Masterson at: themastersonz@yahoo.com. Thank you!

~Chris Masterson, Secretary

#### Pierce County Fire District #26 59705 State Route 410 East Greenwater, WA 98022

#### FIRE PROTECTION CONTRACT APRIL 2025

This contract between Pierce County Fire District Number 26 (PCFD #26), Party of the first part, and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, Party of the part second, shall be in effect from the above date for a period of one (1) year, and may be continued annually by payment of a fee to the PCFD #26, all as authorized by RCW 52.12.031 (c).

NOTE: <u>PAYMENT DUE WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS</u> of the date of this agreement and may be terminated by either party only by written notice to the other 60 days prior to date of termination. Make checks payable to PIERCE COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT # 26.

PCFD #26 AGREES TO FURNISH FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES TO THE RESIDENTS AND PROPERTY OF THE ABOVE PARTY OF THE SECOND PART TO THE FOLLOWING LOCATION: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_AT A RATE OF \$1.00 PER \$1000 ASSESSED VALUATION, FOR THE SUM OF \$\_\_\_\_\_\_. PLEASE USE YOUR PIERCE COUNTY PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX STATEMENT TO GET THIS VALUE. SERVICES WILL BE FURNISHED, AS AVAILABLE, IN THE SAME MANNER AND STANDARD AS FURNISHED TO THE RESIDENTS OF THE FIRE DISTRICT. PERMITTEE MUST PROVIDE CLEARED ACCESS FOR FIRE FIGHTING AND EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT.

SIGNED this \_\_\_\_\_ Day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025

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Party of the First Part Chief, P.C.F.D. #26

APPROVED THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2025, BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, PIERCE COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT #26.

Commissioner/Chairman

Commissioner

Commissioner

SIGNED COPIES AVAILABLE UPON RECEIPT OF STAMPED, SELF-ADDRESSED ENVELOPE

#### **2025 WRRA Executive Board**

#### WRRA

The purpose of White River Recreational Association (WRRA) is to promote and protect recreational interests along the Mather Memorial Parkway and throughout the Upper White River Valley; to do any and all things lawful, just and necessary to better the interests of the members of the Association; to secure equitable legislation; and to cooperate with the Forest Service in the protection and administration of all recreational features.



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