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2018 Annual WRRRA Fall Dinner Meeting

Saturday October 27, 2018

Greenwater Community Center/Fire Station

Please join us for the annual Fall Dinner Meeting to elect new board members, get updates on key issues, socialize with your fellow cabin owners.

4:30-5:00	Arrivals & Check-In
5:00-5:30	Business Meeting/Board Elections
5:30-6:30	Social Hour & Silent Auction
6:30-7:30	Dinner
7:00-7:45	Updates & Presentation
7:45-8:00	Door Prize Drawing & Adjourn

Fall Dinner Policy & Cost:

Cost is \$35 per person, tax and tip included. Maximum number of WRRRA members and guests that can be served is 100. To guarantee a place at the table reservation must be received by Oct. 22, 2018. Those who miss the deadline but wish to attend will be subject to a \$10 surcharge if space is available. No refunds or cancellations after Oct. 22, 2017.

Reservations Options:

- Online at Brown Paper Tickets: <https://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/3621808>
- Mail In reservation form (see page 7)

Silent Auction

We have some amazing items ready for our SILENT AUCTION at the Fall Dinner. Last year was a swinging success, we raised over \$1,245 for the Cabin Defense Fund. This year, we invite everyone to make this a fun part of our evening.

What to donate? Be creative. It can be something new, or a white elephant in good shape. Some standout donations last year were the Crystal Mountain branded steel fire pit, antique downhill skis and large designer baskets. Let's get see if we can top the great success from last year.

Baked items: Please make that favorite pie, family favorite muffins or a delicious plate of cookies. Our top baked good last year was a pie which sold for \$80, wow! We'll devote an entire table to just baked goods so happy baking. The funds raised are dedicated to our WRRRA Cabin Defense Fund. We want to continue to build our reserves for this important cause. Thank you!

President's Message

Last year at this time, we were still waiting for the danger from the Norse Peak Fire to pass; it was a very emotional and difficult time for our organization! Although our cabins were saved by the fire crews, a year later we are still feeling many of the effects of the fire. Most notably, the culvert and road over Goat Creek were removed, and many of the other Forest Service roads and trails remain closed or difficult to access or travel on. Plus of course, countless acres of trees have been burned. It will take years for many of these things to return to normal.

The WRRRA has been working with the Forest Service to see when and how we can help contribute to reforestation or other efforts in the area, including trail and road improvements. We hope to get some of this work accomplished this fall, and of course next year. There are active plans for tree planting, trail work, and road work in our area. Stay tuned for more details.

Luckily, this summer was much quieter in our area; hopefully you were able to enjoy your cabin and some of the recreation options this summer. We experienced a record turnout at our annual Summer Picnic this year, which was held in a different location, at the Silver Springs Campground. Thank you to all the volunteers that helped



to plan and execute this event - we received a lot of great comments about the location, the games, and the event overall. I hope that you were able to join us, but if not, we expect to hold the event there again next summer so plan to attend next July!

As we move into Fall, we have unfortunately experienced an increase in reported cabin break-ins. I myself went to see several of the affected cabins and chat with the owners. Although all crime cant be prevented, the board and some interested members have discussed this issue and are working to come up with some a plan to try to help address this in the near future.

Fall also brings our next WRRRA social event, the Fall Dinner! The business meeting preceding the dinner will include election of new board members for next year, and we are excited to get more involvement from other association members. There will also be a silent auction to benefit the Cabin Defense Fund. The Fall Dinner will be held in Greenwater - hopefully many of you can attend that event to participate, vote, get updates, and socialize with your fellow cabin owners. ~ Kevin Orth

Cabin Tour Recap: Summer 2018

The 18th Annual Cabin Tour was held following the picnic on beautiful Saturday evening. A near record turnout attended stops on the tour with over 80 members buying tickets for friends and family. This is such a unique way to socialize, nose around other people's cabins, swap stories and build community. A special thank you again to our generous hosts! Rebecca and Dave Rumpza (Dalles 8), Eric Carlsen and Brittany Gaydeski (Deep Creek 7), Jeff and Kathi Taylor (Silver Creek 8), Dave and Karen Buhler (Silver Creek 9), Karla Maia (Silver Springs 115), and Jim and Sue Llewellyn (Silver Springs 152).

Highway 410 Volunteer Clean Up

Silver Springs hosted another successful and efficient highway pick-up. We had a great turnout of volunteers from several tracts and the weather cooperated. Our section of the road and

shoulder was cleaned in 90 minutes and a luncheon following was served to many of the crew at the Chipmunk Lodge Cabin, SS148. A hearty thanks to everyone who chipped in and posed for our requisite "selfie".



USFS Updates

Our USFS Special Use Administrator Brian Lee provided some informational updates, listed below. Cabin owners who wish to submit proposal for projects to the Forest Service should note the open period ends in mid November.

- **Project proposals should be submitted by mid-November, for possible inclusion into the Program of Work.** No guarantee that projects will get included in FY19 NEPA Program of work however. As the 4 project currently on the list, getting an outside consultant to do heritage survey takes some time. Project proponents should do their best to have drawings and maps ready to go when submitting requests.
- **Goat Falls Trail bridge removed** (the one that burned over). The trail is not closed, but there's no longer any official way to go over the section where the bridge was. No firm updates on plans for trail yet.
- Norse Peak Fire rehab will continue, **hazard trees** will continue to remain a concern on trails.
- **Corral Pass remains closed to vehicle traffic.** Plans are being looked at within Snoquera.
- **Snoquera Landscape Analysis Project** is progressing and hope to have a Draft EA by the end of the year. Check the website for more updates and more information. <https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=51969> .

Here is the link for the Schedule of Proposed Actions (SOPA): <https://www.fs.fed.us/sopa/forest-level.php?110605>.

2018 Board Elections

WRRRA Board Elections will take place at our Fall Dinner Meeting on October 27. The following board positions are up for election and candidates have provided information for your review. Nominations will also be accepted from the floor during the business meeting.

Kevin Orth - President

I am a Northwest native who grew up skiing at Alpentel, but switched to Crystal Mountain in my teen years to get more challenging terrain. I became familiar with the Silver Springs cabin tract over 25 years ago, as our family spent many wonderful weekends with our friends the Wellingtons at SS-148. We bought a cabin of our own, Silver Creek cabin #26, across from the sledding hill, 16 years ago. My wife Kendra and I have two girls, Amelia (age 16) and Lauren (age 14) who love being up at the cabin, skiing in the winter, and reluctantly go hiking with us in the summer.



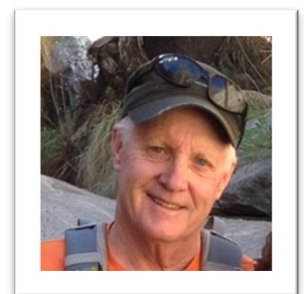
I have been on the WRRRA board since 2009 in a variety of roles, including Silver Creek rep and social chair, and have developed and continue to manage the WRRRA Facebook page. I was elected President two years ago, and have to believe that it was one of the more difficult terms as president, with the Norse Peak Fire and actions that took place during and after, including the removal of the Goat Creek culvert and road connection. I spent countless hours in the cabin area during this difficult time, and worked very hard to try to keep members well informed of all decisions and actions. I believe I was very successful in helping the WRRRA to navigate through this difficult period, and I want to continue to serve so that I can help the organization complete some of the goals we have discussed, including forest restoration projects, and replacement of the culvert and road over Goat Creek.

Under my tenure, the WRRRA has experienced some of our strongest years in terms of membership and participation. And, the board has worked hard to tackle difficult issues and develop solution -- such as membership fees, better budgeting, and more active involvement by members - and we would like to continue to drive to resolution on these and other efforts over the next few years.

I hope to continue my involvement with the board and serve the members of WRRRA as President for another two year term. If elected, I look forward to the continued challenge of leading the WRRRA and the board, while juggling work and family commitments as well. Thank you for your consideration and support.

Tim Curran - Vice President

It's hard to believe my first term (2 yrs.) as Vice President is coming to a close. I have really enjoyed working on the board and learning how important the board and the WRRRA is to our White River area. We have a great group of board members that work well together. Most importantly, we have a nice combination of more seasoned (experienced)



board members and some new folks that bring new enthusiasm and ideas that are so vital to the organization as we move into the future. It is really important that we continue to evaluate our mission and contributions to the WRRRA neighborhoods and look at new ideas that keep us relevant, connected and healthy going forward.

During my tenure on the board, I am serving as the membership committee lead. During this time we have instituted a new membership re-

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cruitment and follow up program. We reach out, welcome and recruit our new neighbors to the White River area. In addition, we now send out a welcome packet to all new WRRRA members. Our WRRRA membership has grown and seems to be fairly stable at around 230 paid memberships.

I would like to ask your approval to continue on in my roll as Vice President for another two-year term. My commitment to all of you is to bring all my energy, time, skills and tremendous love of the outdoors to help continue and grow the great traditions of the WRRRA.

Thanks again for the privilege and experience of serving on the WRRRA board. ~ Tim Curran (Green Timbers @ Deep Creek #3 since 1958)

Tom Wood - Goat Creek Rep #1

I have served as the Goat Creek Rep for the past two years and wish to continue. It has been an interesting two years. I am chair of the finance committee, and still going thru a learning curve. My family and I have enjoyed "The Penny Cabin" for many years and hope to see our grandchildren have that same ability. My goal in serving on the WRRRA Board of Directors continues to be in preserving a strong organization so that all our family cabins will be enjoyed by current and future generations.



Josh and Brittany Gaydeski - Deep Creek Representatives

Hello WRRRA members, Brittany and I are looking forward for the opportunity to serve as your next Deep Creek representatives.

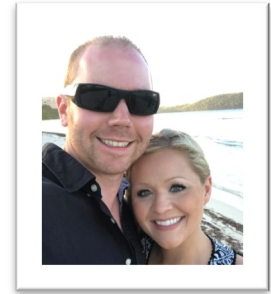
Brittany grew up with the Deep Creek 7 cabin in her family, which was purchased in 1947 by her grandparents Cliff and Dolly Carlsen. She has been very fortunate with many great memories from the WRRRA community and Deep Creek neighbors. We married in 2012 and both very much enjoy spending time though out the year up at the cabin.

For the past 4 years we both served, separately, on the board for our ski club at White Pass. Britta-ny is still currently serving at a board member and

as of early 2018 I stepped down from my role of handling lodge maintenance, repair and improvements.

During the wildfire last year, we made it a point to show up to all of update meetings at the fire station and we got

a really good look at what a tight community the WRRRA is. Seeing this made us both very interested in finding a way to step in and help out where available, and we feel that being the representatives for Deep Creek would be a great opportunity.



Bill Vlases - Silver Springs Rep

I've enjoyed the last two years serving the WRRRA members as a Silver Springs tract rep and the social chairman. It's been fun seeing big turnouts for the dinners and the picnics and I hope to help facilitate similar fun events for another term.



I've been a WRRRA member since my wife Maureen and I bought our Silver Springs cabin in 2001 with her parents, who were looking for a quieter, more private place to spend time than their group cabin (Forelaufer) at the ski area. We and our two children Chloe (14) and Luke (12) continue to spend a lot of time during the winter at the cabin and at Crystal, when not at away races with CMAC!

During the week I'm a manager at Boeing, as well as the Director of the ski team at the University of Washington, where I raced in college. Since college, I've spent a lot of time teaching skiing at

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Stevens, coaching at Snoqualmie, and free-skiing at Crystal.

We spend time at the cabin during the summer when we can, amidst all of the kid sports and other in-town activities. I continue to get in quite a bit of trail running, biking and “wood management” around Crystal in the summer months.

Over the past two decades, a number of friends have turned into cabin neighbors, and a number of cabin neighbors have turned into friends. I’ll be pleased to continue to represent Silver Springs in matters that impact us all. Please let me know if you have any concerns or feedback for WRRRA.

Cabin Break Ins

Cabin Community – We have been alerted about several cabin break-ins that occurred late July/early August. We want to remind everyone to be vigilant when in the cabin area, report suspicious activity and definitely report any burglaries, theft, vandalism or other illegal activity. **It is important to report these events properly not only for insurance reasons, but also so that law enforcement has a record of frequency of issues, which could result in increased patrols in our area.**

As a reminder, if you witness something in the act of happening, do not confront the suspects. Call 911 to report the incident. If you find theft or vandalism at your cabin, please take the following actions to make sure it is documented properly:

1. **Contact Law Enforcement.** Call Pierce County Sheriff at (253) 798-7530, or file a report online at <https://www.co.pierce.wa.us/1944/File-a-Report-Online>
2. **Alert our Forest Service permit administrator,** Brian Lee, at bflee@fs.fed.us. Brian can share the information with the USFS Law Enforcement Officer.
3. Please **let your WRRRA Board know** what happened and what you have done to follow up, so we can also keep a record: board@wrra.net.

Snowplow Update - 2018/19

Overview: Fall is officially here, and it is time to start thinking about the coming winter season. We are going to have changes with plowing this year. Deep Creek have the same crew. Randy has



decided to retire, and **we cannot thank him enough for his many years, and late nights, of work.** We have a new operator lined up for this year and are working on coordinating appropriate equipment.

Marking: As always, we are asking people to get driveways marked early. Our new operator will be driving the area before the snow flies to make sure he knows how things look prior to having feet of snow. We need to make sure we are marking not only the driveway but also anything else to watch for (well heads, large rocks, stumps, etc.). Ideally, have marking at least 4 feet out of the ground. We have found that purchasing PVC pipe and painting it or wrapping it with something reflective works best. Remember lots of plowing is done during the dark, so anything we can do to help visibility

Cost: This year the amount we are collecting for plowing will be \$200 if paid by November 15th and \$250 if paid after November 15th and before December 15th. Cabins not paid by December 15th will not be plowed for the year. The reason for this is that we need to get the “Do Not Plow” signs up as early as possible and this helps facilitate this. Invoices will go out by October 15th.

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WRA Summer Picnic Highlights

Silver Springs Campground was the site of the annual picnic in July 2018. We want to thank all the folks who attended and made this such a special day. Specific thanks to:

Event Setup and Support: Forest Service, Andrew (Guard Station), Roger (Camp Host), Greenwater Fire Department, Dave & Karen Buhler (Elysian Brewing), Camp Sheppard (tables and benches)

Organization and Supplies: Bill Vlases

Onsite Coordinator: Perry Turner

Setup/Tables/Clean Up: Perry Turner, John Mower, Tim Curran, Tom Strom, Tom Woods, Rena Irwin, Ginny Cahill, the Goodman family, and many more.

Grills: Ken Ring, Floyd Rogers, Kevin Orth

Cooks: Tim Curran, Tom Strom, Tom Woods, Paul Meyer, Ken Ring

Pies Contest: Rena Irwin, Anne Turner

Game Organization: Steve Queen & Dennette Woods

Shuttle Drivers: Annie Curran, Anne Turner



Road Updates

Road maintenance to FS Road 7174 is scheduled to commence at end of September. Working closely with USFS representatives, Martin Rand confirmed that grant funds received by WRRRA will be used to bring 4-5 tons of gravel to supplement the planned road upgrade activities for the lower portion of the road. ~ Martin Rand

Trail Camera Documentation of Break-ins

What can we do after we have done our best at preventing break-ins, after we have placed our reward signs in the window?

First, and foremost, we can take photographs before a break-in. That will make it easier to be accurate when we report break-ins to the Forest Service law enforcement officer and the Pierce County Sherriff's office. Including photographs of missing items and the damages can be very helpful. Having a set of photographs of our cabins and contents can make reporting to our insurance

company and law enforcement more accurate for listing the items as well as establishing the values.

Having photos of the perpetrator(s) and their vehicle won't stop the break-in but those photos might improve the chances of apprehending them and possibly recovering items. Curtis Thompson (GC-34, 663-0800) has been using trail camera photos for security and to document the water levels and the flow of Goat Creek after the Norse Peak wildfire. He and Diane invite members to visit their cabin between noon and 3:00 **before Fall dinner on October 27** to discuss what works and how to deploy cameras as well as how to handle the video or photographic 'evidence'. Members are encouraged to attend and share their security techniques.

Please call or email two or three days ahead if you plan to join in the discussion. [(425) 822-2000 or ct@it4hire.com] We, like most WRRRA members, have no internet/email/mobile at our cabin. Only the somewhat trusty land line; (306) 663-0800. ~ Curtis Thompson

RESERVATIONS FORM: WRRRA Fall Dinner Event

**Greenwater Fire Department/Community Center
Saturday, October 27, 2018 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.**

How to make your reservation?

- **Brown Paper Tickets:** <https://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/3621808>
- **Phone:** Kevin Bannon 206-244-9683 (between 6-8 p.m.)
- **Email:** treasurer@wrra.net
- **Mail:** 4637 S. 168th St., Seattle, WA 98188 (include the form below)

Please include payment, payable to WRRRA, with reservation:

Name(s):			
Number Attending		@ \$35/person	
Total Enclosed:			

Reservation Policy for WRRRA Fall Dinner

- Reservations MUST be made by Monday, October 22, 2018
- Fall dinner will be \$35 per person, tax and tip included.
Maximum capacity is 100—NO EXCEPTIONS. Please reserve early to guarantee a seat.
- Those who miss the deadline will be subject to a \$10 surcharge if space is available.
- No refunds or cancellations after Monday, October 22, 2018

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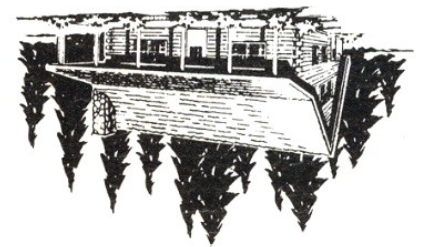
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