



# WRRRA Fall 2014 Newsletter

## White River Recreation Association

REPRESENTING FEDERAL LAND PERMITTEES IN THE WHITE RIVER DISTRICT, SNOQUALAMIE NATINAL FOREST SINCE 1929

### Fall Dinner Meeting

**Saturday, November 1<sup>st</sup> starting at 5:00 PM  
at the Greenwater Fire Station**

This is an important event for WRRRA, key business is conducted at the fall dinner and we encourage everyone to join. Based on feedback from our members we are continuing to improve the fall dinner meeting. This year we will start earlier, cover business topics efficiently and effectively, increase time for socializing and serve improved food. As we did for the spring dinner we will be providing childcare, for more information see details below.

<b>5:00 PM</b>	<b>Business Meeting</b>	Topics to be covered: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Welcome</b> – Bill Goodman</li> <li>• <b>Board Elections</b> – Curtis Pepin, John Campbell</li> </ul>
<b>5:30 PM</b>	<b>Social Hour &amp; Silent Auction</b>	An assortment of fine wines, beers and non-alcoholic beverages will be available. The cost is included with the price of dinner.
<b>6:30 PM</b>	<b>Dinner</b>	We will be using <b>NY Catering</b> in Enumclaw. Dinner will include roasted chicken with lemon pepper & herbs or baked lasagna with basil red sauce. Dinner will be accompanied by vegetable medley, red potatoes, salad, rolls & butter, and dessert.
<b>7:00 PM</b>	<b>Speakers</b>	We will be having a series of <b>shorts</b> talks by subject matter experts, below are the confirmed speakers, however we are expecting a few more topics to be added by November: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>USFS Program</b> – Steve Johnson</li> <li>• <b>Crystal Mountain</b> – Tiana Enger</li> <li>• <b>NFH</b> – Rena Irwin</li> </ul>
<b>8:00 PM</b>	<b>Prize Drawing &amp; adjourn</b>	As always Ken Leader will be overseeing the drawing of door prizes!

#### Fall Dinner Policy & Cost

This fall dinner will be \$30.00 per person, tax and tip included. The maximum number for WRRRA members and guests that can be served is 100. To guarantee a place at the table your reservation must be received by October 28, 2014. *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 October 28, 2014.* **SEE BACK COVER FOR RESERVATION INFORMATION**

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## A message from the President, Bill Goodman:

Thanks for the opportunity to serve as president of WRRRA. Some things have been accomplished and more challenges lay ahead. I want to encourage your continued participation in WRRRA and look forward to working with you for the benefit of all of us affiliated with the cabin program.

I enjoy your company and look forward to seeing you at the cabins or on the trails. Perhaps you will consider volunteering to help WRRRA in its mission to serve and protect the interests of cabin owners in the White River tracts and nationwide. Along with the dues statement this January, we will include a materials with which you can indicate your interests and contribute your talents to help us better serve the cabin community.

Finally, I would encourage all of us to continue to be stewards of the forest environment, working to preserve its benefits for future generations.

## 2014 Board Candidates

The following positions on the WRRRA Board are open for election at the fall dinner meeting:

- **President**
- **Vice President**
- **Silver Springs Rep (position 1)**
- **Goat Creek Rep (position 1)**
- **Deep Creek Rep**

Thanks to the nominating committee (Curtis Pepin, John Campbell, and Mark Wellington) a full slate of candidates has been finalized and will be voted on at the Fall Dinner Meeting, November 1<sup>st</sup> during the business meeting.

The nominating committee is happy to report that there is at least one candidate for each open positions, including board members willing to run for an additional term or new position on the board.

Please review the brief election statements/bios from each of the candidates:

### President Elect - Rena Irwin (DC 17)



I am very pleased to be considered for the position of WRRRA President.

Over the past 7 years, I have enjoyed being a member of WRRRA and meeting many cabin owners and working with other board members.

During that time I have served on the Board as Deep Creek Representative for 5 years and have also been active in both the Washington State Forest Homeowners Association (WSFHA) and National Forest Homeowners (NFH.) I was first introduced to the world of cabins on national forest land by my friend Ken Leader who has been an active proponents for cabin preservation as a longtime leader in WRRRA, WSFHA and NFH.

I grew up on our family farm in Eastern Oregon. I received my BS in Social Sciences/Biological Sciences from Oregon State University and my Masters in Human Resources from Seattle Pacific University. My professional background includes 40 plus years in Health care Human Resources in the greater Puget Sound area. I retired as the Human Resources Executive, Swedish Medical Center, Seattle, WA. I was active and a leader in my professional organizations both locally and nationally. I continue to consult in this field.

Now, besides time at our cabin, I have more time with my daughter and other family, traveling, gardening, genealogy, plus rekindling old friendships and making new ones.

2015 marks 100 years for our National Forest Service Cabin Recreation Program. I am very committed and energized in contributing toward preserving the cabin program for another century.

**Incumbent - Vice President - Floyd Rogers (DC 8)**



Floyd Rogers has been involved in WRRRA, particularly snow plowing efforts, since buying his cabin in 2004. He's spent his entire life in Washington

State. Floyd was born in Wenatchee and graduated from Washington State University with degrees in electrical engineering and computer science. He retired in 1996 but is now devoting time to community, family, real estate investment, and snow sports. In fact, this winter will be his 34th at Crystal Mountain Ski Area, where he teaches skiing and snowboarding. Anytime in the winter I'm looking for Floyd on a board matter, I know I'll have to wait for him to come down from the mountain!

Floyd gives his time to many cause: besides WRRRA, he is a long time Issaquah District volunteer. He serves on the Washington State University (WSU) EECS Advisory Board and College of Engineering and Architecture advisory board. He is a board member of Conservation Northwest, Mountains to Sound and Forterra, and was a past steering committee member of The Cascades Conservation Partnership, which we administered.

Floyd's wife, Judy, was also in the computer industry went back to school for teaching. She taught math in public schools for 10 years, and also volunteers in the community, serves on the board of several charitable organizations, and is also a trustee and governor of the WSU Foundation. They have two sons who attended California Polytechnic University in San Luis Obispo, and who are also Crystal Instructors. Judy will be coming up to the cabin more after the well and septic system (which Floyd has been working on with the USFS since 2004!) is put in next spring.

**Incumbents- Silver Springs Rep 1 - Jody Nyquist/Paul Meyer (SS-112)**



We are taking on this responsibility together, so that one of us will always be available. We have been cabin owners (SS112) and WRRRA members since June

2011 when we repurchased the cabin Jody had owned from 1973-2004. Jody retired from being a faculty member in the Department of Communication and Assoc. Dean of the Graduate School at the University of Washington in 2004. Paul spent 20 years in the public sector as a Washington State Lobbyist and Ombudsman for Seattle-King County and 20 years as a management consultant in the private sector. Jody has one son and 3 young grandchildren, a main reason to have the cabin, and Paul has two sons, one daughter, and 3 grown grandchildren. Paul is a cross country skier always looking for fellow skinny skis folks. Jody is a downhiller. We also love to hike and are retired mountain climbers. We will enjoy continuing to represent Silver Springs cabin owners and hope you will contact us with any requests.

**Incumbent - Goat Creek Rep 1 - Ginny Cahill-Thorson (GC 94)**



My family became part of the WRRRA in the early seventies. My parents bought Goat Creek #94

after stories told us the original cabin had burned to the ground. With the six of us ranging in age from 16 to 26, we began to build a family

cabin of my mother's dreams. As you can imagine, the high ceilings continue to be problematic in the cold winter months!

Currently, I have become the primary caretaker of the family cabin and we are currently involved in a co-ownership trial period. Two of my siblings live out of state and the others come up,

periodically. Embracing my time there in the last few years, I look forward to being a representative. I love the out of doors, which right now involves snowshoeing and hiking. I have been teaching school for over 30 years, enjoying free time in the summer months. Am hoping to pick up downhill skiing again as I get closer to retirement!

I have two daughters, 21 and 25 ...and 15 nieces and nephews. With such a large family, all at different stages of life, I hope the next generation will want to continue the legacy of cabin ownership.

I look forward to meeting you!

### Deep Creek Rep Elect – Mark Curran (DC 3)



As a Pacific Northwest native, I grew up in Kent, Washington and have lived in West Seattle for the last 16 years. I have three kids with my wife Julie: Brody (10), Nola (7), and Gus (5). Our

extended family has lovingly owned DC 3, also known as Green Timbers, since 1958. At the time, my parents Jim and Mabel bought the cabin for \$6,000 with rumors swirling about a pending ski resort, ultimately they'd have to kick in an extra \$1,000 for the ground breaking of the resort. What a steal! Over the years, our cabin has infused an appreciation and love of the outdoors to hundreds of visiting family and friends. Many recall childhood trips there with the sole feat of lowering the bucket down from the cabin to the creek and quickly pulling it back up before all the water leaked out like a sieve. As a child I spent many extended summers playing in the creek, huckleberry picking at Coral Pass, and exploring in the woods and cabins areas. I fondly remember hikes through the cabin area to the old Silver Springs Lodge for candy. At the time, the trip seemed like it took a full day due to numerous distractions along the way - for a kid. I grew up skiing at Crystal Mountain on winter weekends

and have many wonderful memories of being one of Papa Bob's Bunnies. Esh I'm dating myself here. I'm the youngest of 4 siblings who all share the cabin together. Along with their 5 grown children, we all enjoy (using this word loosely) the annual "wood weekends", "cleaning weekends", "maintenance weekends" just as our parents put in place before us. I can't wait to represent the DC community of cabin owners. This organization has such a rich history. Together let's inspire additional support for WRRRA membership and its tremendous accomplishments past and future.

### Summer Road Clean Up Wrap Up

Yet another successful road clean up and thanks to Ginny Cahill-Thorson (GC #94) for coordinating and hosting this most important activity.



Also thanks goes out to the incredible cleanup crew for all their hard work: Kit and Steve Ryan; Michael Lilliquist; Curtis Thompson; George Wallis; Kevin Bannon; Ginny Cahill; Sally Ryan; Dennis Ryan.

### Coming up: Fall Road Clean Up

If you missed out on the summer road clean up, don't despair you can participate in the fall road clean up hosted by Dalles tract. The cleanup will be the Sunday after the Fall dinner. If you have questions contact **Curtis Pepin (D 34), 425-564-**

**0585 or dalles-rep@wrra.net.** We will meet at 10:00 AM on November 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Huckleberry Creek Road turn off from SR 410 (adjacent to the viewpoint parking area). Remember to dress for the weather and have a good pair of gloves for grabbing all the garbage! Lunch will be served afterwards.

## Summer Fun in the Cabin Area

### Cabin Tour

Thanks to Jody Nyquist & Paul Meyer for organizing the tour of cabins after the picnic and providing brochures. Special thanks to all those who opened their cabins and hosted the tour: \$269 was raised for the Cabin Defense Fund.

- Mead SS-82
- Llewellyn SS-152
- Wellington SS-148
- Cook D-35
- Cahill GC-94

Often people think “why would someone want to see my cabin” just as the Llewellyn’s did. However their under construction cabin was very well received. Other cabin owners got an interesting insiders look to what it takes to embark on that extensive of a project. Opening your cabin and hosting a summer cabin tour is a fun and rewarding endeavor, please consider hosting next year. It is never too early to start planning!

### Summer Picnic



About 100 cabin owners, families and guests enjoyed a beautiful afternoon at the Dalles Campground for the annual WRRRA summer picnic. Planning, organizing, setting up, and running the summer picnic is no small task and is certainly a team effort. All that

hard work is very rewarding when we see the results, being cabin owners getting together to socialize, share stories, and continue to build community. But it is incredibly important we continue to recognize the volunteers that made this picnic a success:

- Floyd Rogers who organized the picnic and procured supplies.
- Kit & Steve Ryan who helped with set up and games.
- Kevin Bannon who helped with the set up and registered attendees.
- Tome Pearson from Camp Sheppard loaned us tables and chairs.
- Ginny Cahill for helping transport the tables and chairs to and from Camp Sheppard.
- Thanks to all that helped with the food prep, set up, cooking and lots of other details: Barbara Mead & David Glabb, Bill Goodman, Paul Russell & Mary Sandall, Rena Irwin, and many others.

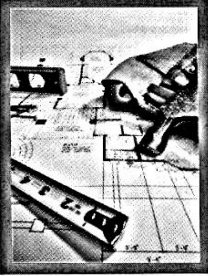


If you enjoy the picnic and wonder how you can get more involved and please consider volunteering for one of the many tasks that make the summer picnic so successful. If

you haven't volunteered in the past please do consider for next year's picnic. If you read these articles and say "next year I really should help out" then please do. Yes we mean you, you know who you are!



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**Fall Dinner Silent Auction**

Featuring items of particular interest to cabin owners. All proceeds will be added to the Cabin Defense Fund. If you can donate an item for the Silent Auction, please contact: Becky McAuley at 206-328-3609 or [beckymcauley@hotmail.com](mailto:beckymcauley@hotmail.com).

**Free Member Advertising**

**REMINDER**

- **Free advertising** in the WRRRA newsletters for members selling their cabins.
- **Free advertising** in the WRRRA newsletter (up to 25 words) for members selling personal items, \$.25 for each additional word.

**THANK YOU TO OUR 2014 ADVERTISERS!!!**

Our newsletter reaches nearly 300 cabin owners, business, and government agencies; if you are interested in advertising it is \$75 for 4 newsletter issues, please contact:  
Becky McAuley at [beckymcauley@hotmail.com](mailto:beckymcauley@hotmail.com) or 206-328-3609

## A Local Broker's Perspective

*By Phyllis Hartford, Broker Mountain View Properties*

I have lived in the Upper White River Valley since 1966 and sold real estate here for over thirty years. USFS cabins are my favorite properties to list and sell. They are magical places where time stands still. Many years of experience has given me an understanding of the circumstances that cause these unique cabins to transfer ownership and how to attract buyers.

Parting with a treasured family cabin is a gut wrenching and guilt ridden decision. The choice will have a chorus of forefathers' voices ringing in your ears as you prepare to depart the birthplace of weekend getaways where friends & family have gathered to split wood, break bread, hoist libations and tell tall tales. How many brothers, sisters, aunts and uncles vowed to always take care of the cabin and never let ownership leave the family?

Health, wealth and individual priorities change over time and can seriously undermine the best of intentions toward the family cabin. Grandma & Grandpa and Mom & Dad probably took care of the maintenance, paid the bills and made sure that the kids and grandkids had lots of fun without responsibilities. It is tragically tough for surviving siblings to agree on sharing expenses, usage and equal participation in the labor required to maintain a hand built historically significant cabin. Hard feelings tear families apart. If some members of a family cannot or will not buy others out a sale may be the only alternative.

USFS cabins require constant input of money and love. It is not too soon to give all family members both financial and maintenance responsibility. Appreciation grows with personal investment. Ask each family member to rotate a one year turn collecting and paying the bills. Establish a "kitty" by charging a token fee for every night the cabin is occupied. Sort out and assign maintenance tasks and schedule work parties. Anyone that does not participate should pay into the "kitty" to compensate for their absence. A good management system will become the template for keeping the cabin in the family for generations to come.

Crystal Mountain, Mt. Rainier National Park and year round outdoor recreation create a huge draw for buyers. There are many purchase opportunities in these beautiful mountains: Condominiums, Gold Hills homes & ski club memberships at Crystal Mountain Resort, USFS cabins, Crystal Village 1/2/3, Crystal River Ranch and the town of Greenwater. USFS cabins have storybook appeal and pristine settings but offer some challenges that are unacceptable to most buyers. The governing rules and regulations can be foreign concepts. Buyers assume that lender financing, rental income, full time occupancy and the freedom to expand or remodel will all be available to them when they make a purchase. USFS cabin ownership restrictions can be as surprising as the absence of water, bathroom facilities and a septic system. An outhouse is not considered an adequate substitution for a bathroom in most buyer's minds. When a cash buyer steps forward and wants to be the new steward of the cabin you know they have done their homework and will fit in perfectly. In recent years there has been a noticeable shift in USFS cabin sales. It was customary that a single cabin would come on market and sell within 30 days at the asking price. Multiple cabins now sit on market for long periods of time and sell at reduced prices. Negative press publicity about USFS leasehold fees escalating beyond affordability paired with the lack of conventional financing and onerous restrictions have cooled the

market. Current prices are also high compared to other local listings that qualify for financing and give buyers more ownership freedom.

If you must sell.... Please hire a professional! I will be there to help you throughout the entire process and live only 10 miles away. When you market the cabin it no longer belongs to your family – it belongs to your buyers. Make them feel welcome. Be realistic about pricing. You cannot charge the buyers for your memories. Preparing and staging the cabin are critical steps. Deep cleaning, de-cluttering and basic repairs inside and outside pay off. What lurks in the corners of old cabins will scare off buyers.

## Cabins for Sale

### Cabin 24 Dalles

**Offered at \$240,000**



Tall timber surrounds this beautifully updated Dalles Ridge USFS cabin perched high above the White River Valley. Recreational opportunities are right outside the door with Crystal Mountain Resort & Mt Rainier National Park only 15 minutes away. Hickory cabinets & flooring, pine wainscoting, wood-trimmed windows, slate & new plush carpet. Upstairs bedroom with extra finished room for additional sleeping area. Large storage shed. Comfortable cabin with Water & Septic. Quiet, sunny location near The Dalles Campground. NWMLS #639210. **Call Diane Gebenini, John L. Scott Enumclaw at 360-**

**620-7271** for a tour.

### Cabin 35 Dalles

**Offered at \$84,900**



The present owners bought this cabin in 1962 from the original builder, a retired railroad man living in Auburn. It is frame construction with siding of small, half-round logs. Most of the windows are from old railroad cars. It sits on a square-shaped, concrete slab foundation. The structure is supported by a huge, hand-built stone fireplace that separates the ground level into two rooms: living and kitchen/dining. Upstairs, the chimney separates the attic space into two rooms as well; bunks provide sleeping space for 6 on one side and 4 on the other.

Originally a summer cabin, the owners wired it for electricity and insulated it within a year of purchase. Much later they installed a metal roof and replaced a few of the old windows. The driveway has been built up with gravel. A new wood shed stands a few yards from the front door. Last year the owners demolished the old outhouse and installed an incinerating toilet upstairs to comply with Pierce County regulations before putting the cabin on the market in June of 2014. Drinking and wash water must be brought in, as the cabin does not have plumbing, (consult with Pierce County and other Dalles cabin owners for options regarding water and well hookup). This cabin retains its rustic feel and is a perfect weekend base for family groups interested in skiing and hiking in



the vicinity of Mt. Rainier National Park. Annual ownership costs excluding power and snowplowing currently run about \$2,300, including USDA Forest Service annual fees, Pierce County property taxes and state leasehold excise taxes. NWMLS #658689. **Contact Philip Patterson of Lake Real Estate at 206-954-3859.**

### Cabin 118 Silver Springs

**Offered at \$399,000**



1300 sf Silver Springs Old Growth Usfs Cabin Proudly Polished, Updated & Historically Preserved By Craftsman/owner. Big All-weather Covered Log Porch Greets Guests & Expands Living Area. Stone Encased Pellet Stove & Propane Furnace Warm Interior. Perfectly Designed Eat-in Kitchen W/dw. Great Flr Plan W/master Bedrm On Main, Large Loft (sleeps 8), 3/4 Bath, Woodshed, Shop, Metal Roof, Dbl Pane Windows, Water & Septic. Scenery Mirrors Mt Rainier Nat'l Prk. 3000' To Park Entrance & Crystal Mt Blvd. NWMLS # 683536. **Call Phyllis Hartford, Mountain View Properties at 360-663-2459** for a tour.

### Cabin 135 Silver Creek

**Offered at \$235,000**



Magical US Forest Service Cabin nestled in the tall timber of the Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie Natl Forest. You'll fall back in time the moment you enter this get-aways inviting cedar-lined living room. Warmed by both a wood burning stove & modern electric heat. Cabin offers tons of room for aprs ski gatherings. Classic kitchen welcomes cooks to prepare large holiday dinners. Sleeps 11 w/one bedroom on main & sleeping rm above. Located 1/2 mile from Crystal Mt Blvd. USFS Regs apply. No H2O or septic. NWMLS # 691578. **Call Diane Gebenini, John L. Scott Enumclaw at 360-620-7271** for a tour.

### Cabin 131 Silver Creek

**Offered at \$325,000**



Big Price Reduction. Historic Mt Rainier cabin built by M. Malgarin in 1944. Modernized by his son in 1973 w/ full bath & dining nook addition. Excellent ski cabin or summer get-away, tucked into a wooded setting up Silver Creek. Wood-lined walls & a cozy wood-burning stove cast a warm glow throughout. Kitchen w/ classic Monarch cook stove & hand-crafted cabinetry. Lg upper attic bdrm & lower bunk room. Enjoy nearby hikes to Goat Falls & the trails of Crystal Mt & Mt Rainier. USFS rule/reg apply. NWMLS # 493201.

**Call Diane Gebenini, John L. Scott Enumclaw at 360-620-7271** for a tour.

## Cabin Fee Act (CFA)

### Cabin Fee Act passes out of House NR committee (September 19, 2014)

*By Pete Bailey, C2 Steering Committee*

The CBO revenue report that was promised by mid-August was *finally* released late last Friday evening, September 12<sup>th</sup> (it is attached for your information). Perhaps many of you that follow the Congressional Record have already heard that the Cabin Fee Act (CFA) H.R. 4873 was found to be short \$5M over the ten year evaluation period. During the weekend, NFH leadership, the Cabin Coalition 2 (C2) and our lobbyists collaborated on a response to the \$5M revenue shortfall that was reported. All agreed that a \$50 increase in each fee tier was the appropriate action and would make the legislation revenue neutral. Consent for this change was given by NFH and C2 leadership to Chairman Hastings' staff director, Todd Young, during a conference call on Wednesday.

Though a quick decision, this change allowed our bill sponsor, Chairman Doc Hastings (R-WA) to submit the bill for Natural Resource Committee mark-up today, Thursday, September 18<sup>th</sup>. We are pleased to report that the bill was successfully passed out of committee this afternoon. It has been assigned a new bill number H.R. 5476 which replaces H.R. 4873. However, with Congress leaving DC tomorrow, a week earlier than scheduled, a vote on the CFA in the House simply cannot occur this week. We have been assured it will move quickly following elections in November. Congress is expected to reconvene on November 12<sup>th</sup>. We are also exploring how the CFA could be passed in the Senate on a parallel track to our efforts in the House.

Communication and cooperation with the Forest Service is at an all-time high. They continually reaffirm their support for the CFA this year. They and we are ready to address any lingering issues that may arise over the next few weeks. A group of dedicated, engaged volunteers continues to monitor events daily. Certainly the situation remains fluid. Our lobbyists are intensely consulting our sponsors, their staffs and key committee members to insure we have done all that is currently possible to support passage of the Cabin Fee Act this year. Key Senators and Representatives continue to express their adamant support for passage of the bill this year. Though exasperated with the political wrangling in Congress and the fatiguing foot dragging by the CBO we remain optimistic and vigilant of the process. Though many are at the end of their rope, patience is once again required.

Finally, it must once again be stated that the passage of the CFA will provide clear benefits for cabin owners in the Recreation Residence Program:

1. Stable fees now and into the future, increased only by inflation not the real estate market.
2. Retention of marketability of cabins.
3. The elimination of the volatile appraisal valuation process.
4. Strengthened relationships with the Forest Service with 'fee retention'.
5. Peace and enjoyment of the simple cabin life once again.

For more information and current updates, please visit the NFH website.

## Snowplowing & Road Report

*(Does not apply to Dalles Tract or DC-10, 11, 12)*

Last fall we asked for \$100 per cabin for snowplowing and \$50 per cabin for road maintenance for a total of \$150 per cabin. Most cabins responded and we collected \$18940. Of that \$6300 went to the roads fund and the balance, \$12640, went to the snowplow fund. Thank you all who contributed.

In the past winter we expended ~\$9000 for snowplowing (3 plowings) leaving the snowplow fund with a current balance of ~\$16765. We want to start next winter season with a balance of ~\$25000, enough for 8 plowings, (you should remember winters circa 2009 when that was needed). Thus, we will be asking to raise ~\$9000 this fall to add to the snowplow account – This amounts to ~ \$60 per cabin (150 cabins).

In addition, we expended ~\$6000 for road maintenance in the summer of 2013 – These funds were used to repair the lower portion of FS 7174 (Corral Pass Rd) which was in bad shape and was closed to Corral Pass (FS Funding plus the sequester the FS had no funds to maintain). That left a balance of ~\$4000 in the road maintenance fund to which we added the \$6300 (see above) to bring us back to a ~\$10000 current balance in the road maintenance fund as of this date. It is likely we will expend a similar amount (\$6000) before the snow falls to repair culverts and potholes and we will be asking to replace these funds this fall – About \$40 per cabin.

So, you can expect a request in late October for a combined amount of \$100 per cabin for snowplowing and road maintenance funds for the Deep Creek, Silver Springs, Goat Creek and Silver Creek tracts for the 2014 -15 season. Please remit your contributions as quickly as possible to avoid undue work on the part of the fund treasurer. You can make your contribution directly to the “Snowplow410 Fund” at the fall dinner.

### Notes:

1. Our current permits make us (permittees) responsible for the roads in our tracts with the exception of FS 7174 (Corral Pass Rd). However, as noted above, the FS was unable to maintain FS 7174 last year due to lack of funding and our road maintenance fund expended \$6000 to maintain safe access to the cabins. It is unknown whether Corral Pass will open in 2015. Mt. Baker- Snoqualmie National Forest conducted a series of public meetings in the past year to seek input on which roads to keep open in the forests – The results are not known. Given last year’s experience, cabin owners on FS 7174 are expected to contribute to the road maintenance fund.
2. PSE plans to bury the High voltage line to Crystal Mountain along a route adjacent to FS 7174 in the cabin area and then across and up “Mine to Market” road (FS 7176). This work is tentatively scheduled for 2015. PSE will be accountable for restoring the road to serviceable condition after work is complete. FS 7176 will be permanently gated above the cabin area.
3. All cabin owners are asked to help maintain the roads in the areas around their permits – for example, cutting back low hanging branches over the road and filling in potholes.

Your long standing committee members are: Linda Piper, Treasurer of the Snowplow fund; Barbara Mead, Treasurer of the Roads Maintenance Fund; Bill Goodman, Secretary and Randy Iddings. Please consider volunteering to serve on these committees -- we would welcome your help. Likewise, if you have suggestions, please come forward. In either case, email: [snowplow410@live.com](mailto:snowplow410@live.com)

# RESERVATIONS - WRRRA Fall Dinner Meeting

Greenwater Fire Station

Saturday, November 1, 2014 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

By Brown Paper Tickets: <http://wrra2014falldinner.brownpapertickets.com/>

By Mail: 4637 S. 168<sup>th</sup> St., Seattle, WA 98188 (include the form below)

By Phone: Kevin Bannon 206-244-9683 (between 6-8PM)

By Email: [kabannon@comcast.net](mailto:kabannon@comcast.net)

Please include payment, payable to WRRRA, with reservation

Name(s):			
Number Attending		@ \$30/person	
Number of Children		@ \$10/child	
Total Enclosed:			

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