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Dear Gerle Creek Home Owners:

It's been a long while since we have had a news letter. John and I thought we'd like to give a thumb-nail sketch of all that is going on in the coming year.

Burn Area -

On April 12, we negotiated with Rich Platt and John Mitchell for a pine needle and brush burn area for the G.C. cabin owners. Only branches, needles and brush from your lot. This will eliminate your having to obtain an individual burning permit and spending many hours standing over your fire. It also eliminates the potential fire hazard of individual burning. As you have been told at all the G.C. meetings, it is illegal to transport your needles from your lot to another place in the forest. This only moves the fire danger from your location to another. We have been informed violations will be issued for violating this requirement.

Water System -

Minor repairs have been made to the water system and it is now functioning to fill the tanks. It will be at least another week before the water will be available for general use. The chlorinator will be activated when the system is available for your use.

Forest Service Policy-

The new draft Forest Service Policy has been approved by the National Forest Recreation Association (NFRA) and is now clearing F/S legal hurdles. When it is formally adopted, NFRA will conduct regional meetings in 22 cities covering all the Western states. The new policy will be explained to all who attend. The Northern Sierra Summer Home Association newsletter will list the locations applicable to the Eldorado National Forest.

Eldorado NF Fee Determination -

You will soon be receiving a NSSHA information letter concerning the Site Classification Point System which has been authorized by the Chief of Forest Service, Dale Robertson, if 80% or more people elect to use this method. Please study this letter in detail and think in terms of the whole National Forest rather than your individual situation. We will need your reply.

Road Work -

If you are wondering what those markings are on Ice House Road, they are there for the road contractor's use. Under the Scenic Highways Program, the federal government is going to repave 13 miles of Ice House Road. Last fall the contractor put in culverts. He will be starting the repaving work with a September completion date. This is going to cause inconveniences for everyone. The cost of the contract is 1.5 million dollars. Eldorado County has sent out for bid chip sealing of Wentworth Springs Road from Loon Lake dam south 9.38 miles. Contract will be awarded April 28.

Management of Summer Homes -

The Forest Service is determining guidelines to be used in the management of summer homes in the Eldorado NF; the draft should be ready about June 1. They are interested in how to manage so that all districts should be the same.

NSSHA-

If you are not a paid up member of NSSHA, you should be. For only \$10/yr. you can keep informed on what is happening in your forest that pertains directly to you. Recreation in the forest for everyone is continually changing and you must be informed as to how it affects you. Ed Pascoe is the Super-Tract Rep. for Gerle Creek.

NFRA -

We also encourage you to join NFRA. If 80% of the tract joins, we can receive the NFRA news at a substantially reduced rate.

*John / June Holmes*