

# Gerle Creek Summer Home Tract Assn., Inc.

10 July 1986

Dear Confused Gerle Creek Permittees:

You recently received some information from the Forest Service concerning our fee appeal. Most permittees are finding the material to be very confusing as there was so much historical information included. Your Tract Representative, Ed Fietsch, asked me to prepare this letter.

The most important fact is that in order to obtain the most favorable fees for us and for all permittees in Eldorado National Forest, it is essential that each cabin owner write a letter of response to the Forest Service, addressed as follows:

Larry Henson            Reply to: 1570-1 (L)  
12th & Independence SW  
P. O. Box 2417  
Washington, D.C. 20013

There is an extreme injustice at Sciots' Camp, the tract referred to in your letter. The 70 lots there were appraised 3 years later than the rest of the lots in Eldorado N.F. As a result, their lots were appraised at values more than double those of essentially equal lots up river or down river from them. Thus, the "Fair Market Value" is not very fair in this case. At the Northern Sierra Summer Home Association annual meeting July 5 only 3 chose the Valuation Team figure. There was almost unanimous agreement at the meeting that this injustice must be corrected and that the fee review cycle for Sciots' Camp should be the same as the rest of Eldorado N.F. This requires that each of us pay a little more in order to balance out Sciots' fees with the rest of the Forest. However, we feel that this action strengthens our bargaining position and will prevent the Forest Service from playing one group against another in any future dealings with them. To best accomplish this, it is necessary that you tell the Forest Service in your letter that you prefer the "1981 Fee Site Class With Sciots." This is the fee that is shown in the last column to the right in the table you received with your letter. We feel that this is an equitable fee and, in most cases, is less than the fee arrived at by the Valuation Review Team. We highly recommend this choice, but whatever your choice, please so inform the Forest Service.

You should make one choice from the following:

- 1) Do you opt for the 1981 fee recommended by the Valuation Review Team (6th column from the right)
- 2) 1981 fee Site Class Without Sciots (2nd column from the right), or
- 3) 1981 fee Site Class With Sciots (1st column on the right).

NSSHA strongly recommends response #3 for reasons noted in this letter.

Please note that the fee shown in the table is the fee for 1981. To compute your 1987 fee, this figure should be increased by 28%, i.e., multiply the fee in the table by 1.28. Examples are as follows:

\$154 x 1.28 = \$197.12	(= \$197 rounded off)	(Site Class Fee With Sciots)
\$143 x 1.28 = \$183.04	(= \$183 " " )	(Site Class Fee Without Sciots)
\$225 x 1.28 = \$288		(Valuation Review Team)

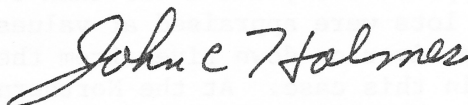
To help clarify the Forest Service letter, you should know that the Forest Service has decided to index fees with the Implicit Price Deflator (IPD) rather than the more commonly known Consumer Price Index (CPI). The IPD is an index which is tied to Gross National Product and is considered to be less volatile, with less tendency toward dramatic up and down swings with inflationary periods.

There are also comments in the letter about the fees depending upon whether you choose to keep your present permit or accept a new one. Note that you are not required to make the decision on your permit at this time, but only on the method used to determine the base (1981) fee.

The letter also referred to tables being included. The only table received was the one giving you information on your lot, rather than confusing you with information on 997 permits.

If you have additional comments regarding anything in the Forest Service letter, be sure to include those in your response letter. Your letter should be mailed by July 25 in order to make the cut-off date for responses. This is your last chance to lobby for your choice of how to resolve your fee appeal.

Thank you for your support and cooperation.



Acting Tract Representative

P.S. Site Classification Team:

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