

Diamond Lake

A Late Winter And A Late Spring

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2009 Annual Meeting
Saturday, July 4
at 10 AM sharp



Mt. Bailey awakens for a spring reflection in Diamond Lake

President's Message....

Opening Weekend

If you fish, then you know that the last Saturday in April is Opening Day. Grown men and woman look forward to it much like the child waits for Christmas morning. From the last closing light of October, when the season comes to an end, we begin to focus on April. When we mark important events of the year to come in our calendar... the last Saturday in April is circled in red. By the end of March, the rods come down from their rack, where they have hung since last fall. New leaders are added and all knots are checked or changed. By early April, after several necessary trips to the local sporting goods store to restock...We are ready!

The boat batteries are charged, all the gear is cleaned and stowed away for the big event. One last call to the Lodge, a quick check on the weather..."The lake is still FROZEN",

is not the news I longed to hear. Still, it means we had a good winter, I can wait one more week. Then another and another and still another. I did find away to get by and I will pass it on to all those who, like me, have suffered these past few long weeks. Pour a glass of a very old and refined red wine, pretend that Opening Weekend is next week and... Go sit in your boat.

Larry Griffin
DLHA President
Cabin #37

P.S. I received an anonymous email with the Fishing Forecast for 2009.

As to the Lake, "Nobody goes there anymore, It's too crowded." As to the fishing, "It's tough to make a prediction, especially about the future. The future ain't what it used to be." Our thanks to the anonymous sender and to Yogi.

Diamond Lake Appraisal Update

By Bernie Kosola

Every Cabin owners should now have received the results of our appraisal at Diamond Lake. Some cabin owners have reserved their rights to consider a second appraisal, with a written request to the Forest Service.

We're presently in the information gathering stage concern-

ing cost of a second appraisal and the logistics of a second appraisal. Hopefully we will have enough information available at our meeting in July so that the Diamond Lake Homeowners can make an informed decision on the second appraisal requests pending with the Forest Service.

Permit Renewal

By now all 102 Diamond Lake cabin owners have received their new 20 year permits. All new permits will expire on Dec. 31, 2028. Before you sign and return your permit, there are several steps you should take to review the content and language of the new permit:

1. Compare your new permit with your previous permit. Look for any changes.
2. Review the permit information on the NFH web site, www.nationalforesthowners.org. At the bottom of the left side, see "Notice: New Permits:" and review each item:
3. Reserving Your Rights and Appealing Your Permit.

DLHA is aware that members and non-members alike are questioning some of the terms and conditions of the new permits. These cabin owners feel strongly that some terms are improper and unacceptable and wish to file an administrative appeal of the terms of the new permit. Concerns have been raised by cabin owners caught between the desire to sign their permits and the desire not to have their signatures be viewed as a waiver of their right to challenge the fee or other terms contained in the permits.

There are roughly three concerns:

1. New base fee. Check the fees listed in your permit in Section VI, A and B. Make sure the listed fee is correct.
2. If there is a "conditional" existing item on your permit, what will be required to correct this item? Or do you have a new item listed that you have not yet added? Make a note to the Forest Service this is not a "required" item. For example, if your permit lists a "300 gallon propane tank" and you do not have one but plan to add one, make sure it is not "required" but is an optional item.
3. There is a wider concern as to the new language of the permit form itself, language that applies to everyone. This 20 year OMB Form, and the variations of its language that have been included in the shorter term permits, were instituted by the Washington D. C. Office of the Forest Service. Any resolution of concerns regarding this language likely requires a decision at the national level. However, if a large number of people who are dissatisfied with their permit start filing appeals to the general language, this may put more pressure on the Washington D.C. office to negotiate in good faith with NFH as it tries to address these unilateral changes to our permits.

Even if you believe the Forest Service will not grant your appeal, it still may be important for you to file it if you want to

preserve your right to file or participate in a lawsuit that will challenge the validity of your permit terms, or take advantage of any subsequent changes in the rules regarding permits which benefit you. If you have not fully appealed the objectionable terms of your permit, you may be legally precluded from pursuing or participating in any further efforts to challenge those terms before a court.

In addition, even if you lose your appeal, by having appealed you reserve your right to further challenge those terms in the next six years. Having this right is important because, if the rules related to the objectionable permit terms change within those six years to your benefit, you may be in a better position to receive the benefit of those changes. If you do not appeal, you may be viewed as having waived that right which means you could be stuck with the objectionable terms.

There are good reasons to object. NFH believes that much of this language was added in violation of the language of the Cabin User Fee Fairness Act.

Notes from DLHA: This permit article is a summary of the information on the NFH web site. Some of the NFH information does not apply to Diamond Lake cabins because we don't have water rights to deal with, for example. But the DLHA board urges every permit holder to be fully informed regarding your permit.

DLHA at the NFH Convention NFH Awards

Again, the Diamond Lake tract was well rewarded with awards at the NFH Convention. Two of our cabin owners received awards at the 2009 NFH convention, held in Seattle. Congratulations go to Bernie Kosola (#20), "Volunteer of the Year" for his work at the Diamond Lake tract, specifically on our appraisal committee, and to Sharon Karr (#42) for the "Communications Award" for her work at the statewide level with OFHA with their newsletter and web site. Our two volunteers competed heads up with every other cabin tract and association in the ENTIRE nation!

Congratulations to Diamond Lake. Everyone who reads the DLHA and OFHA newsletters and knows these two cabin owners, is well aware of their efforts to keep all of us informed about any news that concerns our cabins.

Thanks again to Bernie and Sharon.

Larry Griffin
DLHA President

State of the Lake

Volunteer to Fish

Do you know you can help ODFW by volunteering to fish! That's right, when did volunteering turn into the perfect activity, when I learned I could spend my entire day in my boat fishing. All you have to do is report the data on the enclosed Diamond Lake Homeowners Creel Form 2009 and turn it in to Dave Loomis (#64). Many of you received the email about the opportunity to volunteer to fish. This is a recap of that email.

ODFW collects creel information for Diamond Lake. In recent years, since the lake rotenone treatment, this data has become very important when determining how to manage the fishery. But it is difficult to obtain data from DLHA cabin anglers because we use our own docks, don't need to launch our boats, etc. It is important that DLHA members stay involved with monitoring the lake fishery and help out where and when we can. In this case, our volunteer time is spent FISHING. We just need to record some information about how many hours we fished and what we caught. It will be fun and also interesting to see if DLHA members as a whole catch more or less fish, small or larger fish, or different types of rainbow than the "other anglers" on the lake. Plus we can provide scientific data to help the future management of the lake that is in the best interest of all.

If you are interested simply track the information on the enclosed form and give Dave Loomis a call at 541-440-2297. Dave will take care of the data compilation. This newsletter and ODFW will provide a summary report at the end of the season.

Creel Reporting Guidelines

- Provide accurate creel data by recording ALL Diamond Lake fishing trips, including the boat trips when you did NOT catch a single fish. This is the most important point to remember and include in the data. Your information cannot be biased to only the terrific fishing trips.
- Select a time period that works for you. For example: All the data for your fishing trips in June, or all your data for only weekend trips, or only morning trips. It is best that you determine the reporting period before you go out to fish and record the information then, not at the end of the day or weekend or the end of the month. You need to record data for every trip in the time period you've defined as your volunteer time.
- If you forget to record the data for a fishing trip, don't make it up! Try to remember to keep a record the next time you go fishing. And don't just remember the good days and the big fish.

Do your part by volunteering and help ODFW collect important data. This is research that is needed going forward in order to keep Diamond Lake healthy and productive.

Thanks to Holly Truemper for providing the enclosed form and offering to help with the summary for the newsletter at the end of the fishing season.

ODFW Update

By Holly Truemper

Opening trout season at Diamond Lake this year has been a hit once again for the 2009 start. Over 150 anglers hit the lake to ice fish for opening weekend. ODFW was conducting creel surveys and measured one trout close to six pounds. Since opening weekend, we have creeled over 150 anglers that have caught fish ranging from 11.5 to 22 inches, including some seven to eight pound trout. So far, stomachs of trout have contained dragonflies and damsel flies. There are an estimated 165,000 catchable fish currently in the lake. Ice was completely off the lake May 18/19 (depending on what day you bet on).

ODFW will be conducting annual monitoring again including bug sampling, trap nets to look at trout growth and condition, amphibian sampling, stomach contents of fish, and pH. We are still planning on conducting night boat electrofishing surveys in June and July to remove golden shiners. No tui chub have been found in the lake.

Our creel surveyor, Ryan, will be attending the 4th of July annual meeting, so be ready to ask him all about the fishing hot spots for that weekend. Thanks to all in advance for participating in the voluntary creel of Diamond Lake Homeowners coordinated by Dave Loomis.

Invasive Species Prevention Program

There is an invasive species prevention training session on June 18th at the Diamond Lake lodge from 1-4 pm if you are interested in learning more about invasive species in Oregon. The session is attended by agency folks conducting interviews at the lake and is also open to the public.

For More Information....

This web site address provides an excellent newsletter with examples of volunteer programs around the nation that are helping with prevention and education about invasive species. Take this opportunity to educate your family by making one of the homemade viewing devices, bucket scope, trunk scope or view canoe, on page 6.

www.epa.gov/owow/monitoring/volunteer/newsletter/volmon20no1.pdf

An early season, unknown fisherman looking for a place to fish as a part of the Volunteer to Fish program. Perhaps an ice pick would work better than a shovel?



Fishing Forecast 2009: *Nobody Goes There Anymore, It's Too Crowded*

Submitted by an Anonymous Fisherperson

After a long winter and spring weather that seemed to extend the hibernation of the lake similar to last year, plus so much disturbing news on so many facets of our world, I feel like a bear coming out of a den hungry for the finest fish dinner served up at the lake with many friends and family to share in the bounty. So what is the 2009 fishing forecast and are there problems that we should be concerned with before we make the invite for a celebration of another fishing season opening? Thanks to one of the best prognosticators of all time, Yogi Berra, his following quotes helped me predict what Diamond Lake fishing will be like in the next few months and hopefully many years to come.

"It's tough to make a prediction, especially about the future". The future ain't what it used to be." Or so it seems as we sit down together after a fishing trip and try to understand how aquatic nuisance species, blue ribbon fisheries, pine beetles, golden shiners, anabeana, boat inspections, creel checkers, predacious fish, fingerling trout, boat speed limits, increased permit and license fees, fire danger, and other information cloud our 20-20 vision of the lake's future. We might remember some of this, but none of us forget the first time we went fishing, who took us, and the plans for many more trips. This sharing of a valuable resource has and will go on at Diamond Lake this year. Yet some folks think it will all come to an end before we can teach the next generation to cast. Many anglers are working as individuals and together in organizations like DLHA to ensure we are aware of the threats to our home lakes and streams. Problems big or small, waters large or tiny, we will educate ourselves and help out as best we can, whenever we can.

"Stay Alert! You can observe a lot just by watching." I find this quote becoming more and more fitting as we go fishing and share conversations with visitors about the status of the lake. There is a valuable knowledge base about the lake, the fishery, and the history of living in the area that should be available to the forecasters. You all hold some of this information, and it is very important that we share this "data" to accurately frame what the past has been and provide insight to what the future seasons can be. To sit back and think that everyone else knows what you have observed years, months, or days ago is a missed opportunity to help in these interesting and fast-moving times. The problem of securing adequate funding for government to collect and analyze needed information will likely be more difficult for managers and interested anglers. We will be trained and join in monitoring important metrics that help answer questions in the short-term and long-term, if we know what to look for, and have it be part of the fun times we value.

"When asked the time, do you mean now?" We have already learned we will have way too much to do (play and work) when we get the lake and never enough time. We also hardly ever know what the clock time is, but we seem to know when it is time to fish, hike, eat, relax, and sleep. And when we

decide it is time to head home, it is valuable for many reasons to write down what happened and when. And what we think (forecast) will be needed or happen in the future. The real challenge will be trying to remember where did the time go, and writing down some notes in our cabin journals. It should not include worrying about if these good times will be there on our next visit.

"A nickel isn't worth a dime today." In these tough economic times, it is hard to predict about money issues that are already serious and threatening. The value of Diamond Lake though has never been higher because of the investment that was made by all of you to restore the lake. It is important to enjoy the rewards of this effort as much as you can during this fishing season. The core value of the lake is as strong and healthy as it has been for over 15 years and should be appreciated and shared by as many folks as their time and budgets allow. Just as important and timely, a continued investment in the protection of this resource could be different than being asked to help from funds in your limited savings account, it can simply be doing the right thing by helping protect the lake by cleaning boats and fishing gear. And "spending" as much time as possible at the lake! I predict this should not be a problem, I hope.

"Take it with a grin of salt." The future of angling is bright for Diamond Lake and my forecast is many cheers of "fish on" for young and old alike. This is not the case everywhere. I read an essay that included the statement "problems that look muddily abstract on a big scale take on color and texture when you talk about waters close to home." Diamond Lake is "home waters" to many and there have been many fishing seasons in the past that had problems that were clearly seen and felt by all. A large crowd of people helped solve the problem of millions of tui chub that led to the predicted successful recovery of the fishery and the lake's water quality. This example taught us that small efforts by many can make big results. For the last two years, there were thousands of anglers that were smiling more with trout catches like the good old days. The forecast for Diamond Lake is fishing enjoyment will only get better for more and more people who will catch more and larger trout in 2009.

"Never answer an anonymous letter." The DLHA Board asked for a fishing forecast for the newsletter and I hope this is helpful in your planning for the 2009 season. Without a doubt, it will be crowded some days on the lake. And the trout may not be biting what you offer for dinner on some of your fishing trips. But I plan to try my best to catch enough fish to have you over for dinner. I will gladly share any and all information about my fishing trips on the lake and provide any updates that I have observed. Just ask me the next time you see me. I will be the guy spending valuable time on the lake, with family, friends and a big grin, casting my favorite offering to the fish, and shouting "Fish On!" to the next generation of Diamond Lake anglers.

The Oregon Political Scene

By Dave Loomis

Two bills were discussed in the last newsletter: SB 571 and SB 502. These bills are not specific to Diamond Lake but contain language that may impact all of Oregon with implications for Diamond Lake. This column provides an update regarding the status of these bills and what they could mean to Diamond Lake.

Increase Fines for Transport of Live Fish: SB 571A

Basically, this bill provides the following: Increases penalty for releasing or attempting to release live fish into body of water without a permit to maximum of five years' imprisonment, \$125,000 fine, or both. It requires the State Fish and Wildlife Commission to revoke all angling licenses and tags of person convicted of releasing or attempting to release live fish into body of water without permit. Allows commission to institute suit for recovery of damages for control or eradication of live fish released into body of water without permit.

Update: The second hearing was held on this bill on May 12. SB 571A was passed forward to schedule a third hearing. In the last newsletter, DLHA recommended supporting this bill and we still maintain this position.

Blue Ribbon Fisheries:

SB 502 Morphs to SB 869A

This bill has changed numbers when it was modified to include both rivers and lakes. SB 869A is the current bill being considered.

Update: The second hearing on May 12 created a lot of discussion and included some concerns expressed by committee members. Supporters of the bill asked and received approval from the Chair to continue to work on the language of the bill and bring it back to the Committee for further discussion at some later date.

This new bill still contains the same angling limitations on designated "Blue Ribbon" lakes and rivers. Both the Diamond Lake Lodge and the DLHA Board do not support this bill.

The full text of both bills may be obtained at the following web sites or from Dave Loomis (#64).

www.leg.state.or.us/09reg/measures/sb0500.dir/sb0571.a.html

www.leg.state.or.us/09reg/measures/sb0800.dir/sb0869.a.html

Official Ice-off

Diamond Lake's official ice-off date is May 17, 2009. This is the third latest ice-off date in the past 20 years, but it is at least 10 days earlier than 2008!

Come to the DLHA annual meeting to find out who won the Ice-off Contest!

An early start on the fishing season. Cabin owner navigated the ice floes to find a place to fish and to moor along the west shore of Diamond Lake.



Forest Service Update

New District Ranger for Diamond Lake

I'm sure many of you recall that John Ouimet, the Diamond Lake District Ranger retired last Aug. 1, 2009. When I placed the phone calls last week to invite our Forest Service friends to the DLHA annual meeting and barbecue, I got the opportunity to chat with our new Ranger, Bill Gamble. Bill willingly agreed to provide the following biography about his background and plans to attend our annual meeting on July 4, 2009.

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Bill wrote for the DLHA newsletter editor: I started my career with the Forest Service in 1987 as a seasonal marking crew member on the South Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit while pursuing my forestry education at Oregon State University (OSU). In an effort to experience the industrial side of the forestry profession I completed a summer forestry internship with Weyerhaeuser Company in western Washington in 1988. I graduated with a BS in Forest Management from OSU in 1989 and was subsequently hired permanently with the Forest Service as a graduate cooperative education student working as a tree improvement forester on the Bear Valley Ranger District (RD) on the Malheur National Forest (NF). After completing my Masters Degree in Forestry in 1992 I transferred to a silviculturist position on the Prairie City RD of the Malheur NF. While at Prairie City I achieved professional silvicultural certification in 1994 and served as the primary planning silviculturist on a variety of forest and watershed restoration projects until transferring to the Payette NF in Council, Idaho in 2002. On the Payette NF I served as hydrologist, soils specialist and environmental planner, and over the past several years took on the role of team leader for a variety of forest management projects including recovery of a tornado damaged forest, fire salvage, WUI fuels reduction and forest-wide travel management planning. I also served as an acting District Ranger on the Weiser RD of the Payette NF and on the Ely RD of the Humboldt-Toiyabe NF in central Nevada.

My wife Karen and our black labs Inka and Lily are looking forward to exploring the area's special places and building positive working relationships with the employees and public engaged in the diversity of activities taking place on the Umpqua NF. I enjoy the outdoors with hiking, back country skiing, fly fishing and big game hunting being among my favorite outdoor recreational activities. My other passions in life include playing guitar, restoring classic automobiles and spending quality time with family and friends.

Filling Derek's, a.k.a. Wallig's, Position

Sheri Cameron, the Forestry Technician at Tokeetee for the past 3.5 years, has stepped into Derek's position to serve as the temporary Natural Resource Specialist. (Derek moved to a District Ranger position in Kentucky.) Sheri will be attending the DLHA annual meeting and is available by phone and email if you have questions. Please contact Sheri or Robin Duarte if you have questions concerning hazard trees or summer projects you are planning for your cabin.

Sheri Cameron 541-498-2531 srcameron@fs.fed.us
Robin Duarte 541-957-3295 rduarte@fs.fed.us

New Permits

New 20 year permits were in the mail to all cabin owners in the past couple of weeks. Please read and review your permit carefully. Do not alter either copy of the permit. If changes are needed, write them on a separate piece of paper to submit with your signed permits. Or talk to Robin in order to allow her to make corrections for any oversights. Please return the signed permits in a timely manner and the Forest Service will sign and return one copy to you.

Fire Safety

Burn Permit: Is required to burn forest debris, if you need to obtain one call and let me know and I can meet you at your cabin or I can inspect it and leave the permit for you at your cabin.

Burning: Burn one pile at a time and at least 300 feet from the lake and on your lot.

Smoke Alarms: Make sure you check the smoke alarms in your cabin. Replace all the batteries and test the alarms to make sure they are in working order.

Chimneys: Check your chimney to make sure it is clear. Heavy winter snow could dislodge a pipe, or create an obstruction.

Give me a call. Please try to allow some lead time so I can schedule time to meet you. Thanks. Enjoy the fishing and hope the snow melts soon.

Gordon Dyer 541-498-2531
Fire Management gdyer@fs.fed.us

Leash Your Dogs

Robin Duarte reports there have been too many dog problems in the tract. The leash law will be enforced this summer. The walking public has reported attacks on people and their leashed dogs!

D-Bug 2009 Timeline

June 4: D-Bug Public Field Trip

June 8: Deadline for comments - 45-day comment period for the D-Bug Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) was extended from April 27, 2009 through June 8 since many areas were still covered with snow and could not be viewed.

Next: Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) will be published, followed by the Record of Decision (ROD).

DLHA News

Annual Meeting & Barbecue on July 4

The DLHA annual meeting is at the same place, same schedule, same good time!

When: July 4 at 10:00 AM.

Where: South Shore Pavilion

The meeting will include our USFS and ODFW representatives who will provide an update on important topics, including:

- D-BUG
- Meet the new Forest Service District Ranger
- Meet the DLHA board members

Following the meeting will be a barbecue for all cabin owners. The Board will supply the main course and beverages and Chef Matthew Griffin (#37) will grill those perfect onions and burgers.

Please bring a family-sized food item to share from one of the following categories:

- salad
- side dish
- dessert

Also bring your utensils, a serving spoon or any other utensil required to cut and serve your potluck dish.

Darelyn Griffin (#37) has again volunteered to handle all the aspects of purchasing and organizing our annual barbecue.

Join (or Renew) Your DLHA, OFHA & NFH Memberships

It's time to renew your dues! Enclosed in this newsletter is your dues envelope. Listed on the envelope are the three associations that benefit you and your cabin. These include:

- Your local tract organization, Diamond Lake Homeowners' Association (DLHA)
- The state association, Oregon Forest Homeowners (OFHA)
- The national organization, National Forest Homeowners (NFH) which also includes the Cabin Coalition 2 (C2). C2 is an instrumental committee representing cabin owners' interests in keeping our cabin permit fees affordable.

Comment from the DLHA secretary: I am aware that situations have arisen in the past when these organizations did not respond to tract-specific issues at Diamond Lake. One situation that haunts our NFH membership numbers is the controversy that surrounded the treatment of Diamond Lake to resolve the invasive chub problem. It is time to put past issues behind us. In the last few years the board members for OFHA and NFH are renewed with dedicated volunteers who are working on current important issues. DLHA needs to step up and support the hard work of our volunteers. Please support all three organizations.

Why Join These Organizations?

These organizations are continuously working to protect your cabin and to keep you informed. View each association like an insurance policy. That is, insurance that helps protect the longevity of keeping your cabin in the woods. Remember, you can't buy insurance after the disaster strikes; you need to buy it prior to the disaster.

Treat these three cabin organization fees like you would the renewal of an insurance policy. All three are working continuously to support your cabin and your interests in the tract, in the national forest, with the forest service and keep your permit affordable.

Help protect the future of your cabin by becoming a member of your local, state and national cabin organizations.

Make your check payable to DLHA. The treasurer will route the funds to the appropriate organization. Thank you!

The DLHA Board.... An Opportunity to Help

The DLHA Board has one position vacated and three other positions with the terms expiring. The vice president, Cliff Wheeler, sold his cabin this past winter which leaves this board position open. In addition, Stan Larson, CW Smith and Karla Roady's terms are expiring. As of this writing, one board member is renewing their term and the DLHA Board expects to hear from the other two soon.

We would like to hear from volunteers who are interested in filling these positions. The qualifications and requirements are pretty basic:

- Attend a board meeting prior to the annual meeting.
- Provide input to the newsletter. This can include photographs, ideas or reporting.
- Attend the annual membership meeting and barbecue.
- Are available via email. Email has become an important tool for serving on the board and submitting newsletter input. Occasional requests are made to board members from the secretary regarding items that need to be resolved during the Diamond Lake tract's off-season months.

Please come forward and volunteer! We promise you will learn a lot about the tract, will never be bored at a meeting, won't have to attend too many meetings and you will learn about the many issues before the board.

Forest Watch

New Forest Watch signs for all cabins will be available at the DLHA annual meeting! The price will be right so bring your wallet!



2008 Appraisal Results for Oregon Cabins

The appraisal results have been published for the 1,113 cabins in the following Oregon National Forests:

- Deschutes - 284 cabins
- Rogue River - 79 cabins
- Siskiyou - 6 lots/5 cabins (one cabin burned in the Biscuit Fire)
- Umatilla - 97 cabins
- Umpqua - 102 cabins
- Willamette - 248 cabins
- Winema - 253 cabins
- Wallowa/Whitman - 43 cabins

Mt. Hood National Forest, with more than 500 cabins, is the only remaining Oregon National Forest to be appraised. They are scheduled for June and Tyler Woods, the same appraiser that completed Diamond Lake, was awarded the Mt. Hood contract.

The appraisal results were varied. The lowest appraisals occurred in the Umatilla Natl. Forest with lots valued as low as \$7,000 (new annual permit fee equals \$350). The highest appraisals were reported in the Winema Natl. Forest, Lake of the Woods Tract, with lots valued as high as \$135,000 (new annual permit fee equals \$6,750).

Tyler Woods appraised the Rogue River, Siskiyou and Willamette Natl. Forests, along with our tract in the Umpqua. The range of appraisal results for all the typicals appraised by Mr. Woods were:

- Lowest - Breitenbush/Devil's Creek Tract (Willamette NF) - 67 lots appraised at \$25,000.
- Highest - McKenzie Delta (Willamette NF) - 1 lot appraised at \$125,000.

All forests, tracts and lots saw their values increase except for two: The six lots in the Siskiyou Natl. Forest decreased in value from -16% to -27%, and five Pearson Tract lots in the Umatilla Natl. Forest decreased by -13%. Both of these appraisal value decreases are in locations that have had a forest fire in the last ten years. In the Siskiyou, the Biscuit Fire burned one cabin.

The following table categorizes the new permit fees within the dollar ranges across the top row. The second row reports the number of cabins that fit within the dollar range and the last row provides the percentage of cabins within the dollar range.

Appraisal Results by Fee Dollar Range

\$ range of new permit fees	0-999	1000-1999	2000-2999	3000-3999	4000-4999	5000-5999	6000-6999
Nbr. of cabins in \$ range	140	240	263	12	154	133	171
% of cabins in \$ range	12.5%	21.4%	23.5%	1.1%	13.8%	11.9%	15.3%

For more information on the appraisal results go to www.oregonforesthomeowners.com.

Web Sites of Interest

Do you have your boater's license? It is now mandatory in Oregon to hold a boater's license when operating a boat with more than 10 horsepower. You may obtain your license by completing an online class at BoatED:

<http://www.boat-ed.com>

Did you know that new rules were adopted in 2008 for Diamond Lake, by the Oregon State Marine Board? Visit the following web site to review the reinstatement of the 10 mph speed limit:

<http://www.boatoregon.com/OSMB/BoatLaws/ProposedRules.shtml>

For Diamond Lake weather watchers:

Another web site with snowpack reports for Oregon going back to 1997. Compare this year to previous years at:

http://www.wcc.nrcs.usda.gov/cgibin/snow_rpt.pl?state=oregon

From the last newsletter, to make sure the weather watchers have these sites bookmarked:

Ever wonder what the snow depth is at Diamond Lake? Or want to track the rain? Use this web site from the US Dept. of Ag. and keep track of the actual information. (The measuring site is on the east side of the lake so add a little more snow depth for our west-side location.

<http://www.or.nrcs.usda.gov/snow/maps/sitepages/22f18s.html>

Spring Reading....

While cabin owners wait.... For the snow to melt and then the mosquitoes to abate....

- US Department of Agriculture Forest Service - *Term Special User Permit for Recreation Residences Authority: Act of March 4, 1915, 16 U.S.C. 497*

A 10-page permit followed by a four page *Exhibit A: Operations and Maintenance Plan - Recreation Residences Diamond Lake Tract*, and then a three page *Exhibit B: Diamond Lake Recreation Home Boat Dock Policy*.

- *Lonesome Dove* by Larry McMurtry. A Pulitzer Prize for Fiction winner in 1986, is a love story, an adventure and an epic of the frontier. This is the grandest novel ever written about the last, defiant wilderness of America, on the trail from the dusty little Texas town of Lonesome Dove to Montana, travel with these heroes and outlaws, whores and ladies, Indians and settlers.

If reading 858 pages of this memorable novel doesn't outlive the snowpack and the mosquito swarms, rent the mini series. It stars Robert Duvall, Danny Glover, Angelica Huston and Tommy Lee Jones in the star-studded cast. As mini series go, this is among the best!

Diamond Lake Homeowners' Association (DLHA)

To submit articles to the next newsletter, email your text and photos by Sept. 30, 2009 to Sharon Karr at sekarr@asktechwriter.com.

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Committees:

Appraisal Committee - Bernie Kosola (#20)- CUFFA
Road Committee - CW Smith (#61)

Representatives:

Fish Restoration Representative - Dave Loomis (#64)
NFH Ambassadors - Jack & Bev Snyder (#10)
OFHA - Sharon Karr

Annual meeting is held on the Saturday closest to the 4th of July. Barbecue follows the meeting.

OFHA and NFH Information

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Diamond Lake Lodge Events

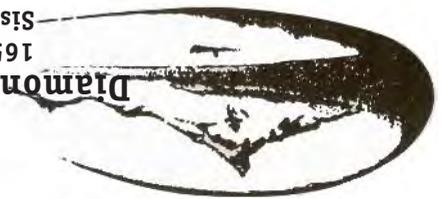
- June 6 — Diamond Lake Resort Kids FREE Fishing Derby
- June 6-7 — Oregon's Free Fishing Weekend
- June 27 — Blackbird 5000 Fishing Derby
- July 4 Celebration — BBQ, Games, Live Music and Southern Oregon's Best Fireworks Display over Diamond Lake at 10 PM. Don't Miss It! The 4th celebrations starts at the lodge on July 3 and continues to July 5
- July 10 - 11 — Oregon Wild Turkey Federation Convention
- July 22 - 25 — Star Promenader's Square Dance Festival
- July 31 - Aug. 1 — Cascade Lakes Relay from Diamond Lake to Bend, Oregon. 216.6 mile run or 131.8 mile walk
- Aug. 6 - 9 — Oregon Old Time Fiddlers
- Sept. 5 - 6 — Northwest Challenge Series
- Sept. 26 -27 — Oregon Kokanee Power Fishing Derby

Cabin Maintenance Contacts

If you have anyone who provides a service, chimney cleaning, septic pumping or any other, and you are satisfied with their performance, please submit their name and number so this information can be shared with other cabin owners. Thank you.

Electrical	North River Electric, Inc. (Located in Glide) Phone: 541-673-0800
Well Drilling	Doug Schattenkerk (#48) Southern Oregon Water Wells Phone: 541-672-7834 Cell: 541-580-2256
Foundation	J.I.M. & Associates, Inc. (Located in Gold Hill) Jim Chaplin Phone: 541-770-9409
Tree Services	Limb Walker Tree Service (Located in Roseburg) Tony Lane Phone: 541-673-8233 Cell: 541-580-1040
Chimney Sweep	Doc's Chimney Sweep (Located in Roseburg) Phone: 541-679-8878
Roofing	Mike Simone Construction (Located in Roseburg) Mike Simone Phone: 541-643-0997
Remodeling	Dave Kennaday (Located in Glide) Phone: 541-496-0053
Septic	Mike Forrester Honey Creek Excavation (Located in Idleld Park) Phone: 541-496-0397

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DLHA Annual Meeting
Saturday, July 4, 2009 - 10 AM
at the South Shore Pavilion

Barbecue/Potluck to follow meeting
Lodge provided fireworks - 10 PM

Help Protect Diamond Lake!

Please share any information that you observe or hear about invasive species in Diamond Lake. Call the following phone numbers:

- Roseburg OSP office: 541-440-3333
- TIP number: 1-800-452-7888

Please Wash Your Boat Before
Launching in Diamond Lake!

C2 Public Meetings in Southern Oregon

All cabin owners are invited! Please come to one of the following meetings to hear about the dramatic increases in Permit Fees and about the language changes in your Special Use Permit, and how the Forest Service interpretation of CUFFA is putting our cabins at risk. These meetings are sponsored by the Lake of the Woods tract with OFHA and C2 Representatives providing the latest information from Cabin Coalition 2.

June 4, 2009 at 7:00 PM - Rogue Community College Table Rock Campus, Room 184 - The Commons.

June 5, 2009 at 6:00 PM - Oregon Institute of Technology, Student Union Building at 3201 Campus Dr., Mt. Mazama Room on 2nd floor.

And thanks to all of you who have written letters to our Oregon Senators in an effort to get a hearing for C2. Don't give up! The letter writing needs to continue!

DLHA Announcements

DLHA Board Meeting - July 3, 2009 at cabin #42 - 6:30 PM

Membership - Envelopes are included in this newsletter. Make your check payable to DLHA. Thank you!

Email - Please include your email address on your membership renewal envelope. This helps the DLHA board keep you informed on important news that occurs between newsletters. We do NOT share your email address.

Tract Directory - Updates will be available at the annual meeting. If you have a correction or new information that needs to be included in the directory, please email the information to Sharon Karr at sekarr@asktechwriter.com.