

## Tract Organization within OFHA

### OFHA Web Site has both the Newly Approved Articles of Incorporation and the new draft Bylaws

1. Future communications will only be by email. OFHA is committed to privacy protection of your email, we hope you will share your email contact with OFHA so you can be included in future OFHA communication. Please email you contact information to [ofha.president@gmail.com](mailto:ofha.president@gmail.com).
2. Join the NFH: Please consider joining the National Forest Homeowners Association (NFH). This is a strong national association that is committed to protecting FS cabin home owners at the national level.
3. Why does OFHA remain important? If an issue is specific to a single state – and shows no potential of becoming a national issue, then NFH may not take that issue under their umbrella. This is where a state organization representing forest homeowners comes in. There are still potential Oregon state issues: such as Possessory Interest Tax (most cabin owners in all other states already must pay this tax, therefore, it is only an Oregon issue to protect.)

### Update of the OFHA new structure template for Oregon tracts:

- a. OFHA would like all tracts to consider “organizing as an NFH Tract” to help with mobilization if there was a significant state or national “call to action” issue that was important to Oregon FS cabin owners.

#### Following is a list of Oregon NFH Member Tracts in Oregon:

- Anthony Lakes
- Crescent Lake
- Diamond Lake
- Odell Lake
- Lake of the Woods
- Mt. Hood
- Marion Forks
- Metolius River
- Upper Rogue River
- Stahlman

#### Oregon Tracts not organized or with some organization but not NFH Member Tract Status:

- Recreation Creek
- McKenzie River (Scott Cr. and Delta)
- Elk Lake
- Fish Lake
- Devil’s Cr. and Breitenbush
- Hoodoo
- Fernview
- Paulina
- Agness
- and others?

Tracts can become an organized NFH tract by gathering fellow cabin owners and contacting OFHA. More info links on the OFHA web site.

- b. Local Tract Representative to OFHA: Each tract that decides to participate would elect a Tract Representative to represent their tract. This representative would participate in the state meetings (mainly by phone conference approximately 1-2 times a year). The tract Representatives are the conduit for information from their tract to OFHA and from OFHA back to their tracts. This includes reporting to membership state updates to local membership at the annual tract meeting.

- **Other specifics:**
  - Besides the organized tract representative there are 4 “at large” representative positions available so there can be representation from the smaller, less organized, tracts if there is an interested FS cabin owner without an organized tract.
  - If there are 2 interested FS cabin members from an organized tract that wish to serve on the Board, they could seek an “at Large” position if one is available.
- c. **New OFHA Voting Structure:** The tract representatives will now be voting positions, not the individual forest service cabin homeowners. The tract representatives make up the Board of OFHA and represent their individual tracts at the state level. Each elected tract representative will remain on the OFHA Board as long as they are appointed or elected by their tract.
- **Tract representative or at large representatives job responsibilities:**
1. **Responsibilities:**
- Be actively involved in OFHA as needed
  - Be present for conference calls
  - Periodically serving in officer leadership on the OFHA Board
  - Assist as applicable during a “call to action” at the state level, or in supporting NFH
  - Communicate information from OFHA back to Tract membership
  - Communicate “state” Tract concerns to OFHA
  - Work with your local tract membership and board to understand tract concerns and also to maintain current FS cabin owner contact email information.
- d. **OFHA Meeting options:** Meetings can be held by electronic video (Skype, other), telephone, or in person such as our annual meeting this April. Also, all interested cabin owners are welcome to be a part of any call upon request, and if we have a meeting as a group all FS cabin owners will be welcome.
- e. **Oregon Cabin homeowners contact information:** will be maintained at the local tract level. OFHA will look to local tracts to update current email information.
- f. **How is OFHA funded:** OFHA may send out requests for donations by an email blast either annually – or as needed for specific issues. Also, organized tracts commonly work together with NFH and OFHA to collect all three annual dues (Tract dues if applicable, OFHA donations, and NFH dues), at the annual tract meetings. (OFHA dues request is for \$10 per year)