



■ Deer Springs Ranch Owners Association ■

At the Ranch

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President's Message-

Happy springtime to all DSR owners!

I have spent most of the past month here at the ranch with my wife Sue and several members of our family. I was here for the beautiful snowstorm we had at the end of April and now I am starting to see the shrubs and the flowers bloom. It feels so calm and peaceful here and it is like we are emerging from a very long and dark tunnel that will forever be known as 2020- the year of Covid-19.

With this new start for the Spring of 2021, I want to welcome all of our new owners and take some time to talk about what you can & should expect now that you are a part of our DSR family.

COMMUNITY- We have hundreds of individual owners as part of our family and just like any other family, some are quiet and reserved and some are very outgoing. We hold community events periodically each year and these events are a great opportunity to meet new people.

FUN & ADVENTURE- There are unlimited opportunities for having fun and finding new adventures on and around the ranch. If you are looking for Fun & Adventure then you are in the right place!

PRIVACY- Some owners want to spend their time on their lot by

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themselves to get away from everyone and everything they left behind. For this reason, while it is perfectly ok to go exploring on the DSROA owned 2,000 acres, no one should ever go onto another owner's lot or walk up someone else's driveway unless they have been invited.

RESPECT- Everyone who has purchased property at DSR has done so because they want to be here and they should be respected. Regardless of an individual's background, political views or other beliefs, everyone deserves respect as an individual. Just as some families have individuals who don't get along for some reason, there may be DSR owners who also don't get along for some reason. In that case, our hope is that those individuals will not allow those conflicts or disagreements to spill over into the DSR community.

WILD ANIMALS- In addition to DSR being a working cattle ranch with world-class Texas Longhorn Steers on our property, we are also home to all of the indigenous animals who live here. From deer & elk and mountain lions to black bears and rattlesnakes you never know what you might encounter around the next corner whether you are on your own lot or exploring in the area. Please take the time to educate yourself and your guests on what to look for and what to do if you encounter a wild animal- especially educate

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any young children who may be spending time in this area for the first time. As the old saying goes, 'an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure' so please take the time to be prepared.

SAFETY- It is easy to think that because we are out in the wilderness we can do whatever we want, but that is not true. Whether it is the safe use of firearms, or the safe use of fire (currently no open fires are allowed on any lot) or the safe use of the roads we all have an obligation to protect others on the ranch.

I have personally been run off the road into the ditch by a driver who was coming down Meadow Canyon Road way too fast and the only way for me to avoid a front end collision was to drive into the ditch. Thankfully it was at a location where there were no injuries and no damage to my vehicle, but it was a split second decision and it was very scary at the time. The posted speed limit for all ranch roads is 25 mph and that is too fast when approaching a blind spot in the road. Please slow down and be careful when necessary.

HELP- We all need help from time to time. Whether it's a broken down or stuck vehicle, help with a project or simply some advice on the best way to do something 'off the grid', we all need help. Everyone who I have met at the

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ranch over the past 5 years is willing to help- even if it means having to go out of their way to do it. If you ever need help with something please don't be afraid to ask for it.

VOLUNTEERING- All of us as owners have the opportunity to volunteer our time and sometimes our extra and unused items to make DSR a better place for everyone. There are always more projects that need to be done here than there is time or money in the budget to get them all done. If you are looking for an opportunity to volunteer then please contact DSROA Board Member Cindi Olson at ceolson22@gmail.com.

If anyone ever has a question or concern that you need help with please feel free to contact me directly. All communications that I receive will be treated with confidentiality and professionalism and I will try to assist you in the best way possible.

Welcome to the DSR Family!

Mike McNichols
DSROA Board President
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Please - NO DUMPING!

A friendly reminder to all members that dumping construction materials and any other personal refuse materials is PROHIBITED at the gravel pit or in any other location on DSROA common grounds. Please make your own arrangements to dispose of these materials properly.



Fishing in the DSR Ponds is back!!!



The upper 2 ponds were stocked with rainbow trout on Saturday, May 15th.

As a reminder, it is recommended that fishing be primarily 'catch & release' to provide fun and excitement for as many people as possible during the year. If a fish is injured during the process of being caught to the point where it will not survive if it is released then that fish should be removed from the pond and eaten or disposed of properly.

Please make sure the children know that they should get their hands wet in the pond before handling the fish to prevent injury to their scales. Since our ponds are on private DSR property there is no requirement to have a Utah fishing license for any age.

We will be providing a port-a-potty in the area of the ponds so if it needs to be serviced or if there are any issues please notify the Ranch Manager or a member of the Board so we can get it taken care of promptly.

Good Fishing!



"Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they just have the heart." —Elizabeth Andrew

Have you seen all the earth moving activity going on between the Lower Cabins and Skutumpah? Three RV pads are being put in for Guest Worker Volunteers (aka Workcampers) to stay on the Ranch. These volunteers will be cleaning and helping to maintain the Association cabins, cleaning up around headquarters, taking care of the animals, greeting guests, and doing maintenance and building projects as appropriate to their level of skill and experience. In exchange, they will be our guests on the Ranch, let's welcome them as such if you see them out and about performing their duties. Our sincerest wish is that this Guest Worker program will help improve the Ranch and that it will lighten the load currently borne by some of our hardest working member volunteers.

On the subject of volunteering, a new "Area of Responsibility" for DSROA board members has been established, "Volunteers." I will be responsible for coordinating not only the Guest Worker Volunteers, but also any members that wish to perform volunteer service around the Ranch. If you wish to help out, please contact me by email at ceolson22@gmail.com. Or you can call me at 909-225-6955. If I cannot be reached, you can contact the Property Manager, Kurt Jacobsen...he'll put you to work!

Cindi Olson
DSROA Board Member

Cabin Maintenance Log

Hello Members!!! We are excited to announce that we have opportunities to volunteer at the cabins. We have had members inquire to be able to volunteer when they came stay at the Cabins. We are placing Cabin Maintenance Logs in each of the cabins. These will be placed inside the hall closets or inside the Kitchen Cabinets. This log will assist in keeping up on the maintenance of each of the cabins. This log will include the description items, time frame needing to be completed and a date completed with the signature and lot # of each item. These items include from replacement of the fire alarm batteries to painting of the exterior of the cabin. We ask that if you want to volunteer, that you would do what you feel comfortable in doing or assisting on bigger items with assistance of the ranch manager.

This is not only a BIG HIGH FIVE to our volunteers to want to help but to free up some time of the Ranch Manager. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Kathy (435) 680-3718 for the Lower Cabins or Joe (702) 375-3425 for the Upper Cabins.

Thank you for Volunteering!!!

Board Members
Kathy Pierce & Joe Bosze

Upcoming Ranch Events

Next Board Meeting, June 12,
Ranch Headquarters at 1:00 PM.

DSROA Annual Meeting and
Election, September 11, Ranch
Headquarters.

Labor Day Festivities, September
4-6, Ranch Headquarters

Welcome to New Members-

In behalf of Deer Springs Ranch Owners Association, we welcome the following new members to the ranch:

Jeff Meshinsky - Lot 145
John Keane - Lot 131
Bart & Brenda Battista - Lot 94
Kelsie & Cal Boettcher - Lot 277
Jim Ringquist - Lots 194 & 207
William & Laura Pickard - Lot 25
Christian Kroger - Lot 267
Kevin & Cynthia Pool - Lot 64
Mark & Tina Warhurst - Lot 298
Mark & Terry Wery - Lot 230
Braden Bearnson - Lot 250
Phil & Cheryl McMillan - Lot 304
Tim McKissen - Lot 254
Jenny Riddick - Lot 191
Braden Bearnson, Lot 212 & 252
Gary & Anne Clark, Lot 144

Fires at DSR are prohibited

In a recent letter received from the State of Utah Water Division, 100% of Utah is in a drought. Dry spring winds and lack of sustainable rain/snow at the ranch continue to raise the extreme fire danger. To keep our ranch safe, please do not use any machine that does not have a spark arrestor, no campfires, and please be mindful of cigarette use while enjoying the ranch.

For those must have s'mores, come on down to Ranch Headquarters and enjoy a small camp fire in comfort and safety. Currently BBQ grill use is permissible.



Firearms Use at DSR

For your safety and the safety of all of our members, please review this section from the DSROA bylaws regarding the use of Firearms on DSROA properties:

10.3 Firearms.

"No Member or other individual shall use or discharge any firearm on any Common Area of the Deer Springs Ranch Subdivision without prior written approval of the Association. Use of firearms on or within the boundaries of any Lot is permitted upon approval of the Lot Owner. The discharging of firearms shall be allowed only within areas designated by the Association. Safety practices must be exercised in the use of firearms at all times and any careless or unlawful use of firearms shall be cause for restrictive and/or disciplinary action by the Association. All laws relating to the use of firearms, hunting, and fishing will be strictly enforced. All damage caused to any Common Area or other property by the use or discharge of a firearm shall be the responsibility of the Member participating or allowing for the same."

Nominations needed

Now is a great time to start thinking about Nominations for the next up coming board. We have 4 new board positions coming up. This would be a great time to start thinking of members that have been an owner/member for one year (September), who you would like to nominate to serve as a board member. We have a lot of great new members that have been members for a year.