



Ponderosa Property Owners' Association

November

Newsletter

2019

President's Message

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Greetings,

We will be having the PPOA Thanksgiving potluck at the Ponderosa Lodge again this year. It will be on Saturday, November 30. Look for more information on it in the newsletter. Hope you can make it.

There are going to be some changes to the newsletter. Beginning next year the mailing to everyone will not be automatic. As usual, it will be available on the web site. If you want to receive it through the mail, you will have to request it. There are details in the newsletter on how to do that.

In addition, Betty Korf is always keeping a running update of the PPOA Directory. If your information is not correct, missing, or you do not want your name included in the Directory, please let her know.

As always, I encourage anyone who is not a member of the PPOA, to consider becoming a member. There are many projects that your community PPOA board provides to you to keep our community up-to-date, safe, and a wonderful place to visit.

There is a membership form available in this newsletter. Also, visit the web site: ponderosaca.com to view the PPOA meeting minutes and newsletters.

Kit Korf

PPOA President



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Long time Ponderosa resident Carl Cappelan passed away on September 25 after a battle against cancer and complications from surgery. Carl lived with his wife Paulette in Springville, Lompoc, Santa Maria and Ponderosa before retiring in Laughlin, Nevada a few years ago. His contributions to the Ponderosa community include the "Out My Window" weather station and Fire Brigade and he was treasurer of the Nevada Snow Mobile Association for many years.

If you would like to share memories of Carl and Paulette, send your comments to ppoanewsletter@gmail.com.



Save The Date! PPOA Thanksgiving Potluck

Saturday, November 30th

5:00 until 8:00 PM at the Ponderosa Lodge

The Lodge will prepare the Thanksgiving turkey that is provided by PPOA

Please bring a side dish

Ponderosa Lodge Activities

- **12/15** Cookie decorating party 5pm
- **12/21** Christmas White Elephant gift exchange/ Pot Luck 6pm

Also we are adjusting our hours to the following:

Mon-Thurs 11am-6pm

Friday 11am-8pm

Sat 9am-8pm (extended bar hours)

Sunday 9am-6pm



As we get "Weather", hours may adjust. I would suggest calling ahead of time for hours or any special requests. 559-542-2579

To place an ad:

email ppoanewsletter@gmail.com

Personal ads are free for PPOA members, space permitting.

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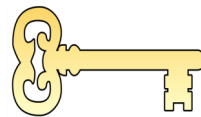
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\$25- Full page \$40- Both sides of page

Contact PPOA Treasurer Yves Declerck at declerck.yves5@gmail.com

Please feel free to submit articles, pictures, recipes, etc. that you feel would be of interest to the Ponderosa community.

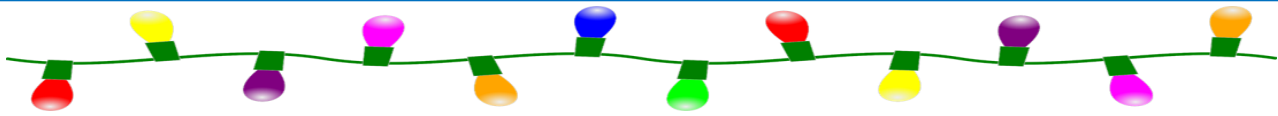
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Do you want a Ponderosa mailbox? Ponderosa residents interested in getting a mailbox key, please contact Tammi Stewart at:
(559) 542-2218 or (949) 492-3659.

FYI.....ads can be placed on the Ponderosaca website and Facebook for minimal cost. Please contact Julia Inestroza if you are interested.

(Julia@tenalu.com)



PPOA Presents...
Ponderosa Holiday Lights Contest
A Contest For The Most Spectacular
Exterior Lights/Decorations

First, Second, & Third place winners will be awarded

Judging Criteria:

- Creativity of Design and the use of Lights**
- Unique Theme or Storyline**
- Display & Placement of Decorations/Animated Objects, etc.**
- Overall "WOW" Factor**

Judging will be held on December 28th

All property owners are invited to meet at the Lodge on December 28th at 5:30 pm to help view and evaluate all participants

Please bring an hors d'oeuvre plate to share when we return to the lodge after evaluating all participants to announce the winners

***If you would like to participate in the event please call or email Juana Gray no later than December 23rd so your cabin can be placed on the judging ballot and driving route. Call (559) 359-9426 or email juanagray@gmail.com**

*****Just for fun wear your craziest holiday socks on judging night!*****

JOIN THE PONDEROSA PROPERTY OWNER ASSOCIATION (PPOA) NOW!
MEMBERSHIP 2020

The PPOA encourages all owners in the Ponderosa community to renew their membership for 2020 or to join the association if they are not members. Contributions from membership are critical for the association to maintain its activities, to consider new initiatives and support the Fire Brigade. Through the support of its membership, the PPOA has provided many services to the community this year. **A membership form is available in the back of this newsletter.**

Commemorative Shelter: Under the leadership of Richard Thomas and with the volunteer contribution of many members, this project – which includes a bench in memory of Barbara Dolmovic (Barbie) - has been completed.

Website: Thanks to Julia Inestroza, the PPOA maintains a website (<https://ponderosaca.com> and <https://facebook.com/ponderosacalifornia>) with updated information on weather, fire, road conditions and many other aspects of our community.

Social events: The PPOA has organized several social events that many members of the community enjoyed. We had a very successful 4th of July picnic and are looking toward a great Thanksgiving Potluck. As last year, we will have a Holiday Decoration contest in December.

Mailboxes: The PPOA maintains mailboxes allowing owners to have mail delivered directly to Ponderosa (courtesy of Tammi Stewart). The old door has been replaced with a brand-new door.

Quarterly Newsletter: Thanks to Lorna and Mike McWilliams, PPOA members have received a quarterly newsletter that has been a great tool to maintain the communication among PPOA members. The newsletter has increased in scope and includes helpful information as well as notes and messages from members.

Fire Brigade: Most importantly, under the leadership of David LaPere, our new fire chief and Dana Stewart, the fire brigade has remained well organized and its equipment is being upgraded. This is made possible because of the generosity of many PPOA members who added a donation to their membership dues. The brigade intervened very efficiently in the summer in controlling a fire on Needles road that could have been catastrophic. The fire brigade will continue to play a critical role in our community and the PPO is determined to keep it in top shape.

All the benefits of the PPOA are provided for a minimal annual fee of **\$30 for homeowner and \$15 for landowner**. You will receive an email and/or letter in December, asking to your contribution.

Yves A DeClerck PPOA treasurer

Update on the Commemorative Shelter....

It is complete now with the plaque in memory of Barbara Dolmovic installed on the bench. Many thanks to **Rich Thomas, Will Legette, Bill Dolmovic, Robbie Cope, Larry and Juana Gray, Toro, Boz Bozanich, Dana Stewart and Yves De-Clerck** for their many hours of work and dedication to completing this project. **Will Legette** and his crew did the lions share of the construction work on the shelter, and his skill at building really shows. We owe him a great debt of gratitude. Also, **Tom Griesbach** got us a very good deal on the materials for the shelter from his lumber company. **Toro** furnished the natural log posts that support the structure.



Thanks to all who made this vision possible. It will serve as a memorable tribute to those who have been active in the community

Social opportunity...The Ponderosa Book Club

The book club meets on the last Saturday of each month at the Lodge at 11:00 a.m. There are about 15 members and the reading list is posted on the mailroom window. Several books are chosen ahead of time so members can share a book, have time to use the Library or purchase it from Amazon.



Everyone is welcome to attend. For more information or to find out what exciting book is being read, please contact **Tammi Stewart** at **(559)542-2218** or tammistewart26@gmail.com



- **PPOA FIRE BRIGADE MEETING – NOV. 17 AT 10AM**
- **THANKSGIVING – THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28**
- **PPOA THANKSGIVING POTLUCK – NOV. 30**
5:00 TIL 8:00 PM – PONDEROSA LODGE
- **PPOA BOARD MEETING – SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1 AT 10 AM**
- **COOKIE DECORATING PARTY AT THE LODGE – DEC. 15 AT 5PM**
- **CHRISTMAS WHITE ELEPHANT AT THE LODGE – DEC. 21 AT 6PM**
GIFT EXCHANGE/ POT LUCK
- **PPOA CHRISTMAS LIGHTS JUDGING – DEC. 28 AT 5:30PM**
BRING HORS D'OUVRES TO THE LODGE

A Message from our Fire Brigade Chief David LaPere

Over the past few months the Ponderosa Fire Brigade (PFB) has been going through some changes. We have transitioned some leadership roles, and seen some changes in volunteer brigade members. We've held a series of training events to review engine operations and firefighter skill sets, including advanced fire ground extinguishment techniques. Engine operators have been training on tactical engine placement and water supply operations. Some of the more active brigade members have been working on incident command and control procedures. The PFB has also had all its active members trained in CPR, bleeding control and patient assessment in an effort to provide the best emergency service possible to the residents and visitors of the Ponderosa.



In the winter months ahead, we will be working on reconfiguring some equipment to streamline operations and the procurement of a chain saw and various hand tools. Soon we will be starting our annual maintenance on our engine and equipment along with the construction of some hose racks at the station house.

Since our last report we have responded to one medical aid call and a fire in a trash trailer next to a cabin that was caused by the disposal of oil soaked rags used on a staining project. The fire was contained within the trailer and did not spread to the cabin. The resident that was in need of medical attention was compassionately cared for by several members of the PFB until an ambulance arrived to transport them to Sierra View Medical Center in Porterville.

Both Assistant Chief Dana Stewart and I encourage anyone that would like to participate in the PFB to come to **our next meeting on November 17th at 10:00 at the PPOA building.** This training will focus in preventing and treating hypothermia, and treating for shock. If you have any fire or PFB related questions you can contact me at dlapere68@gmail.com or just stop me in the street when you see me.

Be safe!

Contact information:

Regarding Fire Brigade, please contact Dave at dlapere68@gmail.com
Regarding Streets and Road Signs, please contact
Julie at juliedp99@gmail.com
Cabin phone number is (559) 542-2452

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Guide to Winterizing Your Cabin

Should I turn off water each time I leave the cabin? Anyone that does not live in their residence 'full time', and those full time residents that leave for extended periods of time for vacations, etc. should always turn off their water as a precaution, even in the Summer months. It only takes a few minutes and if a leak/break occurs, the only amount of water that can potentially leak out will be what is actually in the lines at the time. This simple precaution could save thousands of gallons of water and the homeowner a costly bill.



When Should I Winterize? It is recommended that you 'winterize' your cabin beginning in the fall, typically around Thanksgiving Day. By then the temperatures typically drop below freezing each night.

How to Winterize: While the 'set up' in each cabin can differ, the following is a simplified version of the procedure.

1) Go to the Water Heater and turn the settings dial to 'vacation'. Older Water Heaters may not have a 'vacation' setting, if so turn the dial to the lowest setting. By placing the water heater on the low setting, it will use a minimal amount of propane or electricity to keep the water warm and hence prevent it from freezing in the tank. If you intend to shut off your water heater completely, then you should drain it completely.

2) Go into the 'sub area' (underneath the cabin) and find the water supply line where it enters the foundation. This will 'typically' be a copper or galvanized pipe line coming out of the ground with a shut off valve very close to this point. The 'shut off' valve may be either a round handle not unlike the handle to your hose bib, or it can also be a 'directional' handle. If it is a directional handle, turn it until the handle is at a 90 degree angle to the incoming water line. In either case, make sure the valve completely shuts off water to your cabin. You can test this by opening a valve inside your cabin (i.e. kitchen sink); no water should come out of the faucet if the shut off valve is properly closed.

3) Once the water is turned off, find the lowest water faucet (preferably on the exterior) and open the faucet, and leave it open. If there is no exterior faucet, open whatever faucet is at the 'lowest' elevation point in the cabin.

4) Now, go back through the cabin and open every water faucet, shower/tub faucet, and flush every toilet. As an additional safety measure, make sure to partially open the shower head 'diverter' valve, if so equipped. Your goal is to eliminate as much water from the pipes in your system as possible.

5) Next, pour antifreeze into each and every drain in the cabin including shower drains, sink drains, and toilets (both the bowl and tank). The exact amount of antifreeze will depend on the type of antifreeze you use - read the directions on the container carefully. Some use regular auto antifreeze and others use antifreeze designed for RV plumbing. You might also find some ideas through internet research.

6) Lastly, close the door to your Dishwasher (if applicable) and turn on the Dishwasher for just a few seconds. This will activate the solenoid in the Dishwasher allowing what little water is in the line serving the Dishwasher to drain and prevent the plastic solenoid from freezing and breaking. You may need to do the same thing if you have a washing machine and also set the ice maker in your freezer to the “on” position as well as the water dispenser on the refrigerator, if you have one.

7) As an added precaution, some of us leave our heater (assuming you have one) set to a low setting of about 50 degrees. This will keep the interior of your cabin warm enough to prevent interior pipes from freezing, but most heaters only work if the electric power is on. In the event of an extended power outage, this extra precaution will be nullified.

Conclusion: Even though you properly shut down and drained your cabin, it is virtually impossible to evacuate all of the water from the system. There will always be an amount of water still in the pipes. The amount of water depends on if the plumbing system was properly ‘sloped’ when it was installed. When we experience freezing conditions, the remaining water in the system can still freeze and result in broken pipes. If you or someone else has not been to your cabin recently, we have very strong words of caution. **Do not turn on the water and leave the cabin without looking and listening for breaks!**

We hope you find these tips helpful, and if you have any questions about how to properly winterize your cabin, then we suggest you contact one of the long term or full time residents who can offer specific advice for your situation. The following people may be able to help you if you have questions:

Bill Dolmovic	559-542-8000	Jimmy Parminter	559-542-2524
Richard Thomas	559-542-2970	Kit Korf	559-542-2504

Reporting a Fire / Medical Emergency

#1 For medical or fire emergency call 911; no exceptions!

#2 Then call 1-866-623-7525. When prompted for the user name, enter 542-2639. When prompted for a password enter 1013. Follow the simple instructions to record your message.

Example “ Fire at (location) Aspen Drive, your name, date and time of call”

Full time Fire Brigade residents/Operators

Dana Stewart	542-2218
Tammi Stewart	542-2218
Jim Parmenter	542-2524
Bill Dolmovic	542-8000
Larry Gray	542-2993
Robert Cope	542-2601
Jeff Gletne	542-2415

Ashes: Method of disposing your ashes.

Place hot ashes from your stove / fireplace in a covered Metal container. Leave in container until cold to the touch.

Burning Piles: Method of burning your yard debris.

Always call the Tulare County burn number to ensure it is a legal burn day.

Always have a shovel, hose or fire extinguisher on hand. **NEVER** burn on windy days.

Chimney Fires: Method to extinguish an active chimney fire:

Throw a cup of water on to the fire then close the door to the stove / fireplace. The steam should extinguish the fire. Recommendation: Have your chimney cleaned often by a “Chimney sweeper”.

Cal Fire/ Springville	539-2413
Cal Trans/ Roads condition:	800-427-7623
Camp Nelson Fire Station 23 :	542-2718
Tulare County Burn	1-877-429-2876 ext 7
District Ranger:	539-2607 ext 72210
Sherif Department:	782-4700
Highway Patrol:	784-7444 or 911
Camp Nelson Ambulance:	542-2140

Professional Chimney Sweep:	732-6200
Matt Goldsmith:	542-2709

A Tribute to Kent Lowry by Karen Cohen

It was Peppermint Creek that drew Kent and Lynn Lowry from Canyon Country in the mid-seventies. Soon, they and the four kids were camping there every summer. Pete Brewer would drop in during their stays. Beverage of choice in hand--a bottle of Wild Turkey--he'd spend hours telling stories in front of the campfire.

For Lynn, the highlight of these camping trips was driving through Ponderosa itself, admiring the pretty cabins. In 1989, they purchased land. In 1991, their cabin was built. And on July 4th, 1997, Kent and Lynn became full time residents of Ponderosa.

One year later to the day, a married couple, flatlanders from Woodland Hills, California, drove into Ponderosa for the first time, pursuing their dream of a weekend retreat. As they pulled up in front of the lodge, Barbara Dolmovic exited her vehicle and greeted them. Within an hour's time, Paul and I knew that we had found our mountain paradise.

We met the Lowrys, I believe, at the 1998 Mountain Man Festival. I still recall sitting across from them, looking with amazement into Lynn's multicolored eyes. That day, we four sat down as strangers and stood up as friends. That friendship has blessed Paul and I for twenty-one years. Kent, we found, was a big, friendly man with an encyclopedic knowledge of the area. When we started to build, we soon learned to consult him on everything. Where to buy materials. Which companies/individuals to do business with. How to troubleshoot problems.

Not only was he friendly and smart, but he was generous with his time. As our cabin began to take shape, Kent was right there, helping Paul to put up stem walls and lay down floors. It just may be that, like so many husbands, he found other peoples' DIY projects more attractive than his own!

And Lynn was generous, too! One day, knowing that Paul and I were renting a room at the B & B every time we came up, she urged us to use their spare bedroom instead. How could we refuse? That was our introduction to "Lowry hospitality." It's been blessing our socks off ever since. What's more, the Lowry Zoo (dogs, cats) would spring into action every time we paid a visit. They always made for an entertaining stay.

But how do I say "Kent Lowry" without saying "horses" in the same breath? He loved his big black horse, Blaze, and all the denizens of Mountain Daisy Ranch. When Paul acquired his first horse, he was sixty-something and a novice rider. *Kent to the rescue!* He took Paul under his wing, and the two men rode trail together for six or seven years. Ask him, and Paul will tell you that everything he knows about horses he learned from Kent Lowry.

Kent's goodwill extended to friends and strangers alike. From time to time, there are mishaps on our mountain. When a couple pulling a horse trailer got a flat tire at Zephaniah's curve, Kent watered their horses, fetched his own truck, and towed them all the way to the Golden Trout stables. There were other rescues. One winter, the Lowrys were snowmobiling with friends near Kernville when they came upon four purebred bloodhounds. The dogs had become separated from their owners on a hunting trip and were so weak, they could barely stand. Lynn pulled one dog into her lap while the others followed suit. The dogs were ferried back to Ponderosa and their grateful owners contacted.



But the incident that stands out most in my mind was the bitter "New Year's Eve, Eve" storm, which leveled hundreds of trees in our community and knocked out the electricity. The phone company attempted to enter Ponderosa via Aspen Drive, only to become stuck in deep snow.

Kent sprang into action. So **what** if he was in bed with the flu? Firing up his small tractor, he spent hours plowing the back road so the telephone company could restore service, with Lynn standing on the back of the tractor to add weight. They both nearly froze!

For Paul and myself, a Ponderosa without Kent is sadly diminished. Still, we are thankful that we had his friendship for as long as we did. From here on out, if ever I should ask myself, "How can I be a good neighbor?" all I have to do is think back on our dear friend, Kent Lowry.

PPOA Board Convinces Forest Service to Reopen Forest Road 21S54 at Fox Drive

Submitted by Rich Thomas

A few weeks ago the Forest Service closed Forest Road 21S54 at Fox Drive. As many of you know this dirt road provides off highway vehicle access to Needle Lookout Road and to snow-mobile route 29. The closure came with no warning or explanation.

On Wednesday October 2, 2019 PPOA Board Members Richard Thomas and Bill Dolmovic met with US Forest Service District Ranger Eric LaPrice and Recreation Manager Kyle Lane and asked them to reopen the route. We consulted the official Motor Vehicle Use Map (MVUM) which clearly shows 21S54 connecting with Fox Drive and it is an official Forest Service route. After a little discussion they indicated they knew of no reason for the route to be closed and agreed to reopen it. We learned that the USFS cannot close an "official" route that is shown on the MVUM except for an emergency and/or without a written "Forest Order", neither of which existed when their crew closed the route.

As of noon on Friday October 4, 2019 we are happy to report the route has been reopened. This route is used primarily by many of our PPOA members as an off highway vehicle route. It allows us to connect to a web of other Forrest Service routes that are approved for off highway use.

The PPOA Board thanks District Ranger Eric La Price and Recreation Manager Kyle Lane for their prompt attention to this matter. Their professional manner and cooperative attitude is truly appreciated.



Marian (Kramer) Ayers and the Ponderosa

My memories of my Mom and the Ponderosa only go back to the mid 60's when we first started visiting the Ponderosa as a family. At least that's when my memories started at the age of 5 or 6. This was the period when my grandfather, Herbert Kramer began work on the Kramer Heritage cabin as it's called by the family. This is located off of Kramer Dr. which is off the end of Tamarack Dr. This was about the same time that the first couple of tract maps were approved by Tulare County for the first phases of the Ponderosa subdivision.

The land was originally owned by Alexander Sanes Kramer. The land was used for sheep grazing, horse pasturing as well as logging. The largest logging operation was in the last 40's and early 50's with an establishment of a logging camp on the property. On the death of Alexander Sanes in 1936, the land passed on to Herbert Kramer, Marian's father, Alex Jacob Kramer and Clarence Kramer. After the death of Clarence Kramer, his widow, Ona, sold her interest in Kramer land to Don Carter, a real estate developer from Santa Barbara. This resulted in dividing the property into three portions. At the time of the division of the property, Alex J. Kramer sold his interest in Kramer Meadow to Herbert and Anna Kramer, retaining five acres that border the Great Western Divide Highway south of the Ponderosa Lodge. Don Carter started subdividing his portion and the Ponderosa was born. The first subdivision tract map #391 was recorded May 1, 1963. The remaining portion of the land was 77 acres of land that borders on the southern boundary of the Ponderosa. The 77 acres extends from the Great Western Divide Highway on the south side of Aspen Dr. across from the Ponderosa Lodge to the western portion of Kramer Meadow.

With the development of the Ponderosa, the Kramer family began the next generation of living, working and playing. Marian and her 3 children, David, Don and Diane made frequent trips to the family cabin helping Herbert transform a building from the earlier logging camp into what is now the family cabin. Marian, growing up on a ranch in Delano, was accustomed to mountain life and made sure that her children experienced time in the Sierras. It became a family tradition that all of the Ayers and families of her two brothers, Ken Kramer and Richard Kramer spent every Thanksgiving at the Ponderosa. After the Thanksgiving meal, the family would harvest Christmas trees from the 77 acres for the upcoming Christmas season. Marian and her family spent many summers at the Ponderosa completing work on the cabin and escaping the valley heat. Her children often share tales of the various tasks they were put to that went into the cabin. From collecting river rock or cleaning bricks for the fireplace and recycling old lumber and nails from the old lumber mill.

Later in life, Marian, with the passing of her father, Herbert Kramer, and mother, Anna Kramer, took over managing what was know as Kramer Properties. The Kramer family had farmland holdings in the Bakersfield and Delano areas and in the pastureland in the Sierras such as the Ponderosa and the Burnt Corral Meadow near the Little Kern River. Marian managed the various aspects of these properties and supervised selective logging of the Ponderosa land in the 70's and 80's. Over the years, the family has divested itself of all of the holdings with the Ponderosa being the last piece of Alexander Sane Kramer's homesteaded farmland.

For more information, contact Diane Ayers at dianeaye@yahoo.com.

Needles Completion

submitted by Kelsey Lane



It was thirty seven degrees Monday morning August 19, 2019, when the crews hopped in their trucks and headed toward the Needles. Toros Tree Service, a local Ponderosa company, had been waiting on their last crew member, who was a no show. They met with Historicorps, a nonprofit partner of the US Forest Service, at seven in the morning at the Needles Trailhead. The Toros crew had five eighty pound packs and only four crew members. Historicorps' crew leader, Al, was to be stationed at the trailhead to man the radios and close access to the public. Historicorps' project manager, Na-

talie, planned to hike with the Toros. Thankfully she offered to carry one of the packs, arguably the most important pack: the water pump that was to prevent any fires from occurring from the removal of the stairs, out to the lookout. The almost two mile hike from the trailhead to the stairs is a rocky, rough trail up steep mountain terrain. Toros Tree Service and Historicorps reached the stairs in record time as a team. It was time to get to work.

They all climbed to the top of the stairs where the Needles Lookout once stood. The Needles Lookout was a fire lookout started in 1938 that had unfortunately burned down in July of 2011. The Toros crew leader, Toro, started rigging off the top section of stairs that was to be removed. That is when they noticed that the radios were not working. They devised a plan using radios with a morse code type of communication. The rigging re-commenced. The crew carried equipment up the stairs as Toro wrapped ropes around the structure. Just then, the stairs trembled and the rock quivered. Assuming it had just been caused by the wind, they continued. In fact it had been a 2.5 earthquake from Ridgecrest, but nevertheless they persisted. Toro dangled off the side of the Needles Rock, hundreds of feet above the forest floor. He made the first two cuts that adjoined the stairs to the rock using a concrete saw with a metal cutting blade. Toros' second in command, Phillip, stretched out from the rock spraying water from the water pump pack as the sparks flew from the saw. The other two crew members, Sesi and Manual, were hooked in and positioned on the stairs. Sesi leaned out over the stairs documenting the crews every move as both her and Manual waited for the order, ready to pull on the ropes. As Phillip moved into his pulling position Toro moved into his third cut position. They were all four in a line on the stairs. The saw started back up and "Pull!". The full section fell over and was pulled to the top with precision.



They clambered back to the top. Toro cut the structure into carryable sizes and the crew muscled each piece down the stairs. They repacked their equipment, repositioned the dead weight upon their backs and sturdied their tired legs. As exhausted as they were, they hiked back out laughing and enjoying each others company. The job was complete and will forever be an unforgettable experience. For those interested in seeing what took place on the Needles Project take a look at picture and video footage captured by Sesi. <https://youtu.be/wukDTm5Filc>

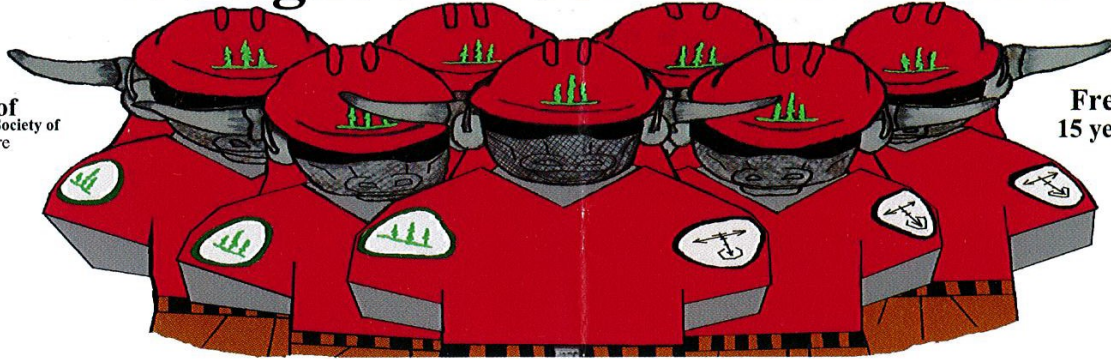
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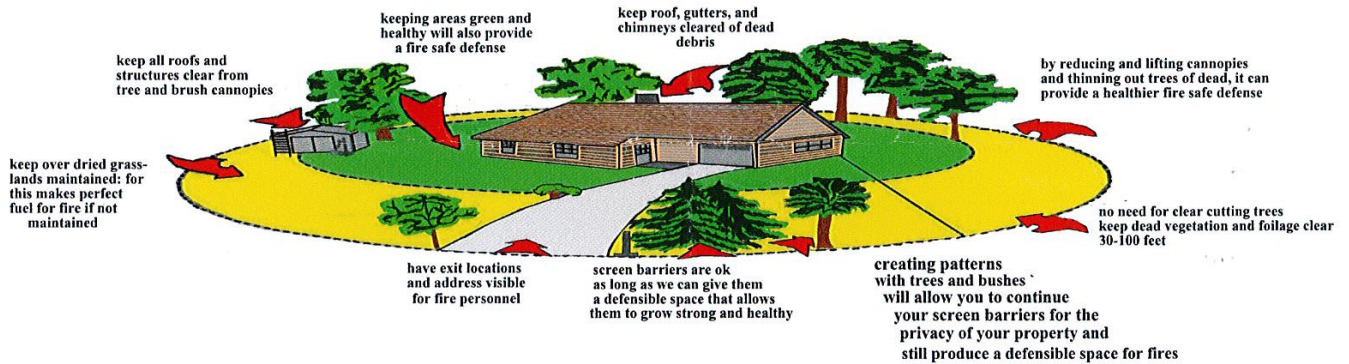
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Free Estimates
15 years experience

**We provide weekly, monthly and seasonal services in:
Land/Yard Maintenance / Winter disasters / Defensible Space in Fire Safety, and more...
For further information email or call us we'll be more than glad to help you.**



This fire safety business does not believe in clear cutting. It initiates an intensified program of landscaping, manicuring, tree thinning and removal of underbrush at strategic sites. Though the cleanup thins only a small percentage of the forest, these sites will benefit surrounding areas acting as "speed bumps" to slow the spread of wildfires. This will not only benefit your local community, but also old forests, wildlife habitat and the lives of firefighters.

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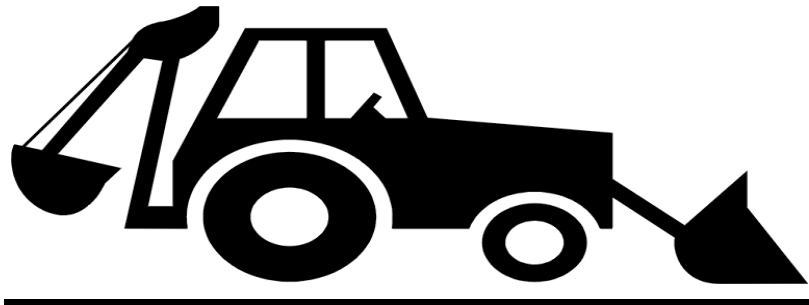
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