

# Wilderness Watch

## Meeting Dates

- 1<sup>st</sup> Tues., 7:00 PM, Water
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Tues., 7:00 PM, Common Area
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Wed., 7:00 PM, Roads
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Tues., 7:00 PM, Board

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## Common Area Committee January 2006 Update

The Common Area Committee burned another slash pile from last year's thinning project. The pile was located about halfway up the Middle Road that connects Rush Creek Road with Whitetail Run and Elk Run roads.

Although the snow and road conditions were tough, we had several dedicated residents show up. I would like to extend a heartfelt "Thank You" to all homeowners who joined in on the fun. I don't get a lot of community involvement on my projects, so those of you who I call friends, thanks for your support. It's your common area so come see how beautiful it is out here!

As for current project process, we are evaluating various forest thinning methods for the 80 acres above the Middle Road in the Common Area. As previously outlined in other articles, if the conditions are right this year, we would like to move forward with thinning this part of our Common Area. I'll keep you posted as this project develops.

If you'd like to volunteer or have other questions about this committee or any of its projects, please contact me at 345-6373.

*Mark Moser, Common Area Committee Chair*

### Submission Information

The *Wilderness Watch* is the primary vehicle for communications between Wilderness Ranch owners and the WROA board and committee chairpersons. It is *usually* published monthly.

Materials for the *Wilderness Watch* should be e-mailed to John Fiedler at [johnfiedler@oreon.net](mailto:johnfiedler@oreon.net) and to Lesley Bahner at [lesleybahner@oreon.net](mailto:lesleybahner@oreon.net), faxed to 208-381-0944, or mailed to 195 Wilderness Way, Boise, ID 83716. There may be room to publish your photos, but it is not always possible. The deadline is the last day of each month for next month's issue. Submit materials longer than 75 words by e-mail, on CD, or on diskette. You should receive acknowledgment that your submission has been received.

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## Welcome to Winter

Those residents of the Ranch who have moved here in the last two or three years have not had to put up with a more normal winter since their arrival. This is, finally, a more normal winter than we have experienced in some years.

### Some thoughts:

1. Sometimes we don't plow the roads, for various reasons.
2. Good winter tires are required, and sometimes chains are required to traverse our winter roads.
3. Sometimes you will not be plowed out on your time schedule.
4. Sometimes roads will not be sanded on your time schedule.
5. It takes from ten to twelve hours to completely plow our roads — somebody will be last, and it might be you.
6. Those of you who get plowed first might find going difficult because of continuing accumulation of snow after

the plow has passed.

7. You need to deal with it. There is nobody to help you except yourself. You will receive little or no sympathy from anybody, especially when we are all dealing with the same issues.

8. Those of us on the Road Committee need to deal with the same issues you do. Give us a break. You are not the only ones who have to get to and from the bottom of the hill on a daily basis.

### Safety issues:

1. Use your chains if you have any question about safely traversing our roads.
2. **Slow down** — even chains don't make the roads safer if you drive too fast.
3. Uphill traffic has the right of way. **However**, use your judgment. If you are going up, and traffic is coming down, and you have a better place to pull over, do it. Bending your car is not useful even if you have the right of way.



*Fresh snow added to the fun of trekking into the Common Area Committee's slash pile. Mark Moser and friends spent an enjoyable afternoon by the fire.*

4. The Road Committee is doing its best to provide the safest roadways possible.

5. **SLOW DOWN.**

Hopefully I have not offended anyone, but those are the facts you need to live with. We don't live in town, or along a highway where the plows are constantly removing the inch of accumulated snow. We simply will not plow until sufficient snowfall accumulates – usually six inches or so, and sometimes not until the storm has passed. Once plowing begins, it is a long process to get it done.

Be safe and sane.

*Tim Schaaf, Co-Chair, Road Committee*

**Wilderness Ranch Owners Association, Inc.**

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**Facilities Committee  
January 2006 Report**

Just quick notes to thank all of the residents for helping me keep the Mail Center clean. With each one of us doing our part, it has made my volunteer job of keeping the mail room picked up much easier. Also, I'd like to extend a "Thank You" to the folks who have been shoveling the steps and clearing the mail delivery path.

I received a call a few weeks ago from the Post Office asking we remember to keep the doorway clear for mail delivery. If we don't keep it clear of snow or if someone parks a car in the mail lady's spot, our mail won't be delivered that day.

So, all those faceless, nameless volunteers... **Thank You.** As always, if you have any concerns with the facilities, please contact me at 345-6373.

*Sandy Moser, Facilities Chair*

**Ads et Cetera**

By WROA policy, ads should be submitted by the last day of the month preceding publication. Resubmit ads each month they are to run.

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**Note to Watch readers: The January regular board of director's meeting was canceled due to a snow storm; no minutes this month!**