



# Wilderness Watch

**Meeting Dates**

1st Tues., 7:00 PM, Water  
 2nd Tues., 7:00 PM, Common Area  
 2nd Wed., 7:00 PM, Roads  
 3rd Tues., 7:00 PM, Board

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## Thank You from Your Road Committee Members and Board Liaison

It's been one month since our snowstorm that brought six feet of snow in six days. The winter of 2007-2008 has been a challenge for all of us here at Wilderness Ranch and all across Idaho. On our mountain alone, we've had reports of 15 feet of snow this year. Owners describe collapsed decks, roofs damaged, stove pipes wiped out, and other property damage from the weight of snow and ice. Many Idaho counties have been declared as "disaster areas" that helps them qualify for reimbursement of damages from federal and state funds. This shows all of us how severe and damaging the snowfalls were this year.

We, like all other communities, were inundated with snow and experienced setbacks beyond our control. Some of the issues we faced were equipment breakdown, weather so severe that crews could not safely operate equipment, equipment rendered inadequate by the depth of our snow and drifts, vehicles in the way disabled due to snow depth, equipment maintenance, refueling, sand refilling, and crew breaks. Not to mention that our contractor had fuel stolen from all of his equipment located on the Ranch.

However, with all of the bad reports and challenges we faced, we've had positive aspects in our own community. We have close to 277 homes and lots in our subdivision and 26 miles of roadway to maintain. Instead of focusing on the 10% of owners who grumbled to Road Committee members, Board members, and our contractor, we want to send a heartfelt "THANK YOU" to the other 90% of owners we

did not hear from. We know you were in the battle with us, just trying to keep your own properties clear of snow, getting out and back home every day, and keeping your families safe.

All of you made our jobs easier by realizing that in order to keep our dues reasonable, we have limitations. We never compromised safety for funding and we have used almost all of our entire year's road budget for winter maintenance alone. We hired additional contractors and equipment to dig us out as the snowfall overwhelmed our resources. We used the Ranch owned backhoe and hired temporary employees. We used every resource we had and then some to get the roads opened up and safely passable. But again, we did not do this alone. We did this with the aid and support of all of you.

There are so many nameless, faceless owners out there we will never meet to give a personal "THANK YOU," so here it is. Thank you for

being self-sufficient, resilient, strong, and independent. Thank you for assisting your neighbors who were overwhelmed as well. Thank you for helping the Road Committee by clearing snow off of Ranch roads. Thank you for being patient, kind, and understanding with all of the challenges we faced as a community. Above all "THANK YOU" for donating funds to replenish our contractor's stolen fuel. That outpouring of support from our community was the most wonderful part of this severe winter.

In summary, as you and we will always hear from the discontented 10% of this community's population, please remember the other silently supporting 90% of you are what keeps us volunteering. All of us volunteer for different reasons, but we all agree we do it for the right reasons, to be of assistance to our community, our fellow neighbors, and to keep our dues affordable.

*The Members of the Road Committee*

## Schaff Appointed to WROA Board of Directors

The position on the Board of Directors vacated on 9 October 2007 by Rhonda Jalbert has been filled by Tim Schaff. The motion to approve this appointment, which was made via e-mail among the Board members, was unanimous to fill this vacancy which will expire in June, 2009.

Tim brings to the table his past corporate knowledge, having served twice before on the Board of Directors. Having been employed by the Idaho Transportation Department, Tim's professional background will complement your Board in providing common sense solutions in resolving issues which face the Board. Tim, who has been chair of our Road Committee, will be replaced by Kiere D'Annunzio. After having dealt with the snow removal logistics of this winter, I believe that he may actually be stepping into an easier job as a Board member.

*Paul Bucca, WROA President*

## Info You Need to Know About Barricade Gel

Homeowners are strongly encouraged to purchase a Barricade Home Fire Defense System, and we are making this possible by offering discounted prices on a bulk order. I have received several orders to date, but we still need more people to participate in order to get the discounted price. Please review the Frequently Asked Questions below and visit the Barricade Web site at [www.northwestbarricade.com](http://www.northwestbarricade.com) for more information about the product and its efficacy. If you are interested in ordering a Barricade Home Fire Defense System or any of the other kits available from Barricade, contact me at 385-1572 by April 15. I won't know exactly how much money each homeowner will save until I know how many kits will be ordered.

### Q: When should I apply Barricade?

**Answer:** Because Barricade can be expected to last from six to 36 hours, depending on weather conditions, it should be applied well in advance of the arrival of fire. Since most homeowners will not be applying Barricade with a high-pressure hose, it may take hours to apply an adequate layer the product to cover an entire home. (It may take less time to coat one or two sides of a structure to protect it from an exposure or to coat vegetation to make a fire break.) The point is, Barricade is not something you should use at the "last minute," and you should NEVER postpone your escape from a potentially life-threatening situation to apply Barricade.

The Wilderness Ranch Fire Protection District recommends the use of the Barricade Home Defense System as an additional defense tool for those homeowners who have adequately prepared their homes for a possible shelter-in-place situation. Homeowners who plan to evacuate the Ranch may use Barricade as well, provided they do so hours before they evacuate, leaving themselves ample time to safely leave the Ranch.

### Q: How much Barricade do I need?

**Answer:** Each one gallon container of Barricade concentrate will coat 500 to 700 square feet of area. (When coating brush, trees and plants, or creating firebreaks, the 500 to 700 square feet of coverage area will not apply.) The area you cover depends on how thickly you apply the product. A  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch covering is recommended. The average home will take between three and five one gallon containers of Barricade concentrate. The Barricade Home Fire Defense System comes with four one gallon containers of Barricade gel. Depending on the size and number of the structures and/or landscape you anticipate protecting, you may need to purchase additional containers of Barricade.

### Q: How much does a Barricade Home Fire Defense System cost?

**Answer:** The Complete Barricade Home Fire Defense System comes with eductor nozzle, pickup tube, quick connect, four one gallon containers of Barricade Fire Blocking Gel, and an instructional video. The price of each kit is \$326 plus shipping. I have contacted the regional supplier of Barricade and was told that we can save a considerable amount of money on shipping if we place a bulk order (24 kits or more).

### Q: What is the shelf life of Barricade?

**Answer:** Barricade can be stored safely for several years. The consistency of Barricade is similar to paint in that some of the product will settle to the bottom. It is recommended that you shake the product every six months. Barricade should be shaken vigorously for a minimum of two minutes before use.

The manufacturer's warranty is for three (3) years against defects. The history of users indicates that with proper storage and handling, and with periodic agitation, the shelf life is much longer than this.

The manufacturer recommends that you do not allow Barricade to freeze or get above 120° Fahrenheit.

### Q: Once I apply Barricade, how long can I expect it to last?

**Answer:** Depending on weather conditions such as sunlight, wind, and humidity, Barricade can be expected to last from a minimum of six to eight hours to a maximum of 24 to 36 hours. The thicker you apply the gel the longer it will last. It is recommended that after its initial application, you lightly mist the gel with water. The applied gel is under-hydrated and it will continue to swell and offer additional protection.

If the Barricade gel begins to dry out it can become re-hydrated by misting it lightly with water.

### Q: How much water pressure do I need to use the Home Fire Defense System?

**Answer:** The Barricade Home Fire Defense System requires a minimum of 30 PSI at the nozzle to operate properly. Homeowners who have a private well should adjust their pumps to achieve this pressure.

### Q: How much reach do I have with the home kit nozzle?

**Answer:** This depends on how much water pressure you have. A pump supplying 30 PSI will give you about ten feet of reach. A pump supplying 50 PSI will provide 15 to 20 feet of reach.

### Q: How do I clean up after using Barricade?

**Answer:** When the danger has passed, rinse the Barricade gel off with plain water and a pressure nozzle. It will take a while to rinse off the Barricade, especially if you have applied a very thick coating. If the Barricade gel has been left on for an extended period of time, re-wet the gel and let it re-hydrate. This will make it easier to clean off. In a worst case scenario it may have to be pressure cleaned.

On a well maintained home, Barricade gel will not affect the paint. On a home or object that has not been painted in many years, the Barricade gel will actually clean the painted surface. This may cause it to look different from the rest of the painted surface.

*Carrie Wiss, Firewise Coordinator*

## Is Winter Really Over?

Well, winter seems to have gone north, leaving us with warmer temperatures, and mud and slush in places. I don't know about all of you, but I'm ready for spring. But slush and mud are the norm on our roads in the spring until frost goes out of the road and things begin to dry out. It happens every year all over our roads. Once the frost goes out of the roads, drainage improves and the mud goes away for the most part, even in significant rain events.

We are going to try to let nature take its course in melting snow and slush off the roadways — particularly on the north side. The road system is fragile right now, and we don't want to put heavy iron that is chained up on the roadways unless it is absolutely necessary. It just causes further road damage. We have had a few spring slides of snow and mud, but residents have stepped up and taken care of those so travel was not impeded. Thank you for that.

As most of you are aware, the road budget for this year has been hit pretty hard. We expect that significant spring work will be required, which

will basically exhaust available budgeted funds. I have made it clear to the board that we will not be able to plan anything in terms of "improvements" over the summer unless the Board makes a project or projects a priority and decides to provide funds from other resources.

Some of the projects we were expecting to complete this spring / summer:

**Dust abatement.** This will not be done unless the Board comes up with funds to do that. That bill is historically approximately \$5,000 - \$6,000.

**Deer Point Circle Work.** This is important work to undertake, but again, unless the Board comes up with funds, we will not have money in our budget to accomplish that. Costs are unknown at this time, but could be significant.

**Mores Creek Circle.** Again, important work. See above.

**Culverts.** We are working with the Forest Service, Carolyn Bohn, and a person who I have not yet had the pleasure of meeting on a hydrology mapping study of the Ranch, and where we might need to install a new culvert or two, or upgrade existing culverts for increased capacity based on this study and mapping effort. The hydrology study will not cost us anything, but installing or upgrading culverts may not be viable this year unless the Board makes some of those a priority and funds the work. Culvert installation costs approximately \$2,500 per culvert, and can go higher.

We have many places on the Ranch that could use work in terms of additional base material and compaction of same. Again, probably not in the cards, though relatively inexpensive.

Our contractors worked their behinds off for us this winter. Many long days and nights of snow plowing, snow removal, and just keeping us moving are very much appreciated. Yes, they made a lot of money off the Association, but they performed above and beyond. There were days we sent them home for some rest, causing all of us some additional headaches and some residents rather severe consternation. But we seemed to get where we needed to be when we needed to be there, so I would say that our

efforts were pretty successful given the conditions we experienced in a short period of time. I would guess that those who purchased tire chains from Les Schwab with the expectation of returning them unused in the spring, and getting their money back, are pretty disappointed.

For those of you who are new to the Ranch, this winter's snowfall was about average. It usually does not happen in a ten day period of time, but it is something to think on when planning your future winters living up here. But I do expect to see some "For Sale" signs this spring.

*Tim Schaaf, (Former) Road Chair*

## 34 New InstantWatch! Subscribers

Since the first of the year-InstantWatch! has picked up 34 new subscribers, bringing the Ranch total to 156. Subscribers receive critical road or water messages delivered to their e-mail addresses or to their mobile phones. During January and February, the Road Committee sent out 29 alerts about snow conditions and the status of road clearing. If you have not joined, you are missing important information. To join, e-mail [wildernessranch-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:wildernessranch-subscribe@yahoogroups.com) and Yahoo-Groups will respond with what you next need to do.

*John Fiedler*

*Chair, Communications Committee*

## Directories for Sale

At the suggestion of a resident, we have printed additional 2008 Telephone Directories. These are available for purchase at \$3.00 each. If you would like one, send \$3.00 to the Association and we will mail it to you.

*Lesley Bahner, Communications Committee*

## Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the WROA Board of Directors, January 15, 2008

The Board of Directors of the Wilderness Ranch Owners Association, Inc. met in regular session at the Fire Hall Training Room on 15 January 2008. The meeting was called to order by Paul Bucca, chair of the meeting, at 7:09 p.m. Directors present: Paul Bucca, President; John Saucer-

### WROA Important Numbers

#### Board of Directors

President: Paul Bucca	345-2767
Vice President: John Saucerman	336-2023
Treasurer: Lesley Bahner	344-9979
Secretary: Sandy Moser	345-6373
Member-at-Large: Tim Schaaf	388-4686

#### Committee Chairs or Contacts

Water: Jeff Root	381-0223
Roads: Kiere D'Annunzio	388-8617
Facilities: Linda Bucca	345-2767
ACC: Carrie Wiss	384-1572
ACC: John Kubisiak	384-1572
ACC: John Fiedler	344-9979
Welcoming: Shelly Slater	331-1369
Communications: John Fiedler	344-9979
Common Area: C. Wiss & J. Kubisiak	384-1572
Election: (open)	

#### Other Numbers

Accounting: Cindy Desler	345-9797
Mail Box Keys: Cindy Desler	345-9797
Any Emergency on Ranch	911
WROA HotLine	342-4554
Water Emergencies: Butch Anderson	424-3352
Trash Collection (Ken Wells)	344-4418
Boise Cty Sheriff (non-emergency)	392-4411
Ambulance	1-800-632-8000
Life Flight	1-800-521-2444
Highway Emergencies	1-800-233-1212
Basin Elementary School	392-6631 / 392-6632
Idaho City High School	392-9948 / 392-9949

man, Vice President; Lesley Bahner, Treasurer; and Sandy Moser, Secretary.

### Agenda

The agenda for the meeting was presented, modifications were made and it was approved by motion of Lesley Bahner and seconded by John Saucerman. Approval was unanimous.

### Minutes

The minutes of the 27 December 2007 regular board meeting were approved with one minor edit by motion of Sandy Moser and seconded by John Saucerman and unanimously approved.

### Financial Report

Cindy Desler e-mailed financial reports as of 31 December 2007 to board members prior to the meeting. Cindy reported the balances in the Idaho Independent Bank accounts as of 9 January 2008 are: checking, \$44,884.33; general savings, \$57,393.98; Water - Capital Expenditures, \$96,481.10; Water - Loan Payments, \$15,000.00. One CD with Wells Fargo Bank for \$51,698.12 for future Water Capital Expenditures; two CD's with Key Bank total \$101,288.18, for Water Loan Reserves; and CD at US Bank is \$30,000, for Water Operational Reserves. Accounts Payable is \$14,668.73. We currently have one lien filed against an owner. We have one owner currently facing a water shut-off notice.

The next water billing will be mailed around February 28, 2008 and will be based on estimated readings. W-2's have been sent to employees. 1099's will be sent by January 31, 2008.

Cindy noted the fire district had yet to pay the balance owed for year end 2007 lease agreement. She was instructed to send a past due notice. Crossover project funds have not yet been finalized. Wages related to the crossover project for temporary and part time employees, as well as over-time for the Water Supervisor, will be charged to the project.

Lesley presented federal and state tax returns for fiscal years 2005, 2006 and 2007 and reviewed the amendments made for 2005 and 2006. Sandy made a motion to approve the amended tax returns for 2005 and 2006 and the tax returns for 2007 as prepared by tax preparer Mary Pawek. John Saucerman seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Paul Bucca signed all forms as presented. Lesley asked Cindy to prepare the required checks to the IRS and Idaho

State Tax Commission.

### Water Committee Report

**Maintenance.** Butch Anderson reported an outage in Sub 4 this month. Ice build-up in pump houses is a problem. He will continue to monitor the situation. Additionally, the roads committee along with the roads contractor outlined trouble spots that may affect station maintenance. Jeff Root has met with architects for a future water project of pump houses. No timetables have been instituted for 2008 as of yet. Lastly, the committee selected Butch to represent them on the special committee being formed to create a long term facilities solution for the Association.

**Training:** Butch and operator Larry Warren are continuing their safety training courses as requested.

### Road Committee Report

**Winter Maintenance.** Chair Tim Schaaf reported significant snowfall so far this January. Roads have once again been widened. During snowfall events, the focus was getting roads open enough to allow ingress/egress access. Widening of the roadways will always occur later. Sand will be applied this week. Complaints have been received, but most were related to narrowness of roadways. There have been problems with owners pushing snow from their driveways into the road right of way. He will contact the owners that he has witnessed taking such action to remind them that they cannot dispose of their driveway snow into the road right of way. Sand storage shed still needs to be increased to allow for more sand application reducing the need to wait on delivery from town. Consensus is that there simply isn't enough sand on site as needed. Equipment currently used by the contractor may not be the best tool for our roadways. It has become clear that graders are required to clear our snow sufficiently. For now, we will use what we have and address future needs with the contractor before next year's snow season.

Exhibit A of the contract requires an update. The backhoe and sanding truck rates were originally submitted incorrectly by Tim to the Board for approval. The per hour usage rate should be \$90 instead of \$85. Tim will make the change to Exhibit A and have the contractor sign. Fuel cost adjustments were effective November 14, 2007. Lesley made a motion to amend Exhibit A to \$90 per hour for the backhoe and the sander

truck. John seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Lesley made a motion to ratify the fuel cost adjustment change made by Tim effective November 14, 2007. John seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

APC requested we pay subcontractor S&S directly for services performed. Sandy made a motion to amend the contract to allow WROA to pay subcontractors directly for services performed. John Saucerman seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. S&S was asked to provide WROA with a certificate of insurance naming WROA as additional insured and a workers compensation certificate of insurance.

Kiere D'Annunzio, committee member, stated that a project list for road maintenance will be submitted soon.

Tim reported on a letter he received from owner Kirk Smith asking for snow to be removed on a ranch road leading to his vacant property. Tim replied that it is Association policy to not clear snow from roads on which no homes are built.

Sandy reported on what appeared to be new damage to the rails around the bridge that crosses Mores Creek at Rush Creek Road. Lastly, the committee selected Tim to represent them on the special committee being formed to create a long term facilities solution for the Association.

### Communications Committee Report

John Fiedler, committee chair, was unable to attend but submitted a report via e-mail to Board members. The January *Wilderness Watch* was uploaded to the Web site. The new telephone directory will be published in February 2008. The *InstantWatch!* was used to notify owners of road reports 7 times during January and three winter storm warning reports were posted. We had 8 new members who signed up for *InstantWatch!* bringing our total users to 128.

### Welcoming Committee Report

Sandy Moser, welcoming committee liaison, reported no home closings in the last 30 days, therefore no informational packets were mailed.

### Common Area Committee Report

The January meeting was not held. Committee co-chair John Kubisiak reported a meeting is being scheduled with thinning advisor Bill Petzak for the next regularly scheduled common area meeting in February. No other activity has occurred at

this time. Lastly, the committee selected John to represent them on the special committee being formed to create a long term facilities solution for the Association.

### ACC Report

John Fiedler, ACC member, was unable to attend but submitted a report via e-mail to Board members. The committee has not met since Wednesday, December 6, 2007. No submissions have been received by the committee since the board's last meeting.

### Facilities Committee Report

Linda Bucca, Committee Chair, was unable to attend but submitted a report via e-mail to committee liaison Sandy Moser. Linda reported a meeting with the new Postmaster was scheduled for January 11, but canceled by the postmaster right before the meeting. The meeting has been rescheduled for January 18. The timer she had planned to move to the mail carrier's side to control how long the light is left on is no longer available. She has asked Neil Neiwert for other options. The pathway for mail delivery has been cleared several times this month during the snow storms, by both the road contractor and volunteer residents.

Paul Bucca will e-mail all those selected from various committees to select a date by the end of the month to meet and create a plan for long term facilities solutions. Paul will also e-mail Fire Chief John McCarthy about the status of the fire district's plan for building a new garage building.

### Old Business

**Concrete Barriers.** Butch Anderson stated he had yet to purchase the concrete barriers. He requested a check in the amount of \$400 be drafted for purchase of the barriers.

**CC&R Complaint:** Dog Nuisance. Paul stated a letter was mailed on January 3 to Resident 2-08 requesting compliance with our CC&R's that no animal be allowed to consistently disturb other residents. Paul also met with complaining party at their home and heard the nuisance dog himself on January 10. Per WROA's Statement of Corrective Action policy, Paul will prepare another letter stating the ramifications for non-compliance with the CC&R's since the dog nuisance continues. Additionally, he will invite the dog's owners to the next Board meeting in February to discuss.

**Wilderness Ranch Fire Protection District Lease.** Paul Bucca and Sandy Moser recused themselves from discussion regarding lease issues between WROA and WRFDP. John Saucerman and Lesley Bahner have consulted with our legal counsel for advice. Lesley Bahner made a motion that WROA waive the tenant's obligations under Section 1.2 of the lease between WROA and WRFDP to pay taxes, assessments, common area maintenance expenses, and the like for fiscal year 2005, fiscal year 2006, fiscal year 2007, and fiscal year 2008. John Saucerman seconded the motion. The motion passed 2-0. A letter to WRFDP stating the Board's decision was presented and was signed by John Saucerman.

### New Business

**Parking at Newspaper Boxes.** Paul Bucca received a verbal complaint from a resident that parked vehicles are blocking drive-up access to the newspaper boxes. Paul will write an article for the Association newsletter asking residents to allow for others to drive-up to the boxes and not park so close.

**Statement of Corrective Action Policy.** Discussion was held as to if the policy addresses when owners' names are to be printed in the minutes. While the complaint form requires a signature of the complaining party, it also states that the complaint will be kept confidential. If complaints are received via the form, sub and lot numbers will be used to refer to the potential violator and the complainants. However, if complaints are received in open sessions of board meetings, names of complaining parties will be printed in the minutes. No changes are required to the policy at this time.

### Executive Session

The Board went into executive session at 10:02 PM to discuss personnel issues.

The Board came out of executive session and reconvened in regular session at 10:09 PM.

No action required.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:10 PM.

*Respectfully submitted by Sandy Moser,  
WROA Secretary*

**Owners in Attendance:** Tim Schaaf, Kiere D'Annunzio, Mark Moser, Butch Anderson, Cindy Desler, Carrie Wiss, John Kubisiak.

**Others in Attendance:** Subcontractor Val Schroeder.

## Ads et Cetera

### Happy Days Pet Sitting and Dog Walking

— Does your dog have too much nervous and excitable energy when you get home? Does he/she need more exercise and you don't have the time to spare? Cesar Millan, from the hit show "Dog Whisperer" explains that dogs need exercise, discipline, than human affection. If your dog is having behavior problems let Happy Days Pet Sitting help by taking your dog for a walk and give them the exercise they need when you are unable to. Call Joni or Seth Cornell at 342-3570 or e-mail us at [barley007@msn.com](mailto:barley007@msn.com). (4/08)

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## Speak Out!

*Dear Wilderness Ranch Residents,*

*A note of thanks to our Board, our Road Committee, and our Road contractors during this extremely challenging winter! You have communicated with us directly and succinctly though the Instant Watch. You have not set any unreasonable expectations, and you have gone above and beyond the call of duty serving us, the residents of Wilderness Ranch. In our 7+ years here at the Ranch, this has been, by far, the most challenging winter, requiring frequent chain-ups and extreme patience with those who haven't prepared for worst case. Hopefully, all our residents now understand what is required of them in our mountain environment, and if not, should put the "For Sale" sign in their yard in the spring, and set proper expectations with potential owners! Thank you Sandy, Mark, John, Tim, Kiere, Val, and all those people behind the scenes who have lessened the impact on us residents. We appreciate your efforts!*

*Bruce Bacon, 87 Chaparral Road*



Dear Wilderness Ranch Residents,

For those of you who know where our house is, (commonly known as the "beach house" in the past) you are aware that we have a 5 foot tall pole fence with hog wire to keep our 2 Brittany Spaniels in the yard. This fence has worked very well to keep them contained. Unfortunately, during this particular winter, the fence disappeared, and those clever dogs realized they were 1 jump away from freedom. They have taken great advantage of this lately. On behalf of my wife and I, we apologize if this causes any problem with you or your family. As soon as the snow melts off a bit, the dogs will again be confined. We are very conscientious of the CCRs and for our neighbors' serenity. Both dogs are very sweet, and do not normally bite or fight with other dogs. They have been micro-chipped and are always up on their shots. If you see them, their names are Jerry and Jasmine. Just tell them to go home. They usually do not wander far. Thank you for your understanding with this issue.

Joel & Beth Winchester, 5 Condor Cir.



Dear Wilderness Ranch Residents,

I am Jim Edison at 2 Blue Grouse Circle, Sub 5. My wife and I have been living here on the Ranch for 10 years or so and we love it. Hey, we have been having a little bit of a problem with pets running at large around our house. Specifically, there are a couple of 'large' white dogs and a grey wolfy looking feller with real blue eyes that seem to hang around and cause a problem with our two little Pugs. We expect to have a few free running dogs from time to time, but these dogs have worn out their welcome. Especially when they rip through our garbage on garbage day. That would be each and every Friday. I would think this would be common sense and common courtesy to keep your dogs in on Friday (garbage day) at the least. I had my little 3 year old granddaughter sledding in my meadow last weekend when these three large dogs appeared bounding through the snow

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towards my little girl while she was half down our sleigh hill. My daughter, son-in-law, and myself panicked a bit when they approached the sled and knocked my little girl off the sleigh and literally trampled the heck out of our sled slide that my son-in-law and I shelved out for our little girl's first sledding adventure. I did not know these dogs and was not sure what was to happen and luckily the dogs were only having fun and did not bite or injure my granddaughter, but it really gave us a scare. It was difficult enough to dig out and prep the sled hill, let alone repair the holes and berms the dogs ruined in there frenzy. We won't get into what would have happened to the dogs and their owners 'IF' they had injured my granddaughter. It was just a situation that I did not like and insist that we all do our best to keep our pets within their own property and at bay while walking them. We are at the trail head of Blue Grouse Way and see a lot of people with their pets and generally we don't have a problem. However, we have spent a lot of time, effort, and money to keep our dogs on our property by means of an electric shock fence. When other dogs come around and cross over into our property our dogs get pretty excited and end up getting the heck shocked out of them trying to ward off the intruders. Sometimes in the frenzy, they, themselves, break through the shock barrier and then they are outside the shock zone and cannot come back through it without getting shocked. Depending on where the breach happens, we are unaware that they have gotten out. I don't know if any of you are aware,

but Pugs are not the smartest dogs on the planet. They don't understand the difference in size and I am afraid that they may get themselves hurt by the larger dogs. At the same time, we, and most likely you, don't know what your dog will do to other animals and people for certain. Please tend to your dogs. Be courteous to other people's pets and property and be aware of where your dogs are and what they are doing. Please keep control of them while walking them. Please keep them from other people's property when ending or beginning the trails. It really isn't a wilderness up here and a lot of children and pets are around as well. All of us must keep our pets controlled so as not to cause a problem or a major disaster such as a child or other pets getting maimed in anyway, accident or not. Thank You.

Jim and Kris Edison, 2 Blue Grouse Cir.



To: Wilderness Ranch Board

My family and neighbors would like to acknowledge our Wilderness Ranch board for the action taken to resolve the barking dog nuisance we have been plagued with for over a year. Myself and others tried every venue available to resolve the problem with no lasting result. My best friend is my dog, I know they bark. It was the nonstop barking and unfortunate disregard for neighborly cohesion that is regretful. Thank-You for enforcing home owners regulations per CC&Rs Section 1, Para D. We can finally hear the quiet.

Larry Warren, 74 Meadow Lane