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Landslide Closes Highway 14 for a Week!!



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Landslide area on Highway 14 closed the road for a week leaving visitors and residents with no choice but to find other ways to get to the Duck Creek area. **The landslide, at milepost 8 on State Route 14, covered the road for a distance of approximately 1000 feet.** There were very large boulders, rocks, dirt and trees covering the roadway and while the area above roadway seemed somewhat stable. Some of the boulders were so large that they required blasting to be removed. The area under the slide is part of a buttress that was constructed previously and crews will be able to remove the debris from the road with no impact to the stream below. UDOT advises drivers to check CommuterLink.utah.gov or call 5-1-1 for the latest road conditions. **The road is now open and passable.**

New Board of Directors Seated

At the January meeting of the Swains Creek Pines Board of Directors, the recently elected board members were seated and the following positions were determined:

- Alan Zellhoefer - **President**
- Frank Pearce - **Vice-Chairman**
- Cheryl Case - **Secretary**
- Cathy Jones - **Treasurer**

Finance Committee – Cathy Jones, Chairman. Frank Pearce, Vice-Chairman

Legal Issues Committee – Bob Runkle, Chairman. Bill Moser, Vice-Chairman. Cathy Jones to assist.

Property & Facilities Committee – Jayne Alcorn, Chairman. Dale Gardner, Vice-Chairman. Frank Pearce assist.

Community Relations Committee – Cheryl Case, Chairman. Bob Runkle, Vice-Chairman, Jayne Alcorn and Paul Hicks to assist.

Events Committee – Alan Zellhoefer, Chairman. Bob Runkle, Vice-Chairman, Bill Moser to assist.

Architectural Committee – Bob Runkle, Chairman. Frank Pearce, Vice-Chairman

Meeting schedule for the year:

May 16th, June 13th, Sunday July 19th, August 15th, September 6th (annual), October 3rd, and January 9th, 2010.



Another view of the landslide area on Highway 14

Dumpsters Are Available for Winter Household Trash

A GREAT BIG Thank You to Rudy DelaPaz who offered two large roll-off dumpsters for winter use. One is located at the barn and one where dumpsters are placed in the summer. Reminder— they are for household garbage only. Rudy empties the dumpsters at his expense.

Chairman's Chat

Welcome to 2009...

Another year is behind us and I can attest to being a year older, however, not necessarily a year wiser. It's been a year full of growth for Swains Creek and all the pains that come with growth. Here's where we stand now:

The water system is almost finished with the drilling of the new well by the barn to be completed soon. They hit a rock layer at about the 600-foot level and were slowed up a bit. The remaining work to be done is the construction of the equipment room for the new well. This will be an addition to the end of the restrooms by the Barn. The restrooms will still be available.

As far as the roads are concerned, we are in the process of getting prices for the application of Magnesium Chloride this spring. The final contract has not been entered into, however, we expect it to be within the budget that was presented to the Membership when the special assessment was approved this past fall. **If** all goes well, we should be able to get the roads treated this spring. Please remember that the funds for this project come directly from each of you,

Search and Rescue News

Search and Rescue is alive and well here on Cedar Mountain. The meetings are the FIRST WEDNESDAY of every month. On January 17, 2009, 9AM there was a meeting at Aunt Sue's Chalet in Duck Creek and also a Snowmobile Safety Training. Residents brought their snowmobiles and the Sheriff's Office had their two available for use.

Sometime in February, there will be a rope climbing class. This will be held in Kanab.... Also in the works is to schedule meetings throughout Kane County. i.e. Orderville, Glendale, Alton and Cedar Mtn. Jim Barbeau (Cedar Mtn. Resident) is the Sergeant. Anyone interested in participating may contact him at home: 682-2606 or cell: 616-2606. Pat Kohley also has applications, call: home #682-2240 or 616-2605 or 590-9294. Both of these last 2 are cell numbers. If unavailable please leave a message. She is at Loose Wheels Friday-Monday (Off Tues., Wed., Thurs.)

P.S. Year-round residents may register to vote with Pat Kohley at Loose Wheels. All that is needed is a copy of their Utah Drivers License.



A view of the snow in Swains Creek

Chairman's Chat cont'd form previous column

not the county, and that the roads can be damaged by the misuse of ATV's on the roads. NO burnouts, doughnuts, racing ETC... It's **YOUR** roads that are being destroyed, and it will be **YOUR** money that will be spent to repair the damage. You will be getting the special assessment notice with your dues notice this spring. Please pay promptly so that we will have funds in the account to pay the contractor when a contract is agreed to.

The winter snow started off well, but has slowed down lately. Hopefully we will get a good snow pack again this year. The picture is the road from Highway 14 into Swains.

See you all on the Mountain. Alan



Schedule of Association Board meetings for

2009: May 16th, June 13th, Sunday July 19th, August 15th, September 6th (annual meeting), October 3rd, and January 9th, 2010.

Potlucks will be held at the pavilion at 6:00 PM (Utah time) on meeting days, and additional dates will be scheduled. Check the signs posted near the barn!

July 4th, 2009—Swains Creek Annual **Stop Shop and Swap** 10 AM -3 PM at the pavilion. Contact Kathy Rodreick at email address: krodreick@bresnan.net for more information.

July 4th, 2009—Cedar Mountain Fire Protection Dist. **Pancake Breakfast** held at the Fire Station. Contact the fire station to volunteer or for more information!

July 3-5, 2009 15TH Annual **Brian Head Arts & Crafts Festival** held at the Town Mall (Brian Head) Fri Noon-6pm, Sat & Sun 9am to 6pm. FREE. For more information call Kristi 435-990-1101.

July 17-18, 2009 12TH Annual **Thunder on the Mountain Motorcycle Rally** held in Brian Head, events include a BBQ, Poker Run and Touring Ride.



Another view of the landslide area on Highway 14

News Tidbits and Board Notes

THANK YOU John Ewing, for your service on the Board. We welcome our new Board Member Bill Moser! Our 2009 Board members are: Alan Zellhoefer, Chairman; Frank Pearce, Vice-Chairman; Cathy Jones, Treasurer; Bob Runkle; Paul Hicks; Jayne Alcorn; Dale Gardner; Bill Moser and Cheryl Case, Secretary.

We have a New E-mail Address. It is irene@swainscreekpines.com. This replaces the old swainscreek@infowest.com which is no longer active.

Jayne Alcorn, Dale Gardner, Cathy Jones, and Bill Moser were elected to the Board for the 2009-2010 term.

Reminder !!! To get more information about having your driveway plowed during the winter, contact Andy at (435) 682-2143, or Rudy at (435) 682-2600.

Kane County Sheriff has two new additional deputies, Deputy Bettridge, and Deputy Baron.

Want to have more input on the direction of our community? There will be **five** openings on the Board at the next election. To qualify you must be a lot owner in good standing. We have seven Board meetings per year. Anyone interested can contact any Board member, or call Cheryl Case at 702-595-5900.

New physical addresses were assigned by Kane County last year. Contact Barbara at (435) 644-4985 if your physical address is not correct.

In an effort to save money, we will do one newsletter now, and one in July/August with the election information. This is a 50% reduction in printing and mailing costs.

Two liens were satisfied in 2008, 24 were filed for non-payment of lot dues.

Fish will not be planted as early this year based on what happened last year at Memorial day.

The windscreen at pavilion needs to be replaced. This will be completed in the Spring.

Insurance has re-evaluated the I.S.O., and should have a response in another month. The I.S.O. rating is 9, and could go to 7 or 8. Cost of insurance should go down for the association and lot owners.

Some of the wood slash piles on the forestland have been burned.

There are three new basic EMTs on Cedar Mountain.

Bill Rodreick (Manager) and Briggs Business Services (Computer services) have both agreed to new two-year contracts. Thanks Bill and Irene!!

Swains Creek Pines Lot Owners Association uses two addresses:

1. Dues and assessment payments should be sent to our Computer Service:
Briggs Business Services, Inc.
Irene Briggs
694 S Main Street
St. George, UT 84770
2. Invoices to be paid should be sent to the Association Address:
Swains Creek Pines Lot Owners Association
P.O. Box 1164,
Duck Creek Village, UT 84762
3. Matters concerning management of the development or facilities, may be addressed to the Association c/o Bill Rodreick at the Association address.
4. Barn Phone Number (435)-682-3127. Updated weather and road conditions are available by calling this number.
5. E-mail Address: Irene@swainscreekpines.com This e-mail address is accessed by Irene Briggs at her office in St. George. Sorry, she's not able to answer questions about road conditions and weather.



Check out the following web site for Swains Creek Pines Info and Association postings: <http://www.swainscreekpines.com>

Swains Creek Roads Dust Control Effort

At the last Board of Directors Meeting, Bill Rodreick, manager, summarized options from Dust Busters and Kim Wolfley. He said the County has not made a commitment to work with us to grade and water the roads to assist when we are ready for a dust control product. The estimate for the Road Packer product is \$137,750. We are not ready for the product, and do not have funding for that product. Kim will do magnesium chloride at a price of \$64,000, based on approximately

16 miles. Dust Busters' estimate is \$46,480 to do roads from the sign through the development. We have a two-year commitment from the membership. President Alan suggested we do the first year with magnesium chloride and then re-evaluate. Prior to applying magnesium chloride, the roads must be graded. Special Assessment and Dues are due March 1, 2009. Bill will get more information from Sherree Hall, of Dust Busters. Cheryl Case, Secretary, said she was unable to find any grants for the road project.

Ducks Unlimited to be Contacted for Help

Dale Gardner went to Ducks Unlimited website and found information that may apply to our pond. A letter has been drafted asking them to help us fund a project to improve the pond. We are in the final processes of editing the letter, once complete it will be sent to Ducks Unlimited. Hopefully grants will be available for Duck habitat improvements and thus pond improvements for all of us! We'll keep you posted on what we hear from them.