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NATIONAL FOREST HOMEOWNERS

NFH is at it again. With the issuance of the CUFFA regulations and the recent appraisals across the country, a new set of problems have again threatened the cabin permit program. Because of an interpretation of the new rules, some of the lot appraisals around the country are coming in at 4, 5, and 6 times what the current appraisals are. This will mean huge annual fee increases and will result in many cabin owners giving up their lots as being too expensive to maintain. Annual fees of \$10,000, \$20,000, and \$25,000 per year are being reported.

NFH is again leading the effort and has re-formed the Coalition in an effort to get Congress to re-evaluate the situation and make the necessary corrections. We have made progress! Several Congressmen and women have listened to our input and have agreed to assist in our efforts. You can help! We all need to write our individual Senators and Congressmen with the message that the cabin residence program is important to the National Forest and it is important, even critical, to keep the program affordable. We, as cabin owners, provide so much good to the forest environment. If our program was to go away because of affordability issues, the negative effect would be great.

Please take a moment and write a letter, believe me it will help. We have been told by the members of Congress that are helping us that they will only get support from other members of Congress if their constituents let them know they are concerned. It only takes a few minutes. Emails are not as effective. The easiest way is to fax a letter to each one of your Congressmen. With every ones help, NFH can continue this fight and work toward getting a fair and reasonable annual fee program in place.

Stan Jasek is an elected NFH Board Member supporting the future of the cabin program on National Forest land. For more information on the National Forest Homeowners Assoc visit www.nationalforesthowners.org

**ATTEND THE
MLIA ANNUAL MEETING**

SAT., SEPT. 20, 9:00 A.M.

AT AL BAHR SHRINE CAMP

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE

CABIN PERMIT FEE UPDATE

Across the country, cabin owners are facing appraisal problems that may prevent some of them from keeping their cabins. Here's why...

In preparation for the new 20 year permits, all cabins are being appraised. We had our appraisals completed late last year. Although we have not seen the results yet, we are being led to believe they will not be too much higher than what they are now. In some parts of the country, there are appraisals coming in at two and three times the amounts they are now. The result is the annual permit fee is going to be two or three times what it is currently. This is happening because the appraisers are not being allowed to properly evaluate the land our cabins sit on given the restrictions we have to abide by. NFH feels that this is not how CUFFA was supposed to be implemented. Go to the National Forest Homeowners website, nationalforesthowners.org for a very interesting letter from our president explaining this problem. After reading the letter, click on the tab "coalition2" and read more background and information on how you can help solve this problem. We all need to contact or representatives in congress and let them know this is not right. Our representative in Washington is working with the Coalition 2 effort. He tells us that the more input from cabin owners that congress sees, the stronger our case for correcting this problem will be. "There is strength in numbers". We need to show our strength by contacting all our representatives in congress now!

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WATER, WATER EVERYWHERE

It would be great if this were true. But it's not. Our water system is one of the best in the county and we work to keep it that way. You can help. Periodically check your connections for leakage. Make sure your main valve is off when you leave the cabin to go home. Insulate any exposed pipe or connections so they don't freeze and burst. **We will be reading the meters after the annual meeting in September. You may want to take your own reading about that time for reference.** You can also help by cleaning out the box around the shut-off valve so we can see the meter to take the reading. Reminder, if you have any problems with the MLIA water system, please report it to Dan Fritz at 619-405-1452 or 619-749-4553.

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