

## President's Message

### **The "elephant in the room" is the massive slash pile next door to RECOA...**

You may have noticed a giant pile of flammable juniper debris on a neighbor's property to the north of Eagle Crest Blvd. The volume and proximity of this debris is of chief concern to your Community Wildfire Protection (CWP) Committee and your Directors on the Board. Since mid-March, several of us have been in contact with this landowner in the hopes that they could be convinced to remove the slash pile before fire season. Although the current conversations don't indicate there will be a collaboration between us, we will continue to work on the situation.

Last week I spoke with Tom Mooney, Fire Marshal at the Redmond Fire Department. Marshal Mooney indicated that there is currently no regulation that requires a landowner to remove flammable debris from their own property. Last Friday I asked an experienced arborist to provide a rough estimate of the cost to remove the debris and he replied, "ten thousand dollars." If that's the case, you can imagine the landowner might not be able to afford removal. Just to let you know I was trying to think creatively, I asked the landowner if volunteers from our neighborhood could help him reduce or reposition the slash, and he answered, "no help is needed."

My next steps are to brainstorm the actions RECOA can proactively take on our side of the fence. So far, these include:

- Identifying and marking the locations of the nearest fire hydrants
- Providing a map of the debris location and closest fire hydrants to the Cline Falls Fire Station
- Checking with our insurance agent to determine the coverage we have, as well as getting their interpretation of landowners' liabilities regarding wildfire
- Reminding RECOA owners to immediately call 9-1-1 if flames or smoke are observed

What other ideas do you have? Please send your suggestions to Janet Skaggs, Board President, at 541-279-7243 or [skaggsRECOA@gmail.com](mailto:skaggsRECOA@gmail.com)

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Please welcome Adelia Hofeld as temporary Board member! Adelia has volunteered and been accepted to fill the open position representing Voting Group 2. Adelia had demonstrated her dedication to RECOA in regular attendance at BOD meetings and in her commitment to run for a Board position in 2020. Adelia's experience in education and in running a small business will bring valuable skills and perspective to the Board. Owners can reach Adelia via email at: [adeliaRECOA@hotmail.com](mailto:adeliaRECOA@hotmail.com)

## **Upcoming Meetings and Events**

We welcome your participation! Please join us for the following meetings:

**Maintenance and Oversight Committee** - Wednesday, July 6, 2022, 8:30am - 10:30am,  
7555 Falcon Crest Drive

**Communications Committee Meeting** - Tuesday, July 12, 2022, 1pm to 3pm  
[Click here to join the meeting](#)

**Finance Committee Meeting** - Monday, July 18, 2022, 10am to 12pm  
7555 Falcon Crest Drive

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### **Did You Know?**

You can watch RECOA Board Meetings at your convenience. Board meetings are recorded and posted to the RECOA webpage. You can find them with the Meeting Minutes at [RECOA - Ridge at Eagle Crest Owners Association \(ridgeowners.org\)](#)

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**Cline Butte Land Sale** – The period for public comment has been extended to July 29, 2022. You can provide comments every 30 days. If you are interested in providing comments regarding the proposed Oregon Department of State Lands (DSL) sale of Cline Buttes Tracts to Thornburgh Development group here is how to do it... Use this link to send your comments to the DSL: <https://www.oregon.gov/dsl/Land/Pages/Sales.aspx>. Once on this webpage, then click on the link for "Cline Buttes Tract". Comments may also be provided via email to [realproperty.dsl@dsl.oregon.gov](mailto:realproperty.dsl@dsl.oregon.gov) or mail to 951 SW Simpson Ave., Suite #104, Bend, OR 97702.

The August State Land Board meeting is the earliest a sale decision will be made. That meeting is scheduled to take place at South Slough National Estuarine Research Reserve in Charleston. A public meeting and hearing was held via Zoom on March 10 from 6-8:30 p.m. A recording of the meeting can be found on [DSL's YouTube Channel](#).

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### **Committee Messages**

The "**First Chance Summer Dance**" event held last Tuesday night was attended by over 200 people. Thanks to the Social Committee, there was music from the Klassixs Ayreband and a few classic cars to admire. The weather couldn't have been better. The next event is planned for September 20<sup>th</sup>.

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### **Call for Committee Volunteers**

The Communications Committee would love to have 2-3 additional members. Contact Ellen Nelson to indicate your interest at [cc@ridgeowners.org](mailto:cc@ridgeowners.org)