

# Association News

Y E L L O W S T O N E R I V E R R A N C H , L C

### Special points of interest:

- Never Ending Winter
- Slash Burning
- The Siever's
- The Taggert's
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- Saving Money
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## Is Winter Over Yet?

Although the calendar said that Spring started on 20 March we had 2' of wet snow hit us on the 22rd. Yipes! The snow storm was a surprise and so was the 10+ hour power outage. But the ranch survived and all the new snow made it hard to get out of driveways, let alone getting off the ranch. You have to love challenges to live up here!

### Thank goodness for GREAT NEIGHBORS

To everyone who helped pull people out of ditches, plow the roads and help people get out of their driveways a big thank you. Without your willingness to spend your time to help your neighbors

things could have been a whole lot worse. Once again thank you for your efforts.

Things got back to "normal"



Surprise snow storm

within a day or two and that is the norm.

Being prepared for this kind of situation is always a plus and up here it is better to be safe then sorry.

Some recommendations for Winter survival:

Carry chains in your vehicle; even if you have 4WD

Keep a coat/hat/gloves handy

Keep your cell phone charged and make sure you have your neighbors phone numbers

Watch the weather report—sometimes they're right

May want to look at some snow fence if your place drifts

Have a generator that is fueled and ready to plug important appliances into—like the coffee pot

## Perfect Time To Burn Those Slash Piles

Take advantage of the wet conditions and get your slash piles burned now! If you have any questions on how to do this safely please talk to Dwight Day at 780-0112.

Although the county does not require you to get a burn

permit, a courtesy call to the Sheriff's Office in Columbus to let them know you are doing a "**controlled burn**" is the wise and neighborly thing to do.

Notifying the county alerts the Fire Department that you

are burning and not to send the trucks and it is also good for your neighbors when smoke calls are received and they can relax and know that it is not a wild fire. Call 322-5326 County Dispatch open 24-7 for info..

## NEW CONSTRUCTION NEW NEIGHBORS THEIR FUN(?) BEGINS

Our full time resident population is growing! We have several new homes that have been completed and others that are in different phases. What an exciting and eye opening experience it has been for all of them.

Congratulations to all of you and good luck. There will be more in the next newsletter!



**Paul & Jane Payne  
Lot 90  
Coyote Pass**



**David & Jeanne  
Chaudoir  
Lot 111**



**Kim and Nancy Feldt  
Lot 180  
East Granite Peak**

## Let's Save Some Money!

***“Free weed spraying equipment, gas money and a BBQ!”***

***Life is Good! !***

Although it is still cold and the weeds are not growing yet, it is something everyone needs to start thinking about.

The earlier the Weed Committee and landowners can start the better off the ranch will be for weed control.

There are several individuals that are Certified Weed

Sprayers on the ranch. The county has equipment that can be borrowed for FREE that can be put on your quad, tractor, back of your truck, plus back packs.

If the landowners were to get together and have a weed day to spray the roads, the Association would only have to buy the chemicals needed and not have to hire

a company to come out and spray. Volunteers are needed to get this done. Call Cleve Schuster at 670-5172.

Bonus—although we can't pay for your time, we can pay for your fuel and then a BBQ afterwards!

State law requires all landowners to have a weed plan and to control them.

## ROAD WARRIORS – OUR HEROES

Matt Catlin 406-321-1874 and his group have done an outstanding job all Winter. THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU.....

Matt and his road warriors have taken many hours out of their days to help keep

the roads clear of snow and drive able. The snow fence that he and his family put up at the bottom of Wind-ing River was a Godsend helping to keep the snow from drifting across our major artery.

Special thank you's to Matt

Catlin, David Belvin, Cleve Schuster, Kim Feldt, Don Youngren, and Chuck Hall, and whomever I missed.

It is amazing what people can get done when working together. We had tractors, quads with plows, trucks and bob cats working hard

**The official road committee will be evaluating all the roads, getting bids and giving the Board their recommendations and priorities. If you have questions please call Matt or a Board Member**

### FINANCES

It is time to crunch the numbers for the Associations Budget this next year.

There is approximately \$25,000 .00 outstanding on dues. Liens have been filed and notices have gone out, but if property is not selling and people aren't paying, then the cofers suffer. Although there are repeat non-payers of the association dues, there are quite a few new ones this year.

Please be a considerate land owner on the ranch and pay your fair share of keeping the roads passable and other things that the ranch needs to take care of.

The bottom line to the bank account is the Road Repair Budget. Everyone needs to understand that the amount of money available is only going to go so far.

Be responsible and PAY your fair share for owning a part of this beau-

tiful ranch and the lifestyle it provides for all of us.

To vote and to be on the board all Association dues must be current.

Note: Whomever is contracted for the road repair would also be a good person to talk to while they are out here to do your driveway, etc. Because they could do your work while the equipment is on the ranch. Might save you some \$\$

### The Seiver's Volunteer

David Seiver and his family have been busy accumulating equipment at the back of the ranch.

They have been kind enough to offer their big water truck for fighting fire or have on hand when doing a controlled burn.

David and Helena are also busy putting a 4WD tractor

together that will be available for next years snow removal.

Although they are only here part time they have offered the use of their equipment full time. How kind and considerate can you get. Thank you very much for trusting and caring about your neighbors.

[Seiverranch.com](http://Seiverranch.com)

Seiver Ranch Water Truck Paint Scheme  
Updated December 14, 2010



*“Like a good neighbor—the Seiver’s are there”*



### By - Laws Committee In Progress

The By-Laws Committee have reviewed the By-Laws and Covenants for the Association.

The committee is working hard on putting together a multiple and comprehensive package on changes they think would benefit the landowners here. During the July 2011 Association Meet-

ing these items will be presented to the membership for a vote. Prior to the meeting in July a complete proposal will be sent out to all members. The next scheduled meeting for the committee has a tentative date of April 18. Contact Chairman Steve Hopsiter at 406-670-3026 if you have questions or any of the other members:

Dan O'Neil, Dwight Day, Paul Payne, Don Yungren, and Dave Chadoir

Thank you for your diligence.

**Come on SUMMER!  
It is time to float the Yellowstone, Stillwater and play**



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*Thanksgiving pot luck at the Schuster's*



*The Taggert's busy with clearing and burning!*



## BOARD CHANGE, STATE LAND, PHONE NUMBERS

### BOARD CHANGE

Kristi Skelton has resigned her position as the Board Chairman effective April 8, 2011. Her workload is making it very difficult to have the additional time needed to be Chairman.

The new Chairman of the Board is Cleve Schuster. His phone number is 406-670-5172 or 406 698-2742

Business as usual, if you have questions contact any of the board members.

Don't forget about the Annual Meeting Scheduled in July 16, 9 a.m. at Columbus City Hall. BBQ afterwards at our River Park.

### STATE LAND ON THE RANCH

There are 640 acres of State Land at the back of the ranch that you can access through the gate on Coyote Pass across from Lot 215. **No** motorized vehicles are allowed. But you are more than welcome to ride your horses or hike anywhere on foot. It is a beautiful scenic retreat and perfect for a picnic.

You are required to have a Use Permit (good for a year) as a user of the property given by FWP, Cleve Schuster is checking to see if the Ranch can buy a single group permit for all landowners to use.

### LOCAL PHONE NUMBERS

<b>Beartooth Electric</b>	<b>446-2310</b>
<b>Sheriff's Office</b>	<b>322-5326</b>
<b>Appraisal/Tax</b>	<b>322-8015</b>
<b>Solid Waste</b>	<b>322-5364</b>
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>322-8020</b>
<b>MSU Exten Svc</b>	<b>322-8035</b>
<b>Rural Addressing</b>	<b>322-8060</b>

**EMERGENCY 911**  
Fire Department and Ambulance are volunteers from the community. Thank them!