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As of the time we went to print, I still had not received payment from 2 property owners. Liens will have to be placed on these properties. There is a small fee charged by the county to place or release a lien. There is, however, a charge of \$50 from the attorney to place or release a lien. The process consumes a considerable amount of my time and a significant number of all our dollars. I solicit your cooperation and consideration by sending your payments promptly in the future. If you have any suggestions for making the collection of road maintenance fees less painful, please let me know.

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INCENTIVE FOR BOARD MEMBERS

Over the years the Board of Directors has had a problem getting a number of elected officials to attend meetings or resigning before the end of their terms. In some instances a quorum was hard to come by. Now I know that the priority that a person assigns to the Board duties is not on the top of his or her list. However, if a reasonable effort cannot be made to attend and participate in the organizational meetings then by all means be a bystander. There have been a number of dedicated Board members that have truly worked for the benefit of our organization, I would name some but feel that I may miss someone so I will let it go at that.

With that out of the way I will make a motion at our annual meeting to the affect that Board members in good standing (to be defined at the meeting) have one lot maintenance fee per year waived. I realize this is not the greatest incentive but it is an attempt to reward a person for his/her time and effort. Come to the meeting and lots hash this one out. Maybe it should only involve the Treasurer and the Chairperson?

FIRE DANGER TIME

Spring time (March 1st to be precise) has a fire danger season attached to it. In a nut shell it means that during this period there is a restriction on open fires without a permit. Open fires are limited to the hours from 5 PM to 9 AM with exception of those used for cooking. Please take heed.

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ITEMS

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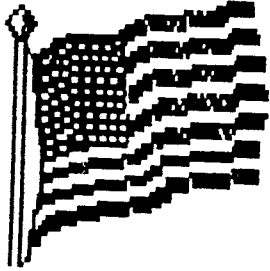
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Sometimes when you listen to the wind blowing you think the poles will come out of the ground and there will be no power for a week but there has not been any problems in our immediate area that I am aware of at present. The popularity of the mountain seems to be increasing more and more. Many more owners are visiting their lots and cabins then in the past and there is more talk of retirees coming to stay. All I can say is welcome.

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