

1. Jerry Johnson led drive to purchase and train residents on new Automated External Defibrillators (AED's) to be placed strategically throughout the ranches. Special thanks to donations from the Hinckleys, and Mettlers for helping make this possible. Locations will vary between summer and winter months and will be posted on Kiosk and Website.
2. Richard Thomas and then new director, Bruce Bartley, with help of a dozen volunteers, plus Sam Clark and his trusty backhoe, began a clearing process along Rim Road to help create a proper fire break for future evacuations. **Bruce will lead another fire mitigation effort this summer on the weekend of August 12-13, 2017. Plan to attend if your schedule permits.**
3. Again, special thanks to Bill Fischer, who donated the use of his chipper to aid in the clean-up of the slash from the dead tree project.
4. A couple of long time Hoback Ranches pioneers, Dorothy & George Eaton, and Peggy & James "Jim" Bond relocated to their family locations in Del Mar, CA and West Chester, Pa respectively.
5. Director Bruce Bartley led the effort to seek funding from Wyoming State Forestry Division, to assist Hoback Ranches in improving the forest throughout the ranches, removing dead fall and standing dead trees, remaining from the beetle kill epidemic. (2016 State Bark Beetle Damage Mitigation Projects). Sublette County redirected the funding to another location deemed more critical. A new application process will be pursued this year with Willis Day.
6. HRSID applied for a grant through Wyoming Game and Fish to replace the fencing on the ranches western boundary with animal friendly fencing. The grant under the Red Desert Hoback Basin Mule Deer route project is still pending. **The application is being updated this year with request for funding to do the entire fence, with HR volunteer labor assisting to lower costs.**
7. Special thanks to Tim Delaney and the Rolling Thunder for installing new, animal friendly fencing along 9 miles of the Hoback Ranches southern border, in cooperation with Wyoming Game and Fish to support the mule deer migration route through the Yellowstone corridor.
8. The Board spent an inordinate amount of time, and unbudgeted money on legal advice regarding private road easements and issues. There continues to be confusion on the Covenants, which are becoming more frequent in the HR community. **New residents are not being properly indoctrinated by either previous owners or real estate agents.**
9. Records set for noxious weed spraying during prolific weed year, with a bumper crop this year.
10. Volunteers restored road signs; painted Kiosk, sprayed weeds; cleared standing tall, dead trees that littered roads; cleared beaver blocked culverts; and fixed fences damaged by angry cows.
11. Snow came early in October and never left.
12. Snow-mage don hit the Bondurant area and Hoback Ranches on the evening of Feb 7th and morning of Feb 8th, leaving dozens of inches of new snow, 60MPH wind gusts, and drifts closing all roads into and out of the area. It took 14 hours to clear one lane of Rim Road to Hwy 191.
13. The Winter Committee almost ran out of money due to "way too much snow" with snow at a record levels, and "way too many people" who came into the ranches daily or at least on a regular basis, but did not donate to the snow removal process. Supplemental donations had to be sought. Plans to fix this are under way.
14. Special thanks to Jim Gray for again letting HR use his property for critical winter parking.
15. Rim Road special USFS easement improvement completed in June 2017. New approach for dust abatement being explored for 2018.