

October 15, 2020
6:30 pm
Bondurant Fire House

Winter Committee members present: Gary Ryan and Stephanie Housley
8 households were present in person
7-10 people joined using the Zoom link

Gary's opening comment: We wish that more new people would come to this annual meeting! Based on questions, comments, and lots of misconceptions from new residents, it feels important that folks read the Winter Plan, which is always publicly available on the Hoback Ranches website. For convenience, we will be attaching it to the minutes distributed from this meeting.

Last winter was minimally dramatic. There were two main issues:

- 1- Snowmobilers messing up the berms.
- 2- A property owner decided to change their driveway and pushed all the snow into the middle of the road. The Sublette County Sheriff's Office was called. Since it is unlawful to do this, the Sheriff gave a verbal warning to the offender, and then would provide support if we chose to put the snow back on the offender's property.

The hardest part of keeping this whole thing (community effort) together is people not talking to each other and not communicating. So, be in touch with one another.

Teresa Schrader is back! She will be plowing from Rim and Elk to her house, east of Rim and Elk. She will be keeping the road open, as she goes back and forth to Jackson for work on weekdays and for her construction crew. She will do this as she is able and is not guaranteeing access. Nor is she contracted to keep the road open in this section.

SPEAKING OF CONSTRUCTION CREWS

If you have work crews coming in during the Winter, it is YOUR responsibility to communicate the requirements of road maintenance & use during the Winter. If you don't know what those are, read the Winter plan. If your work crews will be using a plow or blade or blower or any type of snow removal equipment, they MUST submit a signed waiver. One is attached to this email. Please fill it in and return the paper to: Hoback Ranches Winter Committee, PO Box 33, Bondurant, WY 82922 - or - email to glr4352@hughes.net **We request that anyone with construction activity planned for this winter advise the Winter Committee so that liability forms can be collected and snow removal activity can be communicated to winter residents.** Please contact Gary Ryan at (307)713-1302

Orange poles - Dave Fellows recently got a bunch from WYDOT in case we need them for the main roads.

The snow fence we use along Rim Rd. is on its last leg and we need to replace it next Winter. Approx price is \$1/ft for 4' high wooden snow fence. We will research and replace it for next year.

The snow fence on Rim Road between the entrance to the Ranches and the highway will be put up THIS SUNDAY, October 18th at 2 PM. Please come and help if you are able.

Dave Fellows mentioned that they have procured a snow fence for Chippewaugh. Dave Shipek called in via Zoom to say that the poles for said snow fence are too close to the road in some areas. Fellows explained in depth about careful considerations made with regard to where poles were installed. Also had to work within the easement. The decision to put up the snow fence is SOLELY to help with drifts - not because it is going to be plowed. **PLEASE NOTE: this is NOT a Winter Committee activity and Winter Committee money is NOT being used.**

Treasurer's report: We collected \$21,253.67 in contributions during the 2019-2020 Winter. The expenses were \$11,656.00. Our worst year on record was \$26,396.02, and that was at a lower hourly rate than we pay now, and immeasurable, unaccounted for hours spent by volunteers. While we were able to put some into the reserve this year, if we would have had a year like that year this past year, contributions would not have covered the expense. It was decided to hold the recommended contribution amount the same this year, at \$400 per household. Checks should be made out to Hoback Ranches Winter Committee Fund, and sent to PO Box 33, Bondurant, WY 82922.

Troy Jerup presented points in writing which were discussed at the meeting:

1. be careful of heavy equipment operating from other side of road:
Everyone needs to be aware of the fact and watch out for large snow removal equipment being operated on the roads during the winter. Since it is most efficient to plow snow in the same direction as the wind, this means the equipment will sometimes be on the "wrong" side of the road. Be proactive about looking out for this scenario. Do not speed. Remember that large equipment cannot stop, turn, maneuver, etc nearly as quickly as you can. Go slow and go around.
2. parking lot:
 - Ideal parking is up against southern side of parking lot (where the tree is)
 - DO NOT PARK on the East (parallel to Rim) or North sides of the lot
 - Make sure a lane wide enough to maneuver large equipment is left around
 - Middle parking park- act like its a parking lot
3. snow berms- snowmobilers:

If you snowmobile up and down those berms and knock snow into the road, that costs all of us more time and money to clean up. Outside of that, it breaks equipment. So, don't knock snow into the road!

An individual not in attendance at the meeting wrote in to the Winter Committee prior to the meeting asking for three points to be made:

1. They felt that it was unconscionable that the county does not plow Rim Road during the winter and wondered why the Winter Committee didn't make them do so. Gary Ryan offered a history of this issue and made it clear that the Winter Committee has no authority to make the County plow Rim Road, nor influence with Sublette County. Gary encouraged anyone who had the interest in doing so to reach out to the County commissioners to make their opinion known.
2. This individual took issue with hiring Hoback Ranches residents for performing the job of snow removal.
3. This individual suggested that if Hoback Ranches bought him a truck and plow or paid him enough that he, a resident of Hoback Ranches, would perform the snow removal.

Waiver review: whoever is removing snow from the roads must complete and return a liability waiver every year. The Insurance Company for Hoback Ranches requires it. It is not optional.

Dave Fellows will be replacing Sam Sumrall on the Winter Committee as the HRSID Board liaison.

Gary Ryan suggested that someone take his place for boots-on-the-ground winter issues since he will not physically be here this winter. Joe Leduc volunteered to fill this role and will work with Gary on performing this duty.

Dave Fellows gave a parking lot update. The plan is to put a second entrance/exit to the parking lot for drainage, which may or may not happen this Winter. This will be north of where the current entrance/exit is.

Meeting adjourned!!!