

# NFH NEWS

## National Forest Homeowners

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### NFH Forum comes to Salt Lake City

Mark your calendars for Saturday, October 14 - the NFH Salt Lake City Fall Forum. We're coming to Utah!

The State of Utah sits at the center of US Forest Service Region 4, known as the Intermountain Region. We've been circling Utah on our "Places We Want to Be" map of recreation residence cabins. This half-day, very inexpensive (only \$25) event will be held at the very nice Doubletree by Hilton in Salt Lake City. Event registration will open up by mid-July on our NFH website or by phone.



Every fall, as the leaves turn glorious end-of-season colors, the NFH staff and leadership head to a regional center to meet with cabin owners and the USFS staff of that region. This year, we're in beautiful Salt Lake City, Utah and look forward to visiting cabins in the nearest forests, maybe yours. Get in touch and let us know if you'd like to have us come to your area.

Come to learn and make contacts that might help you plan for the future of your cabin. Bring along your photos, stories, challenges, and projects to share with others in the program. The NFH Fall Forum presents well-researched educational sessions such as how to create a trust for your cabin, and we're working on programs designed with every cabin owner in mind, such as our cabin insurance initiative that is getting close to a trial run nearer to the date of our fall event.

We allow time for participants to talk to other cabin owners and USFS staff who understand the recreation residence program. Shorter sessions and adequate time for asking questions make forums particularly helpful. Attendees always find NFH events valuable and worth the small amount of time invested.

Also, if you live or have a cabin in the area, please take our Region 4 and Utah Survey coming your way. Feel free to pass it along to your tract association or email tree so others in the region, such as extended family members, can also participate. It's open to non-members, as well as our community members.

### Desiree La Maggiore Named NFH Field Director



In our increasingly complex world, cabin life remains a timeless, priceless experience I'm compelled to preserve and protect — which is why I am excited to join the NFH team as Field Director, focused on outreach. The realization of what the cabin program meant in my life became all too clear during my 25-year career working in high tech. Long periods of office time, marketing and management chores were punctuated by mad dashes to the lake house — our cabin. It was a familiar cycle I'd witnessed twice-over.

I was ten when my grandparents, looking for a respite from the

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#### Region 4 News

##### Up in the Rockies, Through the Arches, Basins & Plains

Called the Intermountain Region or Region 4 of the US Forest Service, this region of public lands includes Utah, Nevada, Southern Idaho, Eastern Wyoming, and a small portion each of Eastern California and Western Colorado.

The USFS website notes four major geographic provinces form the Intermountain West: the Great Basin, Colorado Plateau, the Middle Rocky Mountains, and the Northern Rocky Mountains. The oldest known individual tree in the world, a bristlecone pine, lives in the peaks of Nevada's Humboldt-Toiyabe NF. Sagebrush is the most common lowland vegetation.

- Acres = 3.4 million
- National Forests = 12
- Cabins = 1,394

##### Largest Tract:

Uinta-Wasatch-Cache  
Tract in Utah = 412 cabins

##### Smallest Tract:

Payette Tract = 5 cabins

##### Lost Tract:

Salmon-Challis Tract = 0  
cabins

# President's Message

## — Hall of Fame

By Jay Tripathi  
Spring Creek Tract  
Lake Tahoe Basin Mnt. Unit, California



I recently attended a dinner honoring my business partner who was inducted into the Green Industry Hall of Fame. We've been partners for over twenty-four years and he has tirelessly committed himself to bettering the green industry through educational programs,

community projects, water conservation awareness, and mentoring of colleagues in our industry. There really is no more deserving person that I'm aware of and now he is firmly enshrined in the company of giants from the green industry.

On the flight home, I mused about what a Cabin Program Hall of Fame would look like. Mind you, I'm not suggesting there be such a thing; I was thinking more about all the deserving folks who could be enshrined. I think about the families who have managed to keep their precious cabins for generations despite any, and all, manner of change. I think about the collective expertise and experience that cabin owners possess and share with other cabin owners. I think about Forest Service staff who go out of their way to help advise cabin owners. All deserving of Hall of Fame mention.

Let's not forget about all the cabin program leaders who attended our very successful 2017 Annual Conference in Seattle. There's just no way that NFH could afford to pay for the expertise and commitment that these folks have. From Brad Aspell who teaches cabin owners about how to place their cabin into an approved family trust, to Dr. George Cardinet who systematically created an online voting system so that more NFH members could vote easily for the NFH Board of Director candidates of their choice, to Doug Gann who, along with the Technology Committee, continue to work on the NFH website to make it the best communication tool we can possibly have.

How about Roy Glauthier who spent more than a decade on the NFH Board, including the presidency, and continues to care enough to devote countless hours to understand the opportuni-

ties and challenges awaiting the cabin program through legislative and administrative action. Or Geoff Anderson, past president, who saw us through the very worst of the CUFFA times, made several trips to Washington, DC, and continues to be a meaningful contributor to the NFH Board and several committees.

Let's not forget about Tessa Johnson and the Wyoming Cabinowners Association who recently donated funds to NFH in honor of Glen Hildreth. They now have a reenergized and enthusiastic group of board members spread across the state to assist cabin owners who need advice or help.

I could go on and on listing the efforts of so many cabin owners who have contributed so much time, effort, and money towards making your cabin possible. When you run into any tract leader or NFH leader, be sure and thank them for their efforts. They're going to bat for you in the FS District, Regional, and Washington DC offices and they're doing it for you!

NFH members and the NFH Board made some substantial changes during the Annual Conference. The Board voted not to hold a multi-day Conference in 2018. Instead, we'll do an Annual Conference that more resembles our Regional Forums. We'll still have a business meeting and informational topics as part of the program but it will at most be a one-day affair at significantly less cost to members than the traditional one-and-a-half or two day conferences. NFH members also accepted the By-Laws revisions endorsed by the Board that moves NFH into online voting. There will be a finite number of transition years where members can request a paper ballot be mailed to them but all members will no longer automatically receive a paper ballot to vote for Board and Nominating Committee candidates. The Elections Committee has been conducting a beta test on the NFH website to get feedback on how this process works.

Additionally, we've instituted a change to the frequency of our Board and Executive Committee meetings. These will now occur on the 3rd Thursday of each month on an alternating basis starting in May with the Executive Committee. Finally, a hearty welcome to Desiree La Maggiore, NFH Field Director who started on May 1st. All of us should look forward to the results of Desiree's efforts building a network of involved cabin owners throughout the country.

Enjoy your cabins this summer and keep in touch!

## NFH Mission Statement

National Forest Homeowners is a member-directed organization representing cabin owner recreation residence permittees on our national forests. NFH provides leadership, member information and assistance, and advocacy for continuation of all recreation residence cabins. It is dedicated to educating its members and others in sound science stewardship of our national forests.

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# Cabin Highlights: One Hundred Years of Stories



The Macpherson cabin in 2009.

Fire and tragic loss began my dad's story of the prospector Henry Myer. Every chance they had, Dad and his brother would fish up Holy Ghost Creek. A few miles upstream, after discovering Doctor Creek, it became

their favorite place to fish. The forest in the narrow canyon is dark, the aspen trees grow into giants and there is a feeling of mystery as Doctor Creek falls off of ledges and cascades down steps into pools. Once while fishing, they came upon an old cabin. They knocked on the door, which fell open. Nothing was inside, but a large stack of yellowed Chicago Tribunes, and nearby they discovered an abandoned mine shaft. Later, they asked an old friend about what they had found. They learned they found the cabin of Henry Myer. Henry, an accountant in Chicago, was working late one night while his family attended a play at a theater. When a fire broke out in the theatre, many could not escape. Henry's wife and daughters were some of those killed. Shocked, sad and alone, he dropped out of society, boarded the train heading west, and ended up prospecting in the Pecos country.

Because the area has a rich mining history, prospectors looking for gold were not unusual. But Henry Myer acted odd and lost - a quiet "city slicker", who seemed dense. A cruel clerk in an assay office was "making fun of this strange fool," and falsely told him he had found gold. Assuring Henry he had a good claim, he cautioned Henry to guard his secret.



Fishing the Pecos River around

For a decade Henry stayed alone up Doctor Creek. Every few weeks he quietly went to town to get his subscription of the Chicago Tribune and buy provisions. He was careful to make sure no one followed him. Finally, after years of mining, he hired a mule train and brought a huge amount of ore

the twenty five miles to the train tracks, where it was shipped to be smelted. There were some metals and even some gold in the ore, but not much. Henry Myer ended up with a bill and not riches.

My father learned that Henry Myer was actually still in the Pecos community. He was old and not well. My grandmother gathered up some blankets that my father delivered to Henry Myer, because my grandmother learned this might be helpful. Henry was grateful, but said little and he soon disappeared.

Although all of this occurred many years before my dad and uncle had stumbled on the abandoned cabin, the story still lives in our family. Dad told us many "Pecos stories" when we were growing up during the 1950s. I like to tell myself that Henry Myer did find gold. His sadness would be unescapable, but his project gave him purpose. Like a monk or Henry David Thoreau, he lived in total beauty. One of the most dramatically majestic places on earth is where he chose to find grace and spiritual gold.

My grandmother understood that spiritual gold. She found her cabin site in 1914



when she was invited by Albuquerque friends to come to a party on the Pecos River in the mountains near Tererro, NM. She took her two young sons on the train to Glorieta Pass, and then to the campsite by buckboard, which was a full day's journey. They fell in love with the area, and in 1917, one hundred years ago and the year Dad turned 10, Grandma was having the cabin built.

Another fire, the Tres Lagunas Fire, is now one of our stories. This time tragedy was averted. The forest fire started a couple of miles downstream and burned for days. It marched around the mountain and down into Holy Ghost Canyon, within feet of our cabin as well as all our neighbors' cabins. Through a tremendous effort of a hard-working crew, disaster was avoided.

Then, as will happen, huge rains and floods took out roads and bridges. The canyon was closed for two summers. But now, there are tall grasses, new streams, and flowers like never before. And eight branches of our family - third, fourth and fifth generations - share in the stories of our century-old cabin and continue to find grace and spiritual gold.

## Each Gift Counts: How You Can Donate to NFH

Our organization is able to continue its mission because of your support and generosity. By contributing to National Forest Homeowners, you help ensure that our work on behalf of the cabin program continues and expands. Online donations are quick and easy using our secure credit card transactions. We welcome donations of all sizes and payment plans – whether it's a one-time gift, a monthly contribution, or part of a matching gifts program.

If you would like to donate by mail, please send a check made out to NFH with "donation" designated in the memo line to National Forest Homeowners, 160 S Oak St, #316, Sisters, OR 97759. Online donations can be made at <http://www.nationalforesthowners.org/donations/>.

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# Keeping Cabins in the Woods

By Sharon Leach  
NFH Executive Director

May and June are glorious months in Northern New Mexico. Every day the birds get louder, singing their hearts out for the best show on earth -- nature greening up and blooming. As I enjoy the nearby Carson National Forest trails, I know that cabin owner friends are heading to their "neck of the woods"

to reconnect with old friends -- trees, streams, sitting rocks, boat docks, familiar trails and the scent of the wild. We belong to the places we come to know, more than they belong to us.

Earlier this spring, I received a call from someone who up until this winter knew nothing about the recreation residence program, but had stumbled on a small unoccupied cabin while cross-country skiing and wanted a way to buy it. The cabin was an old bark-covered cedar-roofed one-room cabin. The old cabin appeared to have been abandoned, the door ajar. He'd called the ranger district to investigate and learned that the permit holder was no longer paying their fees. After more research, he learned who had built the cabin -- a local family that owns a nearby ski area -- and that a later owner was a former Dean of the University of New Mexico. The caller's story immediately interested me. Since the USFS stopped adding new rec res lots in the 1960's, our peak number of 21,000 cabins has dropped by 30 percent. That loss was not going to continue under my watch.

I've since visited the tract. Local Forest Service staff were kind enough to give me a tour of the area, and at one point, we needed to hike to the upper cabins due to a road no longer being maintained by the district. That cabin stood, poised as it was on the edge of history, almost a memory. Except NFH won't let it disappear. It's poised on the edge of the future, as well. We can't afford to lose a single cabin and each one has a unique story to tell. When we let history slip away, the forest loses its memory as well. The caller who'd reached out to NFH reported to me second-hand that district staff had told him that this program was no longer

needed, that it was only created to get American families out to newly-minted National Forests back in the early 1900's. Not needed? How could anyone think that? I had to get down there in person and share with district staff how much we value the program and see if they might not appreciate the program a bit more with a little encouragement and data.

So, I went down to the district office of the Carson National Forest to meet about the abandoned cabin. As we hiked, we talked about ecosystems and the health of the forests. I shared the most significant values of our program, including the fee income coming directly to the forest districts in just another 8 years thanks to CFA. NFH has ongoing dialog with the Forest Service agency staff. We are effective cheerleaders, bridge-builders, and inevitably -- we are national voice for the program. We build relationships and tell our stories. We have friends and associates at the national, regional and local offices of the USFS.

To me, this public-private partnership of the recreation residence program with the USFS is far and above the best kind and provides a healthy relationship between users of the forests and managers. It beats seeing a drive-thru at the edge of a beautiful lake.

I'm sure we'll find a solution for the abandoned cabin. The interested buyer is digging further into what he can learn of the last owner of record. But, by the end of my visit, we were talking about the possibility of auctioning the cabin and the importance of keeping the permit in the program.

The USFS Recreation Residence program holds limitless value for American families of modest means and for kids who are otherwise growing up with too much screen time. And to keep our voice strong in Washington and throughout the field, we need every single permit-holder. We're in this together and we'll sustain this program by keeping our numbers strong, our relationships healthy and our love of the outdoors nourished by time spent at the cabin.

If you ever see a cabin that looks to be abandoned, let us know. We want to see that cabin happily adopted by a new family, with all that it means for kids and grandkids, for many years to come.

## Give the Gift of an NFH Associate Membership!

Please consider gifting an NFH Associate Membership (non-owners of a cabin) to your children, grandchildren or others that benefit from the use of your cabin. NFH is supported by membership dues and associate members are an important part of our program -- they will receive email news updates as well as copies of newsletters

and other important information regarding the cabin program.

An Associate Membership is \$30 annually (\$25 for Member Tracts). Contact Sharon Karr, NFH Membership Administrator at 541-549-8592 or email [skarr@nationalforesthomeowners.org](mailto:skarr@nationalforesthomeowners.org) to order a gift certificate today!

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The Trump Administration released its \$4.1 trillion Budget Request for the 2018 fiscal year. The proposal is a \$938 billion cut from the total for FY 2017. The Department of Agriculture (USDA) would see a 20.5 percent cut and The Department of Interior (DOI) would see roughly a 5 percent cut. Total Forest Service spending in fiscal 2018 would be \$5.2 billion in budget authority, about a \$1 billion annual decrease from current levels.

The budget would reduce the Land and Water Conservation Fund and would eliminate nine programs. Overall firefighting activities would be boosted under the proposal, but funding for USDA Forest Service State and Private Forestry programs -many of which facilitate forest thinning and prescribed burns-would be gutted by 50 percent. While the administration would fund wildfire suppression at the 10-year average of costs, it proposes eliminating the FLAME Wildfire Suppression Reserve Fund. Forest Service spending on roads, trails and facilities would be cut by 84 percent. The forest management budget, however, would increase 16 percent under the proposal. Calls for improved USFS management practices and increased collaboration received bipartisan support during the House Natural Resources

Subcommittee on Federal Lands hearing on June 8. US Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue said the proposed budget reflects a shift toward more management of existing resources and less land acquisition. That management sentiment was also voiced by Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke. Zinke also expressed interest in reorganizing the Interior department into 13 “joint management areas,” with the Department of Agriculture to “push more of the authority out in the field,” and “focus on the problems that are within their smaller regions.” Forest Service Chief Tidwell also testified in a Senate hearing stating that the administration wanted to work with Congress on a legislative change to allow disaster funding for the largest wildfires. Chief Tidwell also expressed optimism for an increase in timber sales despite budget cuts.

The budget request has thus far been declared DOA on a bipartisan basis and the deepest cuts proposed are unlikely to advance. Congress will have the final say on budget and appropriations. Summit Strategies will continue to monitor budget developments closely and work with NFH to ensure the interests of cabin owners in federal forests are understood, protected and well represented in Washington.

## Living with Fire: Fire-Adapted Communities

By Don Norton

In the winter 2017 issue, you were introduced to “Fire Adapted Communities” (FAC). FAC partnerships promote awareness and action regarding community wildfire safety. The recent electronic e-blast news listed information from the Insurance Institute for Business and Home Safety (IBHS). Their research leads to real-world solutions for home and business owners, which create more resilient communities.

Wildfire resources are available on the IBHS website under the resources tab at <https://disastersafety.org/wildfire/>. Print the Wildfire Home Assessment Checklist and rate yourself as to how prepared your cabin is for a wildfire event.

We thought our cabin was prepared for a fire, but two days after a fire started near our tract, two 40-man Hot Shot crews created defensible space 100 feet from each of the 23 cabins. All trees and shrubs less than 8’-0” tall were clear cut and all ladder fuels up to 10’-0” above ground were removed, shredded, and spread. Even stacked firewood was tossed away from structures to be consumed by the fire.

Fire pumps, miles of fire hose, and water sprinklers were placed around the cabins. About 300 feet from the cabins, the crown fire came to the ground as a healthy low-level fire, burning to within 30 or 40 feet of the cabins. Then it met the hand-dug fire containment line and stopped.

Moral of the story? Our tract now knows how to maintain our lots and landscaping to be better prepared. How does your cabin rate using the Wildfire Home Assessment Checklist?



Fire was within 30 feet of the back of our cabin in Holy Ghost Canyon, N.M. Note the “cinder block” in the picture.

## Cabin Insurance Update

Last winter NFH published the Cabin Insurance Survey Report, which is posted on the NFH website. A number of cabin owners reported difficulty finding insurance companies willing to insure a cabin, or at a reasonable cost. Additional cabin owner feedback was gathered at the Insurance workshop held at the April NFH Conference in Seattle. Our research concluded that certain terms found in standard homeowner type policies do not always meet the needs of cabin owners. With this in mind, NFH has engaged an insurance broker to develop a property and liability insurance offering, designed specifically for recreation residences.

While the NFH is working to facilitate the insurance

offering and NFH membership will be a prerequisite for eligibility, cabin owners will contract directly with the insurance broker. Our goal is to launch in a few states later this year and expand the program to all cabin states within the first year.

While our dialog with the insurance broker is progressing and we’re optimistic that our negotiations are fruitful, there is no guarantee our negotiations will result in an insurance offering that completely meets our needs. If you have questions or suggestions regarding cabin insurance, please contact Executive Director Sharon Leach. Your feedback is always welcome.

# NFH 2017 Conference a Success in Seattle

This year's NFH 2017 conference was a success on many levels. The spectacular Cedarbrook Lodge was not only beautiful but the cuisine served was at the highest level. Excellent attendance included representation from 24 National forests in 14 states.

World-renowned keynote speaker, Dr. Jerry Franklin, explained ecosystem analysis; and lively, open, roundtable discussions about NFH communications, organizing a tract, a proposed cabin exchange program, and creating fire-adapted communities engaged many participants.

Workshop topics were Trusts, Multiple Ownership and New Generation; Fire Planning and Assessment; Cabins 101; A Cabin Insurance Program; Historic Cabin Preservation; and Water Rights and Access. Please visit the NFH website for complete presentations.

Shared were the latest projects NFH is exploring such as the NFH Cabin Outreach Program and new website menus. Summit Strategies delivered an update on activity in Washington, D.C., and they participated in a panel discussion with members from the Washington State congressional staff.

We ended this conference with a fun addition. We raffled a week's stay at two cabins in our program, a stay at the Quinault River Inn, and log cabin stains from our sponsor, Sashco; and we held a wine toss contest! You should have heard the laughter! It was a fun way to end a very informative conference.



NFH President Jay Tripathi leads the popular tract leader meeting in a discussion on common issues, Over 50 tract leaders were present.

## 2017 NFH Award Winners

The concluding event for the NFH conference is an awards banquet at which those who have excelled during the year are honored. This year, NFH posthumously honored Mr. Jim Sauser, retired Forest Service Lands Special Uses Program Manager of the Pacific Northwest Region 6 and NFH Associate Board Member, with the 2017 National Service Award for his outstanding service and support of the Cabin in the Woods program. Accepting the award were his widow, Margie, and sons, Andrew Sauser, Beau Hargas, Chris Hargas, and Chuck Hargas. In addition, the NFH Board renamed the Recreation Advocate Award the Jim Sauser Recreation Advocate Award.

A complete list of this year's award winners is listed below. They were nominated by their peers as outstanding examples of the work done to preserve the cabin program. Please consider recognizing the efforts of those people or tracts in your region that are making a difference in support of our cabin program. Nomination applications are easily accessed on the website and can be completed electronically or downloaded, printed, and mailed to our Executive Director, Sharon Leach. Nominations are due by Dec. 31, 2017. Wouldn't it be great to honor someone in your region with an NFH award?



2017 Outstanding Volunteer award winner Fran Filer stands with her grandson Matt, her son Tim, and her daughter Jeanne.



Newly elected 2017 Board of Directors, clockwise from top left: David Gearing, Mike Kaczor, Alan Pirie, Linda Ballentine, Deborah Cowlshaw, and Dave Hansen.

AWARD WINNERS FOR 2017	
AWARD & RECIPIENT	TRACT/FOREST/STATE
<b>2017 National Service Award</b> Jim Sauser	USDA Forest Service, retired Pacific Northwest Region
<b>Jim Sauser Recreation Advocate</b> Mike DeSmit, Realty Specialist Recreation Special Uses	Klamath Ranger District Fremont-Winema NF, Ore.
<b>Jim Sauser Recreation Advocate</b> Fran Lanagan, Permit Administrator	Zigzag Ranger District Mount Hood NF Ore.
<b>Outstanding Communications</b> Karen Norton	Holy Ghost Homeowners' Association Santa Fe NF, N.M.
<b>Outstanding Volunteer</b> Fran Filer	Bear Cove Tract Rimrock Cabin Owners' Association Okanogan-Wenatchee NF, Wash.
<b>Outstanding Tract Association</b> Huntington Lake Association Chris Oberti, Past President	Sierra National Forest, Calif.
<b>Outstanding Leadership</b> George Cardinet	Pinecrest Tract Pinecrest Permittees' Association Stanislaus National Forest, Calif.

# Leadership Begins Locally

From the 2018 NFH Nominating Committee

By the end of this summer season, our committee will be working to find candidates for the NFH director and officer positions that will be up for election early next spring. You'll be hearing more about those positions in later newsletters. Right now, however, we'd like to focus on leadership at the local level – beginning with cabin tract organizations.

As we enter the summer cabin season, local tract associations are holding their annual meetings and among the business to be transacted will be election of officers and directors. In many of our tract organizations – whether they're formally-organized associations or rather informal groups – the same cabin owners are elected and reelected to leadership positions year after year. This isn't necessarily a bad thing since most of these long-time leaders know how to run the tract organizations, do a good job, and, perhaps most important, know a lot about the cabin program and the Forest Service. But perhaps the question that should be asked is "how did they get so

experienced in the first place?" Usually the answer is by sticking their hands up, being elected to a position and then learning on-the-job.

Few, if any, of us bought our cabins so that we could get involved in tract – or NFH – leadership. In fact, many owners purchase their cabins specifically to get away from the stresses of business and meetings and such. While we respect this position, the fact is that protecting the cabin program requires constant attention and work at every level, beginning with the local tract. Rather than continually relying on the same experienced folks to shoulder this responsibility, shouldn't every cabin owner pay attention to cabin issues, get involved and take a turn at leading? So, when elections come around in your tract, raise your hand and get involved. It doesn't have to be a lifetime job.

The NFH Nominating Committee's role is to identify candidates for national leadership positions, so that means that we're looking for folks who have gained practical experience and knowledge of the cabin program through leading their local tract associations. If you have that experience, we're looking for you.

The 2018 Nominating Committee includes Fran Filer, Chuck Myers, Jay Tripathi, Barbara Warnock, and Roy Glauthier, Chair.



## NFH Moving to On-line Elections in 2018

At the NFH Seattle Conference, NFH membership approved a change in our bylaws to allow on-line elections starting in

2018. Our objectives are to increase member participation in NFH elections by making it easier to vote and more cost effective.

NFH Regular & Regular Tract members in good standing are eligible to vote. All eligible members will receive an email containing a link to the NFH website at the start of a 30-day voting period in March, 2018. Members will be able to view candidate statements and vote using an on-line ballot. The system will verify the member eligibility, allow only one ballot per member, and automatically tally the votes. In order to verify eligibility, the system will require the member to sign in to the website using their secure User ID and Password.

We urge all members to sign in to the NFH website several months prior to elections to verify the accuracy of their member profile. If you haven't signed in the website recently, please use the enclosed directions to do so. It is critical to have your current email address listed in your member profile!

NFH will also accommodate those members who are unable to vote on-line by accepting requests for mailed ballots. Directions on when and how to request a mailed ballot will be provided in the NFH Fall Newsletter. The NFH Board anticipates that online voting will be a great success and is most grateful to George Cardinet for shepherding the process through to completion.

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hustle and bustle of everyday life, gave our family the greatest gift ever - they purchased a cabin in the Salt Creek Recreational Residence Tract on Lake Shasta, in the Shasta-Trinity National Forest. Thirty years later I was able to purchase a cabin in the same tract and cherished the day I became a cabin owner myself.

Our lake house is more than a cabin. It's a cherished and constant measure of lifelong values and experiences passed from one generation to the next - a place for family, nature, hard work and hard play, rest, and reflection. When I hear a cabin

### Sign-in Instructions

1. Locate the Sign In box on the left side of the NFH home page and click Sign In securely. The member login page will display.
2. Enter your NFH username and password. If you don't know either, use [Click here](#) to reset your password below the sign-in button.
3. Enter your email address, enter the validation code (sum of numbers), and click Reset Password. The system will send an email message to your email address\*.

**Important:** Please make note of your username provided in the email. In the email text, click [Reset my Password Now!](#) to return to the NFH website where you will reset your password and sign in.

If you do not receive an email from [nfhweb@nationalforesth homeowners.org](mailto:nfhweb@nationalforesth homeowners.org) within a few minutes, please check your email spam folder. If not found, NFH may not have your current email address on file. You can request a username and password from the NFH staff using directions located under the homepage help menu.

story, I smile at the familiarity; it's a language I know. When we're on a road trip, and we happen upon a tract of cabins, we always drive through; it's a place I know, like going home.

I'm thrilled to be part of the NFH team and at the prospect of getting to know you and your cabin story. Do you speak cabin? Drop me an email!

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## Upcoming Events

### NFH Fall Forum 2017

**SALT LAKE CITY FORUM**  
October 14, 2017

**Double Tree Hilton**  
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Salt Lake City, Utah 84116



Salt Lake City Forum dates and  
registration information coming soon.  
Please check the [NFH website](http://www.nationalforesthowners.org) for details.

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### Spring 2018

**NFH ANNUAL CONFERENCE**  
April 2018

**Sacramento, California**



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