



PROGRESS REPORT First Quarter 2014

HOA Presentation

President Norris and Executive Director Lindquist prepared and delivered a presentation on the Conservancy to the Grizzly Ranch Homeowner's Association on January February 4, 2014. Many owners were not aware of the Conservancy's activities so Lindquist provided an overview of accomplishments that was met with enthusiasm. Director Norris provided background on the Community Enhancement Fees that provide operating funds for the Conservancy. Many owners did not understand how the enhancement funds were spent so this presentation was valuable and timely in addressing questions and concerns.

Web Site

Since the Board approved additional funding to revise and improve the web site, Executive Director Lindquist prepared several write-ups and revisions, provided new photographs and made suggestions on changes to the web site. Sharon Verhasselt, the web design consultant, is in the process of inputting new material provided by Lindquist. It is important for the web site to be maintained since it serves as an important communication tool with Grizzly Ranch owners. Sharon will also update the Community Outreach section and will add in an interactive site for people to report unique wildlife sightings.

Community Outreach Program

Executive Director Lindquist is working with Dave Valle from Portola High School to sponsor another outdoor education day at Grizzly Ranch. The event is scheduled on May 16th. The program will remain the same as last year, which includes water quality data collection on Big Grizzly Creek in the morning, and an afternoon hike to Sally Peak to discuss ecology and geology. Dave reported that the students look forward to this field trip each year and he is pleased that Grizzly Ranch Conservancy is providing this valuable opportunity for his students.

FireWise Workshop

Executive Director Lindquist is working with the Plumas County Fire Safe Council, UC Cooperative Extension and Plumas County Emergency Services to plan and conduct a half day wildfire awareness workshop on May 23rd. The workshop will be held in the Outpost and all property owners at Grizzly Ranch will be invited. The HOA agreed to distribute an announcement electronically to invite owners to attend. There are new laws to discuss and existing private land grants which are available to assist private landowners for reducing fire fuels. So this educational event will provide valuable information. The HOA has agreed to distribute materials provided by speakers to all Grizzly Ranch owners so those who can't make the workshop will at least receive the supporting information.

Accomplishments Anticipated in the Second Quarter 2014

- Conduct the FireWise Workshop and prepare handouts to send to owners.
- Continue to improve the Conservancy web site. When complete, e-mail an announcement to Grizzly Ranch owners.
- Begin to work on conceptual plans for interpretive signs and revisions to the trail map for review by the Board and Ken Parnell
- Schedule additional educational workshops on relevant environmental topics through the summer.
- Work with Van to sell the Conservancy's botanical book at the Pro Shop.
- Establish a Conservancy office in the Sales Office complex.