

May 2024

Dear Huntington Lake Cabin Owners,

Winter Recap

This winter had a late start with no snow on the ground until January but with the help of the late winter and spring storms the snowpack was slightly above normal.

SCE Lake Levels

All of the lakes are projected to be full or near full all summer. Huntington is projected to be full in mid May and will stay full until September 9 when it will be lowered for water demand and dam repairs. For lake level table visit sce.com/2024 Big Creek Project Water Year Outlook

Fire and Woodcutting Permits

As always, it is necessary that you obtain burn permits as needed. Campfire permits can be obtained online at www.readyforwildfire.org or at the Forest Service Office in Prather. Burn permits can be obtained at the Forest Service Office. Woodcutting permits are required and can be purchased at the FS Office. Please make sure that your family members, guests and any renters know how important fire safety is and how to properly extinguish a fire before leaving the cabin or retiring for the night.

Creek Fire Cleanup

Contractors continued the cleanup of burned trees last summer and fall and burned the cleanup piles in late fall-early winter. They will be reburning the piles in Huckleberry and the entrance to Upperline at some time. The Forest Service has asked that cabin owners not add slash or blue marked trees to the burn piles. HLA is working with the FS to try to obtain a place to put slash to be burned in order to clean up permitted lots. Forest Service personnel started planting trees in late April and will continue into the summer. Cabin owners who lost their cabins in the Creek Fire and are rebuilding will be given seedlings to plant if wanted. If cabin owners wish to purchase trees or plants to plant on their lots they must email Kim Sorini and list the species they want to plant to see if they are native and will be permitted.

Forest Service Information

The Forest Supervisor continues to be Dean Gould and the District Ranger is Kim Sorini. Kim can be reached at kim.sorini@usda.gov. Michelle Christian has filled the position of Permit Administrator. The FS requests that cabin owners contact their tract president with questions pertaining to the tract. For all issues pertaining to your cabin permit contact Michelle at michelle.christian@usda.gov. If you have a hazard tree that needs to be marked you can contact Michelle or Kim. Many useful documents including the Recreation Residence Handbook can be found online at www.fs.usda.gov/sierra. Click on passes and permits then Special Use Permits and scroll to the bottom of the page and click on Recreation Residence Program.

Creek Fire Cabin Rebuilds

If you are a permit holder who lost your cabin in the Creek Fire please keep the FS informed of your intent to rebuild. If there is a possibility that you may rebuild wait to terminate your permit. At this time HLA has been assured that if you haven't terminated your permit you still have the option to rebuild.

Garbage Pickup Schedule

Fresno County has changed the garbage company for Huntington Lake to Mid Valley Disposal. HLA has spoken with them and they have agreed to pickup destroyed dumpsters and turn up dumpsters that were turned over for the winter. The first pickup will be Monday, May 27 and will be picked up once weekly on Mondays throughout the season. The last pickup will be the last Monday in October. The garbage rate is set by Fresno County and can't be negotiated by customers. Please do not put pine needles, furniture, paint, construction debris or hot ashes in the dumpsters. China Peak is again allowing cabin owners to dump pine needles. Drive to the back lot and follow the signs.

July 7 – Huntington Lake Volunteer Fire Department Pancake Breakfast and Silent Auction

The annual HLVFD pancake breakfast and silent auction will be held on Sunday, July 7 from 8:00am-11:00am at China Peak. HLA encourages everyone to attend and support your local volunteer fire department.

July 7 – Huntington Lake Big Creek Historical Conservancy Billy Creek Museum

The Billy Creek Guard Station Museum will open for the 2024 season on July 7 at noon. They plan to be open every Saturday and Sunday from 12-4 pm through September 8. Everyone is invited to attend an event on opening day, July 7 from 1-3 to honor Eugene Dunsmore and Caroline Swanson for their many years of dedication to the museum. If you are interested in volunteering at the museum or helping with projects contact

Elise Wygant at elise@simplystyling.com or Wyatt Allen at [wyattallen3566@gmail.com](mailto:wynthallen3566@gmail.com).

August 3 – Huntington Lake Association Annual Meeting

The Annual Huntington Lake Association meeting will be held Saturday, August 3 at China Peak in the back area by the creek. The business meeting and election of officers and board members will be held at 9am with guest speakers scheduled to begin at 9:30.

For a list of summer events and concerts at China Peak and China Peak Landing visit skichinapeak.com and chinapeaklanding.com

For a schedule of the Huntington Lake Regattas visit fresnoyachtclub.org

For information about Lakeshore Resort visit lakeshoreresort.com

For information about Huntington Lake Resort visit huntingtonlakemarina.org