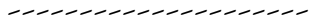




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“When 129 million trees fall in the forest, everyone will hear it.” – PG&E ad - March , 2018



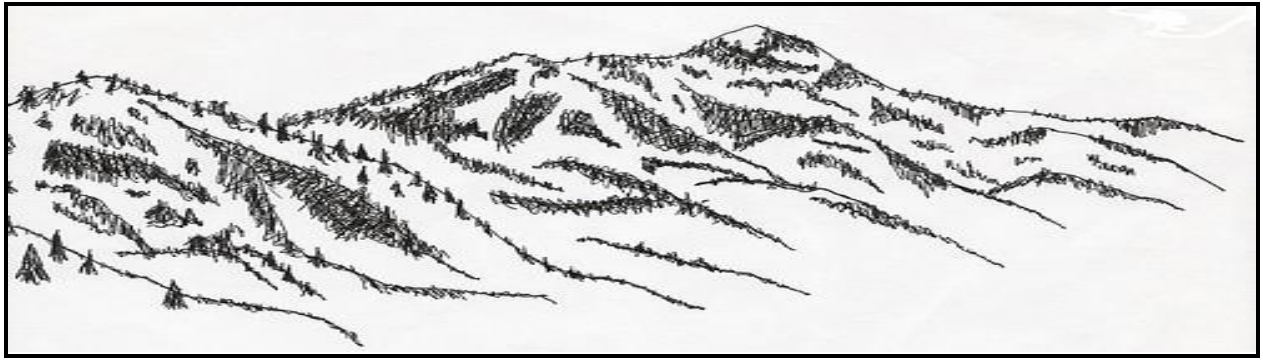
Although we have had an almost normal winter weather-wise, the residual effects of tree mortality continue.

We all know the back story: In pre-settlement times forests had patchy growths of trees caused by regularly occurring fires: some caused by lightning strikes, some started by native people (to encourage new growth of vegetation for the game they hunted for food and clothing). When the Forest Service was founded they looked at fires as a threat to the natural features of our forests and began suppressing them. Now, we have a 100 year buildup of fuels that cannot simply be burned off. We have all witnessed the

catastrophic fires that have burned within the last few years. The lack of water compounded by the overgrowth of trees and other vegetation have created a deadly combination that will not be easily eradicated.

Several agencies like: Cal Fire, Cal Trans, PG&E, the Forest Service and other participants of the Governor’s Tree Mortality Task Force – are working to reduce the risk on many fronts: mechanical treatment, controlled burning (when weather permits), chipping and other types of thinning.

One area of interest to many of us is “Fire Adapted 50” – an ongoing fuel reduction project being conducted by the SOFAR Cohesive Strategy: a group of participating agencies like the ones mentioned above – reducing vegetation along Highway 50 to create a buffer around cabins.



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A problem this large will take time. In an effort to more fully understand the scope of this problem and what efforts are being done to mitigate them, I have asked representatives from the Forest Service and Cal Fire to attend our upcoming Annual General Membership Meeting.

Their “boots on the ground” experience can more fully explain the challenges they face and what steps have been done to improve the quality of the land to make it a fire resilient forest and how we can be active participants in helping accomplish that goal.

The Annual General Membership meeting is scheduled for: June 23, 2018 from 10 a.m. to noon at the Sciots Tract Clubhouse. Troop One Cody Lake Boy Scouts color guard will open the meeting. They will be collecting old flags. If you want to

properly dispose of an old flag, bring it to the meeting.

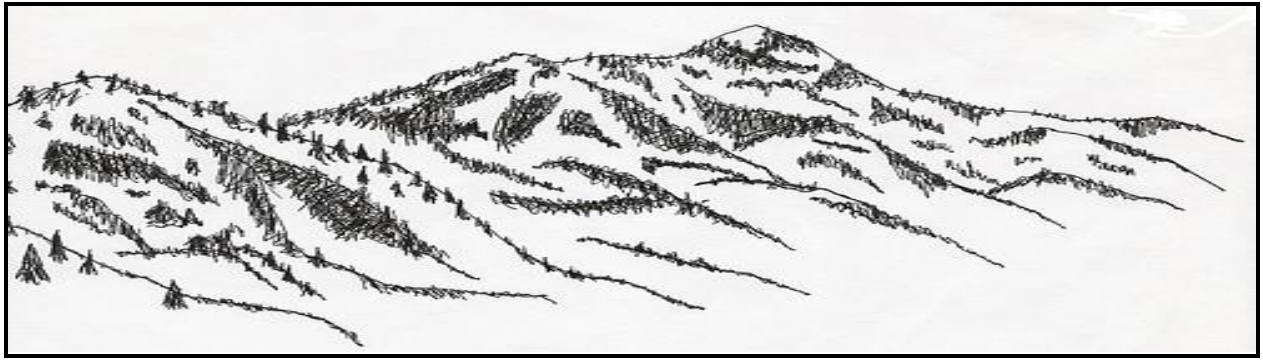
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In Memoriam

Long time NSSHA member and contributor to the newsletter, Evelyn de Ghetaldi, passed away this spring.

I asked our Vice President, Jim Botsford, to share some recollections of her:

I was fortunate to meet Evelyn and be inspired by her dedication to the protection of our summer cabins, in particular along the Highway 88 corridor. In 1988 we joined efforts to fight the FRUD (Future Recreation Use Determination) in which the Forest Service proposed turning cabin sites into public campgrounds in the Amador District. Evelyn diligently pursued our interests with the Forest Service at local, state and federal levels. She also presented our case repeatedly at NFH and NSSHA meetings. Evelyn and her son, Dario, repeated our philosophy that cabin owners can be the best stewards of the forest.

She loved her tranquil and beautiful setting at Kirkwood Lake.

I am thankful for Evelyn's contributions to the summer cabin program and recognize that involvement with our cabin associations is essential to preserving our rights in the forest.

- Jim Botsford, NSSHA Vice President

