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The Ranch Wrangler

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Board Members Needed

There will be 3 vacancies on the Board that need to be filled and will be voted on at the annual meeting. If anyone is interested, please let the office know.

Lost and Found

Glasses, gold chain, KDNK hat, Citizen Watch, nitroglycerin, and lots of dog poop. If you are a dog owner, stop by the office and the ranch will provide you with LOTS of doggie bags.

Fishing

The Ranch's new fishing season began April 1st and will run through March 31st of 2011. Owners need to purchase their badges and are responsible for informing their families and guests of the rules concerning fishing on the Ranch (see link to the rules below). They also need to display on their vehicles either a ranch window sticker or a mirror mounted ID card when using fishing parking areas. I don't know about you, but the RRF vigilantes are pretty serious and I wouldn't want to get caught. Thank you to those that have been courteous to Rick when he has asked to see your badge. We will start to ask for Colorado fishing licenses as well if we can't see your badge.

Here is a brief description of the badges and their privileges:

PRIMARY PERMITS

Each residence at the Ranch, if current in assessments, shall be entitled to two primary permits. Owners and family members of the household may use a primary permit. Family members are defined as owners, spouses and their children. All other persons including tenants are considered guests of the owner. Guests of the owner may use a primary permit **only** when fishing with or accompanied by the owner.

GUEST PERMITS

Each year, in addition to primary permits, each residence on the Ranch shall be entitled to two Guest Permits. A Guest Permit will allow the guest of owner to fish unaccompanied by owner.

SINGLE DAY PERMITS

Owners can purchase five (5) single day permits.

FISHING REGULATIONS

Each residential unit owner entitled to purchase Fishing Permits at the Ranch, regardless of category, agrees that he or she will abide by current fishing regulations on the Ranch property and will be responsible for the conduct of any person to whom they have provided a permit. Violations by members and owners or their tenant/guests may result in immediate loss of privileges and a recall of all fishing permits. **The Fishing Committee will review the violations and recommend to the Board appropriate actions. There shall be no refund for any permit that is revoked.**

LICENSE REQUIREMENT

When fishing on Ranch waters, a current valid Colorado Fishing License is required and all state laws apply, except manner of fishing and bag limits.

FISHING HOURS

Fishing hours will be from one hour before sunrise to one hour after sunset. Night fishing is not allowed.

For any of you that need an update on the fishing regulations, here is the link
<http://www.ranchatroaringfork.com/fishing/2008%20Fishing%20Regulations.pdf>

A 28" fish was caught in Sopris Creek by a person who prefers to remain anonymous, although he is from Texas, was by himself, and no pictures were taken. You be the judge.

As the spring/early summer fishing season kicks into gear, the streamside grasses will soon need attention. The initial plan is to have Rick and Gus pick up where they left off last fall by creating walking and stream access paths alongside the streams and trimming the stream bank grasses to a height and width of about 2-3 feet. This pattern got a thumbs up from Bob O'Brien and the community in general last fall. Rick and Gus are following guidelines suggested by the FAC and issued from the Board of Directors, and please refrain from asking them or directing them to do otherwise. As the mowing/trimming proceeds, please contact Dan Bishop by e-mail at dancon1983@comcast.net or by phone at 760-770-6368 through the middle of June, if you have comments, questions or suggestions regarding the management of streamside grasses. Thanks to all in advance for your co-operation and input.

Per the FAC, only ranch staff are allowed to feed the fish. We have stopped for the warmer months, but will pick it back up again in the fall.

Finally, the ranch is going to become a fishing license agent. When you get your badge, you are required to have a valid Colorado fishing license and staff will be able to help you out.

Golf

The golf course has started the season in April and because of the nice weather put up some record numbers. Congrats to Tom and Nancy for getting the course in good shape quickly and getting those golfers out there!

Horses

They were wormed and got their spring shots. Time to get those feet trimmed and new shoes! The inside of the loafing sheds will be sporting a new coat of green paint shortly.

Condos

It has not been a regular occurrence, but it has been brought to my attention that one of the biggest impacts to the waste water lines is people using their toilets like waste baskets. Objects cause blockages, which cause your systems not to work, which you have to pay for to get fixed through assessments. I'm hoping that by constantly preaching this message, the ranch can keep our waste water system reliable and in service for many years. Please do not flush solid, non-biodegradable items. Also, garbage disposals contribute material to the system that has a direct bottom line cost, because it must be filtered out and hauled away. If you can, please get rid of kitchen waste in the trash. I know, these can be unpleasant subjects, but just wait until we have to start talking about the cost of upgrading our infrastructure. I want to keep all of it going for as long as possible as inexpensively as possible. Thanks!

Open Space

An observant homeowner spotted a dead raptor in a tree. Because all raptors come under the jurisdiction under the DOW or the US Fish and Wildlife Service, we contacted the agencies and the area wildlife officer retrieved it. It was identified as a juvenile red tailed hawk, and cause of death is unknown.

Logging. Staff and contractors have dropped a significant number of the bigger dead trees, and by the time you read this, any log that can't be chipped will be hauled off. It has been decided to leave clusters of dead trees standing where they can do no harm in order to provide habitat for birds and small mammals.

In the interest of preventing unauthorized folks and their dogs from using the open space on the ranch (not your friends, I'm sure), I'm going to change the gate code soon, and will email all of you the new number. If you are going to park back there, make sure you have the cool new fluorescent orange parking pass, or I can get you a window sticker. We're tightening up on this, and need your help with not letting half of Carbondale wander around, or dump their wood chips (we actually caught a guy trying to do this).

Basin Ditch. The ranch is 10% owner of the Basin ditch, the third largest diversion on the Roaring Fork River. It flows above the field on the other side of Hwy 82, behind the water tank. It has been cleaned and is flowing now, and we should see the golf course ponds filling soon. For the most part, the irrigation systems are on, with a few repairs in process.

Motorcycles. No ATV or motorcycle riding on the back of the ranch. You know who you are. Don't do it.

We cut a bunch of branches off of the big cottonwood that hangs over the RV lot so falling branches wouldn't ding the trailers and snowmobiles parked there.

One of the horses got stuck in some of the old sheep fence near the hay barn, so Rick and Gus pulled it out and replaced it with regular smooth wire.

Community garage sale

Do any of you want to have a big garage sale day the weekend before Memorial Day? River Valley Ranch is having one that same day and maybe we could do one big purge and be done with it for the year.

Irrigation on

For the most part, all of the irrigation systems are on. Some repairs are being made, and we will be looking into the water supply for the playground area.