



March 2024



USFS Updates for March

1. **Brian Boden, Natural Resource Specialist**, has the task of inspecting our cabins for the upcoming re-permitting process. In speaking with him recently, he said he has about 50% of ALL cabins in the entire Bighorn Forest completed.

He also urged cabin owners to be mindful of the order from last year concerning bird feeders, grills, garbage, etc. that are enticements to bears. This link will to you to the order released last May from Forest Supervisor, Andrew Johnson: [CLICK HERE](#)

What a wildlife attractant? *Attractants can be, but are not limited to, game carcasses, trash, pet food, used plates or dishes with food residue, human food, bird feeders, and any perfumed products such as lotions or deodorants. For the purpose of this order, plain hay or hay cubes without additives are not considered attractants.*

How do I properly store wildlife attractants? *Hang items where they are 10-15' from ground and 4' from side supports. It is not legal to cut green trees to build meat poles or other structures to hang items. Attractants should be stored in a certified manner listed in the most current Interagency Grizzly Bear Committee Certified Bear-Resistant Products list. Bear Resistant Products - Interagency Grizzly Bear Committee (igbconline.org) Items may also be stored in a closed vehicle, trailer, building, or facility constructed of solid, non-pliable material that, when secured, has no openings, hinges, lids, or coverings that would allow a bear to gain entry by breaking, bending, tearing, biting, or pulling with its claws (any windows must be closed). Horse or livestock trailers may not have any openings greater than 10 inches in two dimensions and must have any food, refuse, or animal carcasses stored more than three feet from any opening. Regular coolers are not considered bear-proof and should not be left outside unattended.*

2. **Rochelle Plocek, Fire Mitigation Specialist**, says that the work plan for mitigation plans will not be ready until the end of April. When asked about the slash/burn piles taken care of this winter she stated; "Pile burning work accomplished this winter has been all over the forest but the WUI pile burning has mostly occurred in the cabins along the Hwy 14 corridor with a little bit along Hwy 14A. The piles around the cabins in the Burgess and Twin Buttes area were also burned. This would be the cabins in the vicinity of Burgess Ranger Station and North Tongue Picnic Area."

National Forest Homeowners Organization

Perspectives usually help make more informed decisions and that is one of the goals of the National Forest Homeowners Organization. We have just a few of us who have joined NFH. In looking at the website there is information about property insurance. This is certainly a big topic for those in California who lost cabins in the last few years. With that thought in mind, please take 30 seconds for the following survey.

One Question Survey: [Click Here](#)

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The Interactive Maps are interesting!

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ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

MAY 23, 2024 THURSDAY

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