

Deer Lake Association Newsletter

Spring 2018



LAKE REPORT

Due to a lack of snow pack the lake level is very low. 1000lbs. of Trout delivered Mar. 31st. Dave Robertson and Chris Garcia treated the lake for weed control late April. It will be done as needed throughout the summer.



1000 lbs. of Trout 10-13" !

Deer Lake Estates is a beautiful community of dozens of landowners, families and friends. We all came here for the peace, tranquility and beauty. Let's remember that and always treat each other with consideration, respect and kindness !
"Do unto others as you would have them do unto you."

* FISHING SEASON ~ 2018 *

Deer Lake fishing opens May 12th. Contact Jeff Robertson for permits. Permits sold only to current association members. Permits must be visibly displayed by every active fisher. Fishing is sun up to sundown. No live bait, including goldfish! Limit is 2 fish per permit per day. NM Game & Fish make random permit checks and issue citations for violations. ADULT: \$16 CHILD (6-12 YR.) : \$8



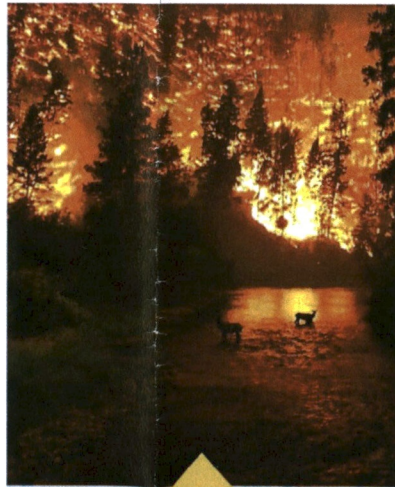
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Fire Dangers !!

Extremely dangerous fire conditions exist this year and require everyone be vigilant about fire safety! Please be sure to use the utmost caution to protect our beautiful mountain home!

- ~ Keep a defensible space around your property
- ~ No open burning
- ~ No outdoor smoking
- ~ No off road ATV's
- ~ No FIREWORKS !



Stage II Fire Restrictions!
Details on Deer Lake website

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Lake Committee Report

Last fall a committee was formed to look into hiring a lake management service. Up to \$7500 was approved for a yearly service. Wildcat Environmental Services made a presentation at this years spring meeting stating the first year would be more costly, but their proposal exceeded \$7500 and was declined. Aquaric Consultants inspected the lake and recommended that, due to low water levels, we wait til 2019 to begin regular management program. The board decided to treat the lake weeds, as done in the past, and discuss 2019 plans at the fall meeting.

Status of Lake Management Contract

At the October 2017 meeting of the Deer Lake Association, a committee was formed to explore ways to manage the aquatic vegetation in Deer Lake. The committee consisting of Dave Kelly, Gerald Guana, Joe Alford, Robert Starkey and Chris Garcia, contacted Wildcat Environmental Services. The committee arranged for a speaker, Jason Weibenga, to give a presentation at the March 2018 meeting, on the services that his company provides in the management of small lakes like ours. Jason estimated the cost for their services would be around \$5000 and with the additional cost of chemicals, the total cost could be as high as \$7500. The members present voted in favor of having the committee negotiate a contract with Wildcat for up to \$7500 to manage the aquatic vegetation in Deer Lake for one season.

The first contract offered by Wildcat was for close to \$7000 not including chemicals, which would bring the total to well over the approved \$7500. The committee negotiated a second contract which was for the same annual amount but allowed the Deer Lake Association to renegotiate the contract if the water level in the lake gets too low. Right now the water level at Deer Lake is very low and that is not likely to get better any time soon. It was also the understanding of the committee that they could stop the payments and cancel the contract at any time but the wording in the contract was not clear on that. The committee was planning to cancel the contract before the total amount reached \$7500 but that would result in less than a full season of treatments.

The Board of Directors was concerned about the contract. It was the Board's intention to see if we could get a more clearly written agreement with a better projection of the cost of chemicals. We wanted to have Wildcat do an assessment of the lake for which they charge \$625 if it would allow them to be more specific about the cost of the chemicals. The plan approved by the membership called for a full season of treatments, so the Board wanted to know what results we could expect from less than a full season of treatment and if it would be better to wait until next year if we have more water then. The second contract had been signed by Dave Kelly, the committee chairman. The Board asked Dave Kelly to contact Wildcat and see if the contract could be cancelled. Dave contacted them, and they graciously let the Association out of the contract. The Board has been unable to set up a meeting with the owners of Wildcat. We have received no response to three phone messages and an email.

Another company that provides similar services, Aquatic Consultants, offered to evaluate Deer Lake at no charge to Deer Lake Association. Biologists from Aquatic Consultants visited Deer Lake, did an analysis of the lake and identified the aquatic

plants in the lake. They recommended that, because of the low water level and poor prospects of getting substantial amounts of moisture before July, we should not start a lake management program until next year. They did offer an abbreviated program for \$1500 to control cattails and bulrushes this year and a proposal for next year for a full year (6 treatments) including chemicals for \$6500. The Board has decided for this year to treat the lake as we have in the past. At the fall 2018 meeting, if the membership wishes to pursue a lake management contract for 2019, we can ask for detailed proposals including dollar amounts to be submitted prior to the spring 2019 meeting. The members present at the spring 2019 meeting can then approve a contract and appropriate the proper amount of money.