

River Island Ranch POA, Inc.

“ The Bridge”

Bringing Community Together



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Fall arrived in fashion, displaying a fine selection of reds, oranges, greens and golds, with yellow aspens highlighting Mt. Del Norte across the river. Colors seemed to have peaked early this year and the overall weather has transitioned from monsoon conditions to fabulous summerlike highs. For those who visited the Island and attended our recent Board of Directors meeting in person, we are grateful for your support. Looking back at our first meeting, we had an ambitious “To Do list” and we undertook the list with pride to serve the community. Of note, we have taken a stride forward in managing our fiscal responsibilities by adding David Martinez to our team as Treasurer to assist us. All of our banking accounts are now managed by our administration, and we have reduced clubhouse and cabin reservation fees as promised, effective October 1st. The recent surge in October reservations is measurable. We continue to work towards being fully operational and instituting our own payment portal for our reservation system by our next meeting is a priority.

We experienced several traffic jams with the locals this past month, as several of Rick Davies' herd escaped State land grazing and entered into RIR, making their way west. Fortunately our neighbors, Billy and Debby Dilly, were able to contact Rick promptly and were able to prevent the trespassers from any significant damage or harm to River Island Ranch grounds.



Island maintenance received a flurry of activity to implement necessary changes, beautifying the landscaping and improving the conditions of the cabins and clubhouse. We have engaged the services of Mountain West LLC to perform our weekly cleaning contract. Mountain West will be taking over mid October. We are grateful for the gracious care provided by LaLa Cleaning Services of Alamosa for the past two months. Hanging planters donated by Bill and Brenda Loving brought back a sense of pride, life, and love as guests arrived at the clubhouse. Rodent control has made some headway both in the shed and on the grounds. We are still seeking volunteers to become involved with the management of the Island, committees, and overall administration of our community. We welcome you to participate, enjoy, and serve the River Island Ranch community.

The Website committee has worked diligently on developing an interactive site with information, news, reservations, and a base for all communications, and hopefully soon it will find a home for the "Bridge Newsletter."

The legal settlement of June 2019 continues to be on our advisory priority list as we discover the potential impending consequences for our community. We hope to provide the brief to all association members for their benefit. It directly involves the 25.2 acres in question currently being listed by Steffens Realty. We intend for everyone to be informed of the exact nature of the terms of the settlement and how it may affect RIR in the future.

The 2025 budget, Septic system maintenance, Clubhouse and Island policies and guidelines, addressing the 2024 tax declaration changes, confirming all three committees, winter road maintenance, and the agricultural agreement are on our dashboard for the upcoming meeting.

The winter season is approaching quickly with temperatures down in the 30's at night, a first dusting up on the pass at Wolf Creek, and the predictions for ski season loom ahead. We welcome everyone in the association who enjoy the alpine community at Wolf Creek to communicate and suggest getting together for some turns this season. Perhaps creating a RIR Ski/Snowboard group?

Included is the RIRPOA Directory authorization form allowing the POA to create an Association Member Directory for all those wishing to be included. This directory is only intended to be viewable privately by RIRPOA members. Please download, print, and email back to Bob Frank.

Please contact any of us to share your input, feedback, thoughts, concerns or questions.

Grateful, Please VOTE, (and make it count)

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