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A publication designed to keep the Greater Idlewild Community informed about community matters.

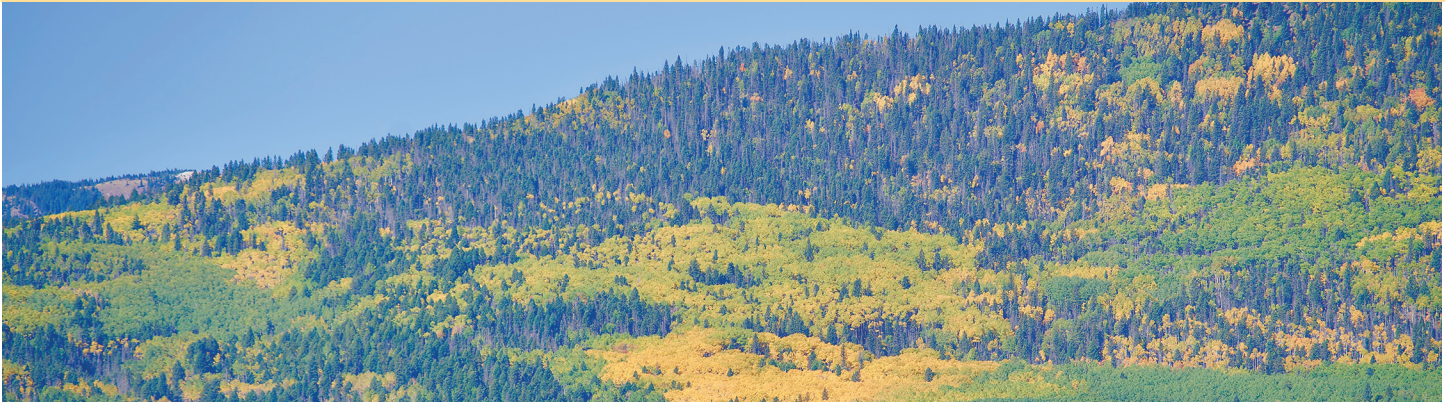


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Letter from the President

Hello to everyone in Greater Idlewild

I've visited northeast New Mexico since 1958, and Idlewild beginning in 1989. This has been the most atypical year during my tenure. An extremely dry winter progressed into a dry spring, which helped to initiate the Ute Park fire. Following was a summer with spotty rain, followed by the monsoon season, and now a colorful autumn. In a few days Idlewild will be awash in seasonal color.

As I drive around our community, it's apparent that our citizens have noticeably improved the appearance and health of their property. We've greatly improved the sustainability of our land. New vegetation has been introduced that will bring a new view to the landscape. I think even the deer enjoy the changes. We should

thank Frank Ray for his leadership on Firewise. Frank spent numerous hours educating us on the benefits of a healthy forest. Preliminary numbers indicate that this was an outstanding year for Firewise contributions and for maintaining our certification. Come year-end, Frank will retire from leading Firewise. I encourage the citizenry to find someone to lead this essential effort.

Another committee vacancy is that of the Potluck Committee. Casey Bratton and Barbara Gibbs retired after the Labor Day dinner. These ladies did an admirable job with the dinner's organization. Please extend your personal gratitude to them. We'll need at least two people to volunteer. The job requirement could probably be

explained to you by the previous committee.

Various parts of community roads have been improved for traffic and drainage. Runoff during the rains demonstrated the importance of this work. Hwy. 127 is currently being completely altered with new cattle guards, culverts, ditching, and application of chipseal. This should improve travel and reduce dust emissions during dry periods.

New siding and other related work will soon begin on the Preacher's Cabin. Leading this project are Donna Porter, Jerry Thomason, and Don Woolsey. We have sent a request letter for donations regarding this cause. Once the project has been completed, the cabin will be better insulated from weather and more resistant to pest infestation. The new siding will also enhance its appearance. This will be a source of pride to Idlewild come next spring.

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The Goose Report

As winter approaches, please give me a call for updated weather and road conditions and make sure you come prepared for all types of conditions depending on weather. Try to arrive early in the day so you don't have issues getting into your cabin. Also keep in mind that there may be fair conditions in Eagle Nest, but when you travel up Hwy. 127 the conditions may be different.

Idlewild roads are in better shape than they have been in a long time. According to the New Mexico state road department, they will raise the road bed on Hwy. 127 approximately 3 inches this fall, and new cattle guards have already been installed. The word from the roads department is that come springtime, when the weather is better, they will schedule Hwy. 127 for application of chipseal.

The contractors' list has been updated on the Idlewild website, so if you need work performed on your cabin, feel free to access this list or I am happy to assist you as needed.

In addition, if you need help with opening or closing your cabin, just send me an email with your request.

I have had many complaints about loose dogs. FYI, it is a county ordinance that you must be in control of your dog at all times and it must be on a leash.

Have a safe autumn and winter. I hope to see you on the ski slopes!

Kevin (Goose) Jarigese, Idlewild Caretaker
Cell: 505-506-8467 | Caretaker cabin: 575-377-2228
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Thanks to Joyce Barnard, Goose built a gate on Road 14 to make it easier for residents to pass through the fence to attend community events without having to walk or drive to the cattle guard on Hwy. 127.



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Winter will soon come to our mountains and Idlewild. The extended forecast indicates a better snowfall than last year. We hope that you can visit Idlewild and enjoy the winter activities. Prior to your home departure, please call Goose two to three days ahead of your arrival to check on road conditions. It would be best to time your arrival during daylight hours, in case you need assistance. Hwy. 127 will be maintained by the New Mexico Department of Transportation; community roads will not. There are people on the vendor list who can clear the roads to your house.

In a few weeks, an assessment letter will be mailed to each property. Please review the information and respond as best you can to help maintain and improve Idlewild. Idlewild is a special place, with family generations continuing to build our community into a unique place of enjoyment. I hope every succeeding visit is more enjoyable than your previous ones.

Best regards and continued great visits to everyone.

—Walt Davis
IWCC President



Idlewild Environmental Project 2018 Overview

by Kevin "Goose" Jarigese

Due to the lack of snow this winter, an environmental project was developed between Idlewild and the Mutz Ranch. This project began in early March and is continuing today.

The major objective of the Idlewild Environmental Project is to encourage all IWC property owners to bring their properties to Firewise code and to get all roads suitable for emergency access. This means that trees need to be trimmed to 30 feet high and away from structures. The purpose of this project is threefold:

1. To create environmental greenbelts
2. To stop erosion caused by runoff from roads
3. To create a habitat for elk, deer, birds, and other wildlife

These environmental projects are done in partnership with the neighboring Mutz ranchland and have been approved and overseen by the Mutz ranch foreman.

About 24 Idlewild property owners are involved in this project to date.

Well over 250 hours of labor were spent on the Mutz ranchland to stop erosion by cutting and depositing slash in an organized method for water absorption to build a greenbelt. Approximately 150–200 yards of slash were placed in an arroyo for this first erosion location.

The second erosion location is on adjoining ranch and Idlewild properties. At least 100 yards of slash have been placed to date. There have been over 100 hours of labor at this second location with 6 hours of tractor time.

Our expenses have all been in labor as well as tractor and chainsaw fuel. Chainsaw time was for cutting trees, branches, and slash. Fifteen t-posts were used to rebuild the ranch fence to hold the slash for the first erosion location. The t-posts were both purchased and donated.

≈ In Memoriam ≈

William A. (Al) Crawford ♠ Gerald Cothran ♠ Hilda Duncan
Sonja Paetzold ♠ M. D. ("Pinky") Pinkston ♠ Thelma Smith

We remember those who have left us. If you know of others we have not included here, please email frankray@swbell.net so they can be included in the next bell ringing in July 2019.

2018 Firewise Community Activity

by Frank Ray, Firewise Community Representative

Firewise Activity during 2018 increased shortly after the large and destructive Ute Park fire. A total of 1,784 volunteer work-hours logs were credited to 161 individual IWCC members. Submission of our report to Firewise USA will be completed after November 1st, which is the deadline for sending your reports to me via email, at frankray@swbell.net.

Goose and Kim Jarigese are finishing a spreadsheet of their collective work over a period of 8 months, including many removals of problem vegetation and hauling of vegetable matter to on-site compost projects and the waste transfer station. Goose has put in months of improving plans for emergency egress from a fire situation, acting on advice and aid from local and county officials, rancher David Mutz, and the Taos Pueblo.

To date this year, Idlewild's reported out-of-pocket expenses related to our fire risk mitigation total \$30,958. The number of properties involved will be determined after Goose and Kim's data are analyzed and added to the rest.

We send thanks to all who participated in the risk-reduction effort. The condition of about 30 percent of IWC property is far better than several years ago: I can see that a larger portion of the Idlewild Community is now involved in keeping our forest setting healthy and safe. The 2018 data reported to Firewise USA are used (1) to determine whether the Idlewild Community earned its 2018 Firewise status, (2) to gather data about capital outlay (work + money) and vegetation volume removed, and (3) to determine where Firewise improvement on the ground was focused, relative to zones for each dwelling. Our total Firewise capital

outlay this year was more than \$74,000, securing our status for 2018 as a Firewise Community.

During the next several years, our community will be officially reassessed for our overall wildfire risk probability. We've definitely made a good start.

The Board of Directors and I are looking for someone new to take on the role of Firewise Community Representative. The position involves communication with Firewise USA, Idlewild residents, county officials, and foresters.

There are many rewards, in addition to the knowledge that what you do helps to keep our families safe from the fires that threaten us. The success of the program for Idlewild so far is encouraging for our future development.

I would like to transfer the leadership of Firewise this winter. I will still be available for quite some time to help the new representative. If you are interested, please contact me via email.

Worship Center News

by Donna Porter, Worship Committee Chair

The fall season is truly a time to be thankful! When we reflect on the outstanding Sunday worship services we had this past summer, we have reason to be grateful. A big thank-you goes out to Ron Wells, Chris Herring, Mary Colson, Kevin Jarigese, Kim Jarigese, and the many who joined in with helpful hands! Our worshipping community is thankful for those of you who served as worship leaders, ushers, and singers in the choir and provided special music. It truly "takes a village" to keep our Sundays as special as we want them to be. So thank you, *Idlewild Village!*



On July 22nd, sopranos Lucy Tamez Creech (left) and Joniva Kalen sang a beautiful duet at our church services.

Worship Center News continued

Thank you to Don Woolsey and Jerry Thomason for their dedication to the upgrading we need on the minister cabin. As I mentioned in my spring *Idle Times* report, our ministers really appreciate the comfortable and safe place we provide for them. It takes all of us to help care for and pay for a cabin that provides housing almost every day and night from June through Labor Day. I hope that you have made a financial contribution to the structural improvements we need to do. If not, please do so now!!

Another reason to be thankful is that Laura Oheim has agreed to assist in leading the Worship Committee.

She will work with me this year to take your recommendations for ministers to invite for 2019. Please consider the minister you want to submit and send his or her name to lauraoheim@me.com or djint@sbcglobal.net. Please provide the minister's full name, church name and address, phone numbers, and emails. We know that the ministers you recommend are excellent, and we appreciate every name you submit.

Our community of Idlewild has been blessed in many ways. We continue to pray for one another and share helping hands in any way we can. Have a safe and healthy winter.

New Siding for Preacher's Cabin

Dear Idlewilders,

The Worship Committee and Facilities Committee oversee the decor and physical plant of our Ministers' Guest Cabin. The Idlewild Facilities Chairmen (Don Woolsey and Jerry Thomason) and the Worship Chair (Donna Porter) have met and determined that the siding has deteriorated to the point where it can't effectively protect interior structures from weather and unwanted pests. Don has secured bids and rough estimates ranging from \$11,000 to \$16,000.

In order to fund this expense, the Board of Directors has approved an Idlewild Capital Campaign. I have agreed to chair this campaign. The Capital Campaign Committee has secured a commitment base for "matching funds" for donations up to \$10,000. This means that your gift will be increased two-fold. With your generosity, we can get this project under way this fall and assure next

year's ministers a bat-free stay. It is my understanding that your gift will not be recognized by the IRS as a charitable donation. Thank you for your continued support of our Idlewild Community.

—Jerry Thomason
Facilities Committee
Co-Chair



photo courtesy of F. Ray

An unusual sight: On August 9th, a tornado was seen on Gallagher Ranch. It touched down in Eagle Nest Lake and tipped over a camping trailer before it disappeared.

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Board president Maxi Millican called the meeting to order.

The invocation was given by Theo Hauser.

Reading and Approval of 2017 Annual Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Bill Colson and seconded by Phil Stickney to accept the minutes. The motion carried.

Election of Board Members

Maxi Millican presented the slate submitted by the Nominating Committee for four Board of Directors to serve a 3-year term ending in 2021. Nominees are Bill Hull, Benny Rupprecht, Gabe Thornhill, and Donna Woolsey.

There being no nominations from the floor, a motion was made by Ron Wells and seconded by Mary Colson to close nominations, accept the slate submitted by the Nominating Committee, and elect the slate by acclamation. The motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Maxi Millican distributed copies of the Treasurer's Report (copy attached).

A motion was made by Ron Wells and seconded by Theo Houser to accept the proposed 2018–2019 budget. The motion carried.

Committee Reports

Firewise (Frank Ray):

Cabin owners should document hours spent toward fire prevention

on their property and forward the information to Frank Ray no later than November 1st. To date, IWCC has submitted 600 hours of work, resulting in a credit of \$1,200 toward the 2018 New Mexico Firewise Community.

Directory/Data Management (Frank Ray):

Frank Ray announced that 172 cabins paid their IWCC Assessment early and received a 2018 Directory. The IWCC mailing and Directory database has moved to MailChimp. About 250 people are currently subscribed and the goal is to have 100 percent by 2020. Printed copies of the Directory are available for a \$5.00 donation, and an electronic copy is available in PDF format online at www.idlewildcommunity.org.

Maps (Frank Ray):

An updated version of the 2017 edition of the J.W. Dickerson and Idlewild Community Map may be accessed on the IWCC webpage. No new maps were printed this year, but copies of the 2017 map are available for a \$5.00 donation.

Facilities (Jerry Thomason):

Jerry reported that there is a siding issue with the Preacher's Cabin that has been delayed far too long, and there has been a bat issue throughout the summer. The estimated cost to replace the siding is \$11,000–\$12,000. He announced that there is an Idlewild Capital

Campaign to raise funds for said work; he has secured a commitment base for matching funds for donations up to \$10,000. He passed out donation forms and announced that letters will be mailed in the fall soliciting donations for the campaign.

Roads (Walt Davis on behalf of Skip Johnson):

Kevin Jarigese had road material delivered and stored at several locations on the mountain for filling in bad spots over the winter. As Roads 9 and 15 are heavily traveled, heavy roadwork was done accordingly, which included new material acquisition and spreading, roadbed grading, and special grading to help to quickly remove water from the roads. More intensive remediation will be performed with contractor assistance as our budget allows.

Newsletter (Maxi Millican):

As announced at the 2017 Annual Meeting, a Newsletter Editor is needed. Helen Hyams generously agreed to create the 2018 editions.

Caretaker (Kevin Jarigese):

Kevin Jarigese submitted a report to the Board of Directors regarding his second year acting as Caretaker, including the activities of winter and spring 2017–2018. Kevin outlined his duties, along with future goals and visions. Some of the duties mentioned were

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general caretaking, upgrades to the Caretaker Cabin and garage, tree and slash removal and safety, roads and safety issues, tractor work, commitment to the community as the Idlewild Liaison for the Eagle Nest area, and his vision for some areas that need improvement on the mountain.

Old Business

A. Property sales:

Two IWCC lots are in the process of being sold and will close this fall.

B. IWCC map and guidelines:

A map of emergency evacuation exits for Idlewild with Community Guidelines was passed out.

C. Solid waste disposal:

There is current work on a greenbelt project on the Mutz property. This was also addressed by Kevin Jarigese during his Caretaker report.

New Business: None

There being no additional business, a motion was made by Earl O'Steen and seconded by Bill Colson to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

—Casey Bratton
Secretary

Visit the IWC website for updates and information

Forms for Changes of Address in the Idlewild Directory, Memorial Donations, and Memorial Plaques, which previously were included in the *Idle Times* newsletter, are now listed on the Idlewild website at:

<http://idlewildcommunity.org>

Idlewild Community Center Financial Summary

Idlewild Community Center Financial Summary													
2017-2018 Actual Spending													
MONTHLY SUMMARY													
	Income & Donations	Caretaker Services	Utilities	Worship & Cabin	Septic Tank fees	Misc Expenses	Mailings & Printing	Roads	Propane Expenses	Accounting & Taxes	Insurance	Total	
7/1/2017	\$ 1,115	\$ (1,100)	\$ (264)	\$ (140)	\$ (323)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (1,827)	
8/1/2017	\$ 350	\$ (1,100)	\$ (199)	\$ (438)	\$ (323)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (2,060)	
9/1/2017	\$ 5,042	\$ (2,265)	\$ (351)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (89)	\$ -	\$ (504)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (3,208)	
10/1/2017	\$ 1,450	\$ -	\$ (258)	\$ -	\$ (323)	\$ (70)	\$ -	\$ (2,376)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (874)	\$ (3,902)	
11/1/2017	\$ 0	\$ (1,388)	\$ (287)	\$ -	\$ (323)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (1,997)	
12/1/2017	\$ 25	\$ (2,200)	\$ (315)	\$ (240)	\$ (323)	\$ -	\$ (804)	\$ -	\$ (393)	\$ (1,118)	\$ -	\$ (5,393)	
1/1/2018	\$ 23,089	\$ -	\$ (523)	\$ -	\$ (323)	\$ (10)	\$ (821)	\$ (1,129)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (1,780)	\$ (4,586)	
2/1/2018	\$ 3,350	\$ (1,100)	\$ (334)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (119)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (851)	\$ (2,404)	
3/1/2018	\$ 876	\$ (2,200)	\$ (315)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (272)	\$ (735)	\$ -	\$ (3,522)	
4/1/2018	\$ 1,196	\$ -	\$ (282)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (20)	\$ -	\$ (1,500)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (1,802)	
5/1/2018	\$ 480	\$ (1,100)	\$ (302)	\$ -	\$ (647)	\$ -	\$ (1,006)	\$ (318)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (3,373)	
6/1/2018	\$ 1,225	\$ (2,200)	\$ (254)	\$ (245)	\$ (323)	\$ -	\$ (746)	\$ (473)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (4,241)	
Totals	\$ 38,202	\$ (14,653)	\$ (3,684)	\$ (1,063)	\$ (2,910)	\$ (219)	\$ (3,465)	\$ (5,796)	\$ (1,168)	\$ (1,853)	\$ (3,505)	\$ (38,314)	
Budget	\$ 36,000	\$ 14,400	\$ 4,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 4,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 3,600	\$ 6,000	\$ 1,500	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,600	\$ 45,100	
Variance		\$ (253)	\$ 316	\$ 1,937	\$ 1,090	\$ 1,781	\$ 135	\$ 204	\$ 332	\$ 1,147	\$ 95	\$ 6,786	
2016-2017 Actual	\$ 41,436	\$ (13,939)	\$ (3,865)	\$ (315)	\$ (1,482)	\$ (1,648)	\$ (3,519)	\$ -	\$ (744)	\$ (2,786)	\$ (3,480)	\$ (31,778)	
2015-2016 Actual	\$ 32,163	\$ (13,200)	\$ (2,704)	\$ (7,571)	\$ (1,174)	\$ (442)	\$ (3,513)	\$ (3,593)	\$ (1,491)	\$ (1,752)	\$ (3,423)		
2018-2019 Proposed Budget													
7/1/18-6/30/19	\$ 40,000	\$ 14,400	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,800	\$ 1,500	\$ 3,600	\$ 8,000	\$ 1,500	\$ 2,000	\$ 3,600	\$ 44,900	
Caretaker Expense:		\$ 20,916											

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