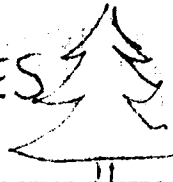




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CANDIDATE "SHOCKED" AT FOREST SERVICE POLICY

Keith E. Dolgaard, Republican candidate for Congress in District Two, spoke with the Mt Lemmon Homeowners Assn. Board of Directors about Forest Service policies of replacing private deeded land with government control and ownership.

Dolgaard stated he was "shocked that the U.S. Forest Service is pursuing a policy of eliminating private land ownership and private business for the sake of public recreation facilities. The Candidate felt with over 200,000 acres of publically owned land available for recreation purposes, there was no need for eliminating the private ownership. Dolgaard advised the Homeowners directors and members that he believed the mountain cabins were "as much a form of recreation as picnics and back packing" therefore legally had a high priority within the framework of the Multiple Use concept. Dolgaard added that the "problems of environment are better solved by residents through a cooperative effort with Pima County officials than through Washington bureaucrats." Dolgaard has promised to look into the matter in Washington at the highest levels, and advise the Board of Directors of his findings within the next thirty days.

Since the meeting, Dolgaard has appointed a Mt Lemmon Representative to his campaign staff and is preparing an impact report to be presented in Washington on behalf of Mt Lemmon property owners. I know we are all interested in this fortunate new development and wish Congressional

candidate Keith Dolgaard the best of luck. His findings will be published as soon as he returns from his trip. Let's all vote for the candidates that support us.

ZIMMERMAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWS

Summer is officially over and the children are looking forward with mixed emotions to a new school year. The mountain school has a record number of 18 pupils enrolled for the new term.

The new teacher is Kate Heiss who taught last year in Patagonia, but is originally from Michigan. She'll be living in the trailer next door to the school with her husband.

Martha Henry is the Teacher's Aide. She and her husband recently moved to the mountain from Albuquerque where she was associated with a Kindergarten.

FIRE DEPARTMENT'S COMING

Chuck Molander, our new Fire Chief, announces that the State Forrester's office now has a four-wheel drive Dodge truck with a 200 gallon tank capacity. This truck is now being held in the name of the Mt Lemmon Homeowners Assn. As soon as certain details are worked up, we can actually take possession.

Sixteen volunteers are needed to compose the actual volunteer department. Chuck has asked that volunteers leave their name, age, background information, and address or telephone number with Frances at Mt Lemmon Realty, Madonna at the Alpine Lodge or Bob at the Mt Lemmon Inn. As soon as the department is organized there will be a training session for anyone who is interested.

This is a much needed improvement on the Mountain. Chuck has put in many hours and before him Don Miller worked hard to get this off the ground. We need you as a volunteer or at least your support in order to make this work. We'll have information each month on how this is going.

THE PRESIDENT SPEAKS

The new water board has drawn fire from a vocal few since taking office in April. We want to take this opportunity to give our strongest support to the present water board. We feel that with their combined talents, given a reasonable length of time, they can put the water company back on its feet.

With the mess they inherited from the previous board's many years in tenure, it is unfair to expect an immediate restoration of full service. It will take time, money and cooperation from the members to resolve the deep seated problems facing the board.

Why this haste to find fault with the board in these initial months of their term? Is there a relationship between the Forest Service attempt to oust homeowners and the continued attack from certain quarters to gain control of the most precious commodity we have - water?

SANITATION

Another problem we have fought for years is sanitation. The Pima County Sanitation Department views the sewer and ecology problems on Mt Lemmon with grave concern. New federal laws greatly limit the options available to solve the problems we face. One problem has been needed money for improvements. To create a sewer improvement district would lead to individual assessments which at first look would fall on individuals to the tune of \$3,500 to \$5,000 per person. There are alternatives which are being explored and will be presented when all the information has been gathered.

GOOD NEWS for homeowners with "inadequate" septic systems. New improved systems involve highly efficient septic tanks and self cleaning aerobic leaching fields which not only dispose of fluids in the conventional manner (into the ground), but evaporate the remainder into the air directly or with the aid of plants. The net result is to replenish the earth with enriching phosphates and fixed nitrogen. No pollution!

If you are handy you can build one yourself. I am preparing a list of materials for a "typical installation", which will be available at no cost.

MORE PROBLEMS.

Cabin break ins still continue to be a serious problem. Fourteen break ins were recently reported in one week. The deputies are having a good effect in this area, but there aren't enough to cover all cabins efficiently. We have urged that the deputies leave a card at your door. This should be a deterrent. The major job, though, is up to us as individuals.

Double locked doors and heavy shutters are essential. Know your neighbors. Exchange telephone numbers. If something looks wrong, call. Remember that self help is the best help.

Pima County Board of Supervisors is still holding up the land swap needed to create a site for the Volunteer Fire Station. We were hoping for a fall dedication, but need quick action from Pima County. Once this exchange is made there will follow two more buildings in time, a new post office and a Sheriff's office substation, all coordinated in design.

LAST MINUTE ITEM

Just received a letter from U.S. Senator Barry Goldwater. He is aware of the Forest Service land exchanges on the mountain and pledges, "...that he and Congressman Udall will continue to monitor the actions of the Forest Serviceto insure that a fair and equitable decision is reached." Remember it's election time. So now is a good time to write Udall and tell him that while his conservation ideas are great, you would like to keep your mountain home. Politicians are quite sensitive to unhappy voters right now.

Sincerely,

Bob

HURST MEETS WITH ASSN REPS

On July 16, Gerry & Eden Hackney and George Davies of our Assn met with Regional Forest William Hurst, Mr. Cohen who is in charge of land exchanges for the Region, and Mr. Perry, Land Use Officer for the Coronado National Forest.

They discussed the Catalina Land Use Plan and the future of leased and private land on Mt Lemmon. A summary of what came from this meeting follows:

Around October 1 another draft of the Catalina Land Use Plan will be published. Soon after that they will hold public hearings. We must attend these public meetings in mass. Numbers are important. We'll advise you of the date, time, and place, so you can be there.

The forest service representatives said that leased land cancellation notices would be sent out on Mt Lemmon. No date was mentioned, but they said this would have to be done. They also stressed that the private land is classified as "desirable for acquisition" and is designated as priority one, on a scale of three.

These two announcements, we hope, will put an end to the complacency felt by many and get full cooperation in stopping the land exchanges.

Forest Service cites strong public support for their actions, but when asked to document this, they could not or would not. We told them of our petition with more than 1,000 signatures at that time. They were to get in touch with us later to document their support, but as of now, we have heard nothing. (KEEP THE PETITIONS COMING IN. WE NOW HAVE MORE THAN 2,000 SIGNATURES. IF YOU NEED MORE, CALL GERRY OR EDEN HACKNEY AT 793-7030.)

Another reason given to justify their plans was pollution. However, they admit that allowing the general public onto the land now with cabins will create more pollution. We are unable to see the consistency in that. On a compromise, Mr. Hurst simply said, "NO."

PLANNING & ZONING MOVES FORWARD

By the time you receive this, most private property owners will have received their "explanatory letter" pertaining to the new proposed Neighborhood Zoning Plan. Please read the letter very carefully and if you have any questions, do not hesitate to call the numbers listed therein. Of equal importance will be your returning the addressed stamped post card enclosed indicating your stance on this important community proposal. IF YOU HAVEN'T YET RETURNED IT, PLEASE DO SO QUICKLY! While only a small percentage of the cards have been returned to date - so far there has been an overwhelming acceptance of the plan.

Again, let me remind everyone that Mr. Ken Scharman, County manager, has advised us we can expect effective county help in our struggle with the Forest Service policy of private land elimination only if we have an approved Neighborhood Zoning Plan. Once officially accepted, this plan can be the groundwork for county assistance in other areas, such as sewer improvement, roads and easements, etc. We strongly feel if we don't save the private owned land, there ultimately will be no lease permit property either.

Hopefully the Neighborhood plan will be endorsed and presented formally to Mr. Garcia, Pima County Planning & Zoning Director, by September 15. From that point on, the committee will work with Mr. Garcia in preparing the report which ultimately will be presented to the Pima County Board of Supervisors for their consideration. If everything goes as it should, we could have the plan legally implemented by the end of this year.

POSTAL NOTES

By Donna Evans

Just a note from your substitute at the Post Office. It's a real treat getting to know all the nice people on the mountain. If you haven't been in yet to say "hello", please do. Did you know that our post office boxes are a real treasure? They are the second oldest in the state and many tourists

exclaim about them. Like all old things, however, they need a lot of T.L.C. (tender loving care). They cannot be repaired as they are considered obsolete. So just a tip to our box users - please shut them gently. If they seem hard to close, be sure the knob is directly on the last number of your combination. You may have to run through the combination again, but it will be worth it to save our boxes. Thanks everyone!

Incidentally, did you know that the revenue taken in by our post office is the main way the service classifies the small offices. Volume of mail, too, is fairly important. So what we are trying to ask you is to use our mountain facility whenever possible. Mail all you can from the mountain, and above all, when possible, buy your stamps, money orders, etc. up here.

LEGAL REPORT

Counting money on hand and pledges, Madera Canyon and Mt. Lemmon have raised about \$7,500 and it appears likely, though it is not definite, that we will join in with the Sierra Club's lawsuit. We may well need more money later, at which time we will hope for wide participation in the fund raising. To date, the pattern has been for a very few cabin owners to donate large sums; one family gave \$400. We hope for wider involvement; consider that Mt Lemmon alone, at a mere \$20 per cabin, could raise \$10,000.

Elsewhere in this issue is an article on the help we are receiving from U.S. Congressional candidate Keith Dolgaard who is running against Mo Udall. Udall is against cabins while Dolgaard is in favor of them, and the Legal Committee asks that you support Mr. Dolgaard's candidacy by a donation of whatever amount you can afford, payable to "The Committee to Elect Dolgaard," 4474 E. 5th St., Tucson, and enclose a note saying you are a Mt. Lemmon property owner. Also ask your friends to vote for him, and ask them to talk to their friends. Mr. Dolgaard has already done a tremendous amount of work for our cause and will continue

to do more for us, but it is essential that we help him, too. His importance to us cannot be over emphasized.

VISITORS ON THE MOUNTAIN

The faculty and students of Green Fields School in Tucson are on the mountain this week, according to Chuck Ott whose family owns a cabin in Soldier Camp. The students, manned with notebooks, pencils, and sleeping bags, are camping at the lower group area of Rose Canyon.

According to Mr Ott, the object of spending the first few days of the school year in the mountain setting is to give all the members of the school community a chance to get to know one another, to set the goals and objectives for the school year, and to allow students to become familiar with the "great out-of-doors." Professors from the University of Arizona, Forest Rangers and others will meet with the students in these initial studies.

SOCIAL NEWS

Jay Davies wants to remind everyone that Sunday, September 15, is scheduled as a Mt Lemmon Work Day. Everyone is asked to meet in front of the Post Office at 10 a.m. in their work clothes. She urges everyone to bring shovels, rakes or whatever work tools you have available.

Lunh will be provided at the school yard at 12:30 for all laborers.

Afterwards, you are urged to stay on the mountain for the Board of Directors meeting at the Alpine Lodge at 2 p.m.

The project, though still a surprise, will be something that we are all interested in and will be worthwhile.

COMMUNITY CHURCH

Community Church services for the summer were ended on August 18. In spite of the sparse turnout this summer, they were a success. The line up of preachers was outstanding.

Congratulations to Ruth Irving for all her work.

A new Board of Directors was elected at the annual meeting last month. Mrs. Irving was again elected Chairman with T. H. Zimmerman serving as Vice Chairman. Roger Bell will serve as Secretary for this year. Their goal is to continue to have services in the summer and to work towards their own building.

"THE WATER HOLE"

The mid-summer rains finally came and the water supply is plentiful for the time being. Maintenance man Mike Meranda states that he has more water than he can pump. A 10,000 gallon tank has been moved from Upper Sabino Canyon to Loma Linda and will soon be operational to alleviate future shortages in that area. Miner's Ridge tank is almost full. After three wells were drilled, the drilling of horizontal wells was discontinued. Although this was not as successful as was originally hoped, it should be most beneficial during the dry spell next spring and summer.

The Board has filed a complaint with the Registrar of Contractors against Cella-Barr-Evans because of the Catchment Basin which is incomplete, inoperative, not according to specifications, and has been disapproved by the Board of Health. Previous attempts to come to terms with the firm by direct negotiation have been fruitless. After the Registrar has inspected the project, there will probably be a call for a volunteer work party to make some interim corrections on the basin, and to work on springs.

There will be a general meeting of the membership fairly soon, with at least a 10-day notice to be mailed. Prior

to that meeting, the Board hopes to have revised By-laws.

Board member George Stewart has taken over the job of Treasurer, and Mrs. Shirley Campbell has been appointed a Board member to fill a vacancy.

MT LEMMON WOMAN'S CLUB NEWS

Mark your calendar now for September 27. This Friday evening will be the fall potluck dinner sponsored by the Mt Lemmon Woman's Club. Again the theme will be a "Dish or Dollar." Everyone is urged to bring a dish, but anyone who can't can drop a dollar in the collection box.

Also, on November 14 the Woman's Club has scheduled a bazaar at El Con Shopping Center. Most of the items sold will be hand made from the mountain. Pass the word on to your friends for the group needs all your support. Things like this and the Thrift Shop pay for the library, beautification, trash pick ups and their other worthwhile projects.

September 10 is election day. The Mt Lemmon Woman's Club is working up car pools for those on the mountain who want a ride down to the voting place. If you need a ride or have a car that will be coming down to vote, please contact Eden Hackney at 793-7030 or Francie Morse at 624-2290. Eventually they hope to get a polling place on Mt Lemmon, but for the time being this is the best they can do.

The Thrift Shop and Library have moved down and across the street to Helen Klensin's little cabin. If you don't know where it is, just follow the signs that will soon go up. Hopefully it will be open by the time this paper comes out. They have a lot of interesting items, so stop by when you are on the mountain and do some shopping.

CHRISS' KISSES & HISSES

Mary Bender is back from Pennsylvania. Earlier this summer she was called east to care for her ailing mother.

She returned to take over her duties as President of the Southern District of the Arizona Federation of Woman's Clubs when she received word that her Aunt and Uncle had been killed in an automobile accident. So back she went.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Lena Robbins (Mrs. Will) whose husband, affectionately known to all of us as "Robbie" has been quite ill. Our best wishes go your way every day.

Donna Evans is most ably filling in for Vesta Pfligler at the post office during her current "bout" with her bad knee which she injured a couple of winters ago and has continually played havoc with her ever since. Surgery was performed at TMC and she is now recuperating at home.

The "Ol' man O' the Mountain," Tony Zimmerman has also been laid up this summer when a car hit him and knocked him up in the air in the El Rancho parking lot. Really smashed up his left knee and leg to such a degree that he also had to undergo surgery. However he's been back on the mountain for a bit now and getting around with a walking aid. There's no way you can keep a good man down.

Another "Ol' Timer" has had his share of the "miseries" too. Max Klinger had major surgery at TMC on July 24. I visited him the other day and he's getting around as spry as ever. Can't keep this guy down either for he and wife, Joan, will be winging their way to South Africa come October. They will be stopping off in Michigan for a visit with Joan's relatives before heading for New York to catch their flight.

A former Mt Lemmon resident, Dick Linsley is now "proprietor" of a new restaurant and lounge in the old schoolhouse in Jerome, Arizona. He calls it "The Homeroom". Yours truly had the privilege of being on hand (to work!) at his opening on July 4th. One can have dinner and then walk downstairs to view the Kalideoscope Players performing old time "melodramas. Our best wishes for success and the best of all all good things, Dick.

Joan Cheate is off in Reno Nevada now for an indefinite length of time. Ted and Steven, husband and son, are

backing it while Joan's politicking. Her sister, Sue Wagner, is running for State Representative from her district. Even though a Republican and the incumbent is not running, she'll have a hard time in her conservative territory. Sometimes just being a woman is a disadvantage, especially when competing against two men.

Now for the first "Hiss" of this column, but it's a BIG one. "Why?" - the question is often asked - do not more cabin owners rent out their abodes. I'LL TELL YOU. It's because their cabins (whether a pretentious, lovely home, or just an older simple, small recluse like mine) are left like pig sties -- and I mean just that! In fact my own was sooo bad that I'm sure any four footed piggy would have left to return to his pen which was bound to be cleaner than my cabin. It took four people 47 hours to clean it. Enough said.

Unless someone takes over for me there will be no "Kisses & Hisses" for the next two months for I will be leaving soon for Detroit and then Scotland.

Chriss Sheldon

SPOTLIGHT

"TED CHOATE"

It's the job that gets fewer complements and more complaints than any. But it's the type of job that someone in every small community must hold.

On Mt Lemmon it's the Presidency of the Mt Lemmon Water Coop, and Ted Choate holds it.

Little did he know when he and his wife Joan moved to Mt Lemmon a little more than two years ago that he would be in the middle of the continuous controversy known as the Mt Lemmon Water Cooperative, probably the most uncooperative cooperative in existence.

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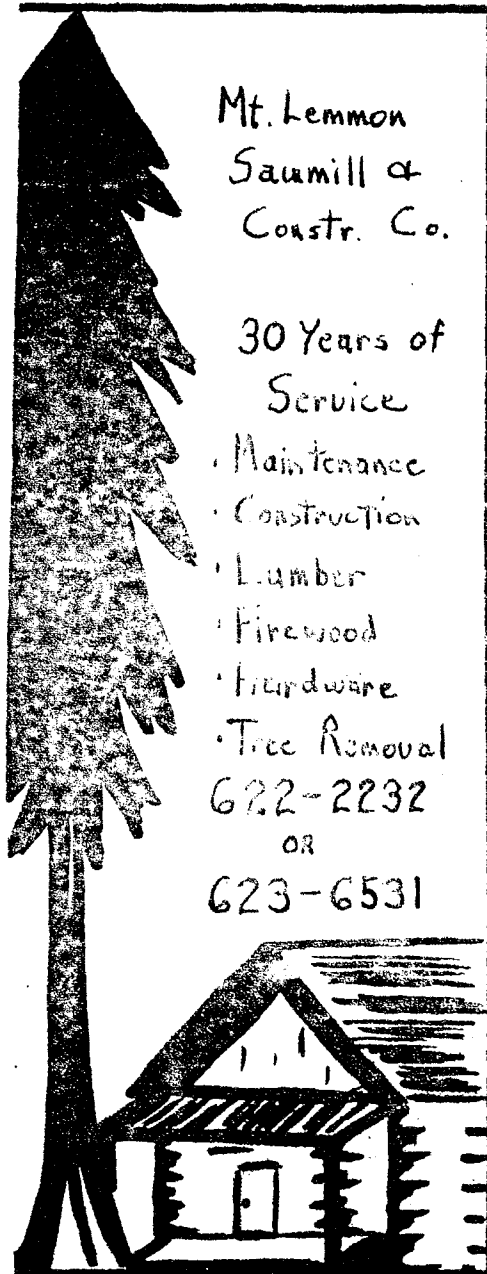
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Even though we often feel that he has nothing more important to do than keep us in water, Ted is an instructor in the Vocational Training and Education Program at the University of Arizona Rehabilitation Center. He's been there for six years. Before that he owned his own garage in Tucson, but he had always wanted to teach. It didn't take much urging to convince him to sell the garage and take the instructor's job.

Two years ago last June when Joan and Ted decided to spend the summer at a friend's cabin on Mt Lemmon, they had no intention of selling their home in Tucson and moving up here fulltime. Many times over the years they had discussed and looked at second homes, but held back from the actual purchase. One summer on the mountain was all it really took to convince Ted that commuting wasn't so bad and living on Mt Lemmon was worth the little extra hardship.

Ted spent a good deal of his life in the northeast around Maine and New Hampshire where he attended college, met and married Joan, and had a daughter, Louise. Getting stuck in the worse blizzard in 17 years in Maine in 1952 was enough to convince the family to head for a warmer climate.

And skiing first drew them to Mt Lemmon. Ted, a past President of the Sahuara Ski Club, has been skiing since his days in Maine. The whole family now skis and are members of the National Ski Patrol.

Before the Water Coop, Ted spent his spare time building flintlock rifles and pistols. He has liked these since he picked up an antique muzzle loading shot gun back east. He took up building them because you get exactly what you want.

Now Ted does a lot of work around the house. He and his wife did their own decorating and remodeling when they bought their place and Ted helps out with the housework since Joan now works at Mt Lemmon Realty and is an Avon representative for Mt Lemmon.

In addition, Ted's knowhow came in handy when his wife, as Community Improvement Project Chairman for the Mt Lemmon

Woman's Club, needed help in the beautification project. Ted and his son Steve made planters, hauled and shoveled dirt and generally helped out in all phases of the project.

About his life on Mt Lemmon, Ted now admits that it isn't quite as easy going or as slow a pace as he first thought it would be, but he still feels that the two hours he spends on the road each day, are a small price to pay for getting to live in an area where most just vacation.

REMEMBER MT LEMMON HOMEOWNERS ASSN BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETS SEPTEMBER 15, 1974 at 2 p.m. at the Alpine Lodge.
Everyone is invited.

EDITOR'S MESSAGE

It really makes me feel good when I get notes and letters about our little paper. More and more people are telling me how much they enjoy being kept up-to-date on what is going on, especially during the winter months when many of us close down the cabins for another winter.

As you can see, our ads are increasing every month. Please support our advertisers so we can continue to publish this at no additional expense. Gradually the "ECHOES" is becoming self-sufficient. Our Association has so much to do with the dues money that comes in, that it would be nice if the paper paid it's own way.

I don't know if any of you have seen the good publicity the Mountain has gotten in both the Tucson newspapers and the Trico paper recently, but if you didn't, you should have. There have been stories or articles on the church, the ski lodge, and on individuals. Just recently our President and my husband, Jim, were interviewed on KGUN-TV. This also was quite favorable.

Chris Sheldon deserves quite a bit of credit for this good publicity. She has worked with all the news media trying for good news for a change. I just wanted to say "Thanks" to Chriss. She's been an outstanding member of this Publicity and Newspaper Committee.

CLEAN WATER ACT/METRO/MT LEMMON

The federal Clean Water Act (Public Law 92-500) orders State, County & City governments to clean up their environment, specifically with regards to waste pollution. A new agency has been created combining the city - county sewer and water departments. This agency is called the Metropolitan Utilities Management Assn. (MUM) It will be up to this new agency's able director, Mr. Frank Brooks, to make sure Pima County conforms to the clean water act. Mt Lemmon does not conform to the required federal standards. While the new MUM authority is the ultimate local governing body regarding this matter, the Pima County Sanitation Dept remains the basic program planners and advisors.

Association President Bob Zimmerman, Gerry Hackney, Mary Bender, and Jim Morse have arranged to meet with Mr. Brooks and Pima County Sanitary Dept. head Bud Dooley for working interviews in the near future. The purpose of these interviews will be to determine the options available to Mt Lemmon cabin owners concerning waste control and the Environmental Protection Agency administered Clean Water Act.

Money appears to be the major stumbling block, although there are other worrisome issues. Incidentally, MUM also apparently has a potentially increasing role with regards to water resources and our Coop Water Co. We will inform the membership of our findings after the specific facts and their application can be ascertained. Each Mt Lemmon property owner can help during these challenging times by backing our association and showing a united determination to save our community from piecemeal destruction.



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Final note, start thinking now about next year. Remember our annual meeting is Thursday, October 10, 1974. We have had a good year and can only hope that the next one is just as good. Our membership is higher than ever, Planning & Zoning is underway, we now have the fire truck we have needed for so long, our newspaper is a fact, we have stopped or at least halted the land exchanges, and have made some headway on raising money for the Forest Service suit. I think we can pat ourselves on the back, and I can say I am proud to be your editor and associated with such an active and alert organization.

Good-bye until next month.

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This letter is addressed to persons owning cabins on Forest Service leased land or private land within the Coronado Nat'l Forest, including Madera Canyon, the Graham and Chiricahua Mts. and all areas on Mt. Lemmon. It will inform you of vitally important facts and try to persuade you to donate money to finance a lawsuit against the Forest Service to prevent their taking your property and evicting you.

FACT: In various parts of the US, the Forest Service is phasing out land leases for summer home use. This is now a local reality. From the Catalina Mts. Land Use Recommendations as made by a 1971 Forest Service Study Team, item 42: "Summer homes and other forms of private uses should be discontinued. These areas would then be available for public or administrative purposes."

FACT: Permittees in Madera Canyon have been given 10 years to remove their cabins from Forest Service property. Their appeals, thru Forest Service appeals channels, have been unsuccessful.

FACT: The Forest Service wants to acquire all private property within the Catalina District of the Coronado Forest, and has already acquired considerable acreage in Madera and on Mt. Lemmon thru land exchanges. From the above-cited document, item 21: "The land ownership adjustment program should be directed toward acquisition of all private lands within the Santa Catalina District of the Coronado Nat'l Forest." Also, they have said that the more they acquire, the more likely it is that they will condemn the remainder.

FACT: The writer has just returned from a meeting with the Forest Service in Washington, DC, at which he learned a) the Regional Forester in Albuquerque has authority to make policy decisions and to take action to implement them pursuant to the above-quoted objectives and that therefore no help or injunctive action will come from higher (DC) levels. b) He was advised to use Forest Service appeals procedures to combat such decisions and actions. All protests and appeals to date have failed and it is doubted that appeals to higher levels will be effective since the Forest Service is defendant, judge and jury. c) Congress has given the Forest Service the mission of providing recreational lands for the public; thus action by the Regional Forester to fulfill that mission is in general condoned. It's his job. d) The Secretary of Agriculture has the power to condemn private property.

FACT: The National Resources Defense Council and the Sierra Club have a suit against the Forest Service pending in US District Court in Washington, challenging the budget and policy processes and the Multiple Use Plan and asking the Forest Service to provide comprehensive environmental impact studies and other supportive data to justify their actions. Madera's lawyer, Tom Wilson, has given his professional opinion that further action within the Forest Service appeals procedure is useless and recommends that all interested persons and groups join together to participate in this suit. He feels we have a good case and a good chance to stop the Forest Service, tho' of course there is no guarantee. We have been advised to gather a war chest of \$10,000 to participate in the suit.

There are some homeowners who say "The Forest Service will never evict us. They wouldn't do that." Madera people used to think that, too. The Forest Service has told us in several meetings, time & again, what their intentions are, and have even put it in writing. Make no mistake - they've warned us, they're serious, they're not playing marbles. It is hard to think of what further proof or convincing is required. We have their plans in black and white.

Why now? Because there are certain economies to be realized by joining an existing suit rather than starting our own, and because the time is right. Madera happens to be the first victim and the time to assert our objections to the Forest Service's program is now, at the start, and not later after the Forest Service has taken Madera and set a precedent.

Why do all of us have to be involved in Madera's fight? It isn't Madera's fight; it may be theirs alone for the moment but we've shown that the Forest Service has an overall objective and the Madera action is just the start of their accomplishment of it. It is an unpleasant reality that this fight is ours, not "theirs." Madera today...the rest of us tomorrow. Remember, the Forest Service is right now acquiring private land in the Catalinas, another step toward their objective. The main reason for all of us to join in is that no individual nor any Homeowners' Assn. among us is financially able to fight alone. Clearly the more people who donate the more money we raise, and/or the less each person has to put up. There is strength in numbers. The Forest Service is unquestionably banking on their belief that we are unable to band together and present a united front. Are they correct?

Are there alternatives to the lawsuit? Yes, but in the opinion of counsel and others of us who have been opposing the Forest Service for over a year, only one alternative offers much hope. While certain ones of us will continue to use the Forest Service appeals procedure for specific matters, we feel we already know the results. Efforts are in progress to hold meaningful talks with the Forest Service in the hope of reversing their policy or finding acceptable compromises. A meeting with the Regional Forester is expected shortly after 1 July; while this and other meetings may be fruitful, we can't count on it. Another alternative is the enclosed petition which is explained on a separate sheet; this does offer some hope. Still another alternative would be to sit back and do nothing, let Madera go and wait until a 10-year notice or a condemnation suit is filed against our own property. As stated before, that will be too late; there will be fewer of us left which means less available money and it also means the Forest Service can more easily justify the evictions if fewer citizens are being affected. The time to stop it is now before the Forest Service gets a foot in the door; the ones to stop it are all of us acting in concert, and the way to stop it, in the opinion of our professional, is by a lawsuit.

How much? We're asking \$100 from each of us. (Once we get over the initial shock the figure becomes easier to accept.) We ask that amount because we know that some people will donate nothing and others will give less than \$100, which puts a bigger burden on the rest of us and makes it all the more important that those who can give \$100 (or more) do so. Considering that you already have from \$5000 to \$30,000 invested in your cabin, another \$100 is not so awesome. Compare it to your cabin's yearly insurance premium or the cost of that new porch you've been thinking about. Those of you who are permittees should consider these 2 points: 1) the law does not provide for compensation being paid to you when you are evicted at the end of the 10-year notice; thus you (or your children, thru your estate) will lose everything you have invested in your cabin. 2) At the end of the 10-year period, to the best of our knowledge you will be required to demolish your cabin and all improvements, have the debris hauled off the mountain, and restore your former lot to a natural appearance. Will that cost \$100? Ten times \$100 is more likely, especially after 10 or more years of inflation.

All of us, permittees and private land owners alike, should consider the effect on our neighbors and on future generations of our doing nothing to stop the abolition of cabins. There are people - our neighbors in the mountains - who are counting on the re-sale value of their cabins when they no longer wish to use them, a value that has already been affected by just the rumor of eviction. There will always be asthmatics and others who need the high altitude, needs that won't be met by a short stay at a picnic area. Our children, and their children, would enjoy a cabin as much as we have, if cabins are then available.

Since Madera turned to Mt. Lemmon Homeowners' Association for help, we are willing to act as a collector, or you can use the Treasurer of your own association. We will establish a special escrow account for all money sent to our association. Permittees who fear retaliation by the Forest Service if they donate are assured that ~~the~~ names of all donors whose money is sent to the Mt. Lemmon Homeowners' Association will be forever strictly confidential, known only to our Treasurer. If not enough money is raised to join in the suit, all money will be returned; if more than enough is raised (as determined after the suit) a proportionate share of the surplus will be refunded to each donor. Checks should be made payable to the Mt. Lemmon Homeowners' Association and identified as being for the Legal Fund, and sent to our Treasurer, George Campbell, 8471 E. Baker, Tucson Ariz. 85710. If you choose to use the Treasurer of your own association you are advised to check with him or with your President to determine the Treasurer's address and what provisions he will make concerning a special account, protecting the anonymity of donors, etc. Depending on your individual circumstances the donation may be tax-deductible; please check with your attorney or tax advisor.

Please call the under-signed if you have questions. We ask that you give careful thought to this solicitation and weigh the possible nationwide consequences if we do nothing to try to stop the Government from encroaching further into the lives and affairs of citizens. Please send in your check - THE DEADLINE IS 20 JULY 1974.

I hereby pledge \$200.

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