

OPERATING RULES FOR SPRING CREEK TRACT ASSOCIATION

- WINTER ACCESS 2011-2012 -

What follows are the rules that each of us will need to follow in accessing our cabins during the upcoming winter. These rules are the same as have been in effect for the last three winters. We are all neighbors and must work together to make the winter of 2011-2012 enjoyable. This will require the cooperation of all cabin owners, guests, and any service and supply people using the tract.

A Parking ID is attached as a separate file. Please print copies for use by you and others who use your cabin this coming winter. Indicate your cabin number on the IDs. Place them on the driver's side of the dashboard, facing up. **KEEP THEM FOR FUTURE USE.**

GATE & LOCKS: By decision of the Forest Service, between November 15, 2011 and May 15, 2012, the gate at the base of Spring Creek Road will be closed and locked. The Forest Service has placed a number of signs on and around the gate explaining to the public where cars can and cannot park.

Under the current 5-year Special Use Permit with the FS we will have access through the gate. There will be a SCTA combination lock and a SCTA key lock on the chain around the gate to allow access for cabin owners and any service and supply people. Either lock can be used. If you want a key, contact SCTA at P O Box 1022, El Dorado, CA 95623. The cost is \$5.00. Each of us is responsible for arranging access for cabin guests and service people. Anyone who is given the combination or a key must be told that it is not for general public usage. It is critical that this provision be followed. Non authorized vehicles in the tract will be subject to law enforcement action.

You should not let someone who you do not recognize through the gate. Instruct strangers, who aren't Spring Creek cabin users, to contact the Forest Service, which has committed to handling the public and activity outside of the gate. Avoid confrontations; if someone insists on coming in, let them and then proceed normally by locking the gate behind you. It is also imperative that the gate be locked as soon as you drive through, even if you are just driving in or out for a few minutes. These instructions must be communicated to service companies and anyone else who you authorize to use the combination on your behalf.

The lock combination for this winter is **1320**.

It may be necessary to change the lock combination during the winter. Each cabin permittee must provide the SCTA with an email address where any

changes in lock combination should be sent. We must be able to contact cabin owners to keep everyone up to date.

The two arms of the gate will be locked at the center. Each arm swings either in or out – your choice. Leave gate locked at all times. When unlocking the combination lock pull up on the shackle. When relocking, make sure the lock is part of the lock daisy chain – it should not be separate from the other locks. Depress the shackle all the way and rotate the numbers. If the numbers don't rotate the lock is probably not completely locked – try again. The key lock is key-retaining which means the key cannot be removed until the shackle is closed. Do not try to force the key out.

PUBLIC ACCESS TO SPRING CREEK TRACT: The general public will not be allowed to drive into Spring Creek Tract. We are not the police for any issues involving the general public. Keeping the gate closed is the decision of the Forest Service through its Road Management Plan and the enforcement is their responsibility.

WINTER PARKING: Parking between November 15, 2011 and May 15, 2012 must be on paved surfaces only, snow or no snow. We may not park in driveways during these dates. We may not drive off road during this time. A parking map is attached as a separate file. The areas marked in green show where we can park. PLEASE KEEP IT FOR FUTURE USE. The parking map is posted as a file on our Yahoo Group website for close up viewing and for printing additional copies. See http://groups.yahoo.com/Spring_Creek_Tract/. We do not plan to put up parking signs so please become familiar with the locations where parking is allowed. PARKING WILL ONLY BE ALLOWED ON THE RIGHT SIDE OF THE ROAD AS YOU FACE OUT OF THE TRACT AND ONLY ON THE PAVED ROAD SURFACE. Parking is also acceptable at the very end of each road where the plowing stops.

We can only park on the pavement in the areas where roads are wide enough to park a vehicle and allow passage of an emergency vehicle according to Forest Service standards (leaving a 10 feet wide passage way). For that reason, no wide vehicles (motor homes, travel trailers) are to be parked on the roads. Utility trailers are okay while the owner is occupying the cabin but please do not leave them behind.

If the road is not wide enough to allow proper parking (and sufficient space for emergency vehicles) in front of your cabin, drive in to your cabin (not on the driveway), drop off people and supplies, turn around on the nearest appropriate paved surface, drive to the parking area shown on the enclosed map, and park on the right side of the road. If your cabin does have adjacent parking, then turn your vehicle around and park on the right side of the road facing out of the tract

SNOW REMOVAL: SCTA engages a snow removal contractor, who will plough all paved roads in the tract between November 1 through April 30 in accordance with the FS rules spelled out in the Special Uses Permit. The general plan is that all of the paved roads will be plowed and we can drive on all of them. The contractor is not allowed to plow driveways and he operates under significant restrictions regarding the deposit of snow.

Snow removal will commence when approximately 4 inches of snow have fallen. Depending on the weather forecast and length of the storm, plowing may not start until the following morning. During snow storms, if you are parked at the end of a side road, you may want to move out to the main road. The snow removal contractor may ask you to move your vehicle to enable him to do his job.

SERVICE AND SUPPLY PEOPLE: Each cabin user/owner is expected to be totally responsible for access to the tract for their own cabin service and supply people. This means that you must make arrangements to let them in and out and must tell them of the driving/parking rules. Each of us is responsible for the actions of those people that we invite into the tract. Each MUST be told that except to provide the service or supplies to our cabin, they are not allowed to drive in and must not share access information with anyone else.

Again, non authorized vehicles will be subject to enforcement action by the Forest Service. There is to be no parking in driveways by anyone including service and supply people.

CABIN OWNER IDENTIFICATION: Identifications cards are attached as a separate file. Please print them out and then write your cabin number in bold letters on the pass. They are to be placed on the driver's side of the dashboard of vehicles.

SECURITY: Kathy and Danny Holden will again be our "in the tract" security people this winter. Our internal security will primarily be routine checking of our own cabins and parking. If you see someone in the tract parking erroneously, please gently ask them to correct their parking. SCTA will update all cabin owners/permittees on any security issues.

There are always unforeseen situations that may arise resulting in needed changes in how we operate. Please be flexible and understanding. We cannot control such things as the weather and water runoff, but we can control how we drive and park in our tract.

We need to do our part internally with our members and guests. If you have questions or comments, feel free to contact the following people:

General non-urgent matters:

Spring Creek Tract Association SCTA@att.net 530/622-6436

P O Box 1022, El Dorado, CA 95623

Security or issues with the gate:

Kathy Holden tahoekat@att.net 530/544-7687

Snow plowing/road issues:

Peter Langecker langeckerp@aol.com 510-714-5053

SCTA President:

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