

Greetings SMR HOA members,

The Spring Mountain Ranch HOA Board of Directors met May 14th to discuss a timeline and plan to re-open the Ranch House and amenities. A unanimous decision was made to set Stage 4 of the Idaho Rebounds Governor's [plan](#) as the goal to open the Ranch House, pool, gym, kitchen, and gathering areas. The decision to wait until Stage 4 compared to an earlier opening timeframe was made based on risk factors, costs to owners, and the safety of all members in mind. The guidelines for opening the facility sooner than Stage 4 would require hiring additional staff and equipment that would be a considerable increase in costs as well as risks to the HOA assets. The earliest possible date for Idaho to enter Stage 4 is June 13th.

Over the next few weeks, we will continue to monitor the Covid-19 situation in the McCall area and prepare the Ranch House for re-opening. We expect some changes and new protocols will be necessary to ensure the Ranch House is safe and ready to open. As most of you know, the Ranch House is not staffed like many gyms or pools. The increased frequency of cleaning and disinfecting, monitoring the number of people gathered, and 6' minimum distancing will be a new challenge for the HOA and members. We are working on addressing how we can reduce the risks associated with the spread of the virus and will share updates as we get closer to reopening.

One amenity that will be opening soon is the tennis-pickleball courts. The courts overwintered well and we expect the courts will be open by Memorial Weekend for play. Get those rackets and paddles ready!

### **SMR "Wildfire Fuel Reduction Project" June 3 - June 17**

This season, the SMR HOA Firewise Committee applied for and won a \$500 grant towards wildfire fuel clean-up! We will be utilizing that grant money to help subsidize the annual SMR woody debris collection bin program.

Firefighters will be challenged with adapting to Covid-19 precautions this year, so it is even more important than ever to do your part to reduce wildfire fuels and risks on your property. Removing dead vegetation around your cabin is one of the most effective ways you can reduce wildfire risk. Mark your calendar for the following clean up opportunities.

- **May 11 - October 22:** The Valley County landfill is accepting residential brush and yard waste free of charge.
- **May 22 - June 3:** There will be free collection bins located across from the McCall Fire Department on Deinhard Lane.
- **June 3 - June 17:** The annual SMR HOA collection bin will be located at the **NE corner of [Bitterroot Dr. and Fireweed Dr.](#)**

Click [here](#) for additional information on reducing wildfire risk.

We will be sending an update as we get closer to Stage 4. Thank you for your patience and understanding.