



# The Drifter

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From the President  
Bruce Cullen

I can't get over how fast October has come and gone. George at Lake of the Woods has received his first couple inches of SNOW!!!

I want to thank, once again, Ted & Barb Naccarati, Ray Gibson, Scott & Rachel Blower and George Gregory for all their help this last weekend with cleaning the trails at Lake of the Woods. We had some great conversations around the camp fire Saturday night. The weather cooperated with us, thankfully, and we just had a great time.

In addition to the work at LOW Great Meadow on October 31, cleaning out the creek bed, we have one more scheduled work party at the Great Meadow on Saturday, November 14, at 10am. We will be going up to the Big Meadow warming hut to cut fire wood for the shelter. We will also be splitting the log rings that are currently up there with a wood splitter. That is if we don't get TOO MUCH SNOW by then! But if we do we will be traveling by snowmobile & sleds!!

## **!!WE HAVE A CRISIS AT HAND!!**

We could be losing 450,000 acres of Crater Lake forests to a wilderness area. This would be land from hwy 140 up to hwy 58. If approved this would affect all the riding in this area, including ALL of Pelican Butte. You should all have received the Rogue clubs packet that I sent out. Please, Please, Please get those petitions signed and your hand written letters sent to our Senators' Representatives' and local county commissioners. You can e-mail or call me if you need more packets, have questions, or want to find out how you can help. This is *OUR* back yard we are talking about.... so let's get involved!

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Also **DON'T FORGET TO GET YOUR SNOW PARK PERMITS!!**

We need them starting in November.

And double check your sled registration and tags.

While you're at it this is a good time to check those belts, spare belts, plugs oil, etc. so you're ready to ride when the snow arrives.



As you may have heard, the Forest Service is installing a new, larger, culvert under the entrance road to the LOW lodge. This will improve the water flow through the Great meadow. This is only the first phase in the process to remove the high water levels we have experienced in the meadow during the winter. There will be more work done to complete this project, and will take place at a later date. Let's hope we see some improvement this winter!

I'm still working hard with Margaret Bailey, District Ranger, from Fremont – Winema National Forest, on acquiring the shed at Four Mile Lake. The plan is to turn it into a winter warming hut. I'm making some progress but still have a ways to go on this issue.

I'm also in the process of building a wood splitter for the club. This will be used to help stock the firewood in our shelters & make it easier for us old guys! Thus far the main frame work has been built. I hope to be installing the spindles, hubs, & tires soon. I am also looking for the rest of the hardware, searching for those super good deals. I am hoping to make it available to club members to use, for a small rental fee, to help generate funds for the club.

### **New Members**

I want to introduce and welcome the newest members to our club.

Jeff & Jackie Gion	2 sleds	2 riders
Jim & Karen Mieloszyk	3 sleds	3 riders
Robert and Anna Poteet	3 sleds	3 riders
Tom Rezner	2 sleds	2 riders
Brett & Claudia Tosh	3 sleds	3 riders

I also would like to remind everyone that the clubs current calendar of events can be found on our club web site: [www.kbsnowdrifters.org](http://www.kbsnowdrifters.org)  
Also OSSA's new web site is: [www.oregonsnow.org](http://www.oregonsnow.org)

I hope to see everyone at the next Club meeting on Tuesday, November 10th at 6:00pm @ Willies Pizza. This will be a no host dinner. We need your help in making some decisions.

One last Note: George at Lake of the Wood has a new Winter Schedule out. He will have open cabins 7 days a week. The Overboard Pizza shop and the Store will be open Friday Saturday & Sunday. The Store will open at 9am and Pizza shop at 11am closing at 7pm.

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**Be safe and keep thinking snow**

