



Spearfish Canyon Owners Association Members,

No matter where you are at this time I have to believe you have enjoyed a beautiful Fall. The Canyon has been splendid with great color and truly awesome weather. It almost seems impossible that just two years ago we had a blizzard that dumped five feet of snow on the area and caused significant damage to the Hills in addition to tragic losses of livestock in Western SD. For those of us that are able to enjoy our cabins in the Fall we are truly the lucky ones this year.

As the Canyon begins to shift into a quiet mode after the business of summer, the SCOA Board continues to meet and watch for matters that will impact the Canyon and our members. The Architectural Review Committee continues to look at building and remodel plans. With the ever changing ownership of property in the Canyon there is ample opportunity for confusion over our covenants and guidelines. I can't emphasize strongly enough that members need ARC approval for most work on cabins and landscaping. It is a simple process but can become very complicated and time consuming if not done properly. ARC is there for all our benefits and was put in place by the original land sale agreement with Homestake. Submit your plans and make life simpler for your neighbors that volunteer for the ARC. Likewise let us know if you would like to serve on this important committee.

A matter that has been a point of discussion in the past has been dynamic braking of "jake brake" usage by heavy trucks in the Canyon. I have been in touch with the SD Trucking Association on this matter and the head of that organization indicated he would be visiting with his Board and membership about the practice. I suggested our organization would like to pursue a restriction and he asked that we not for safety reasons. He also indicated that dynamic braking was not the problem but rather improper or unrestricted exhaust systems. It is possible that we could contact Lawrence County about a noise restriction zone in the Canyon. I would entertain volunteers to pursue this if there are interested parties.

Efforts toward mountain pine beetle control continue where funding is available. Our organization through donations and the cookbook program still is working with the County on this matter. Thanks for all of you that have donated, bought cookbooks and worked on this initiative. The infestation has not garnered as much discussion lately as it did but still is spreading and moving

***Read the minutes from the
2015 annual meeting on page 4
of this newsletter.***

through the area. We would encourage members to police their properties and take what precautions they can to protect their trees but I fear future large scale efforts at containment are not going to occur. Funding sources are limited.

I would encourage members to take a moment and look at the SCOA website to review the minutes of the last Board meeting; Carol quickly gets the minutes posted to the site. Or read them on page 4 of this newsletter. As indicated, we are soliciting members interested in being on the ballot for Board membership. Please submit personal information so we have a slate of people interested running. Our annual meeting in 2016 will be on Saturday, July 9, at the Lead Country Club.

With that I will end my letter. Take time and enjoy the Fall in the Canyon or wherever you are. Harvest is in full swing in Eastern SD and tomorrow begins the opener for pheasant season. Get out and savor the season.

Steve Paula, President

Board Nominations Welcome!

The Spearfish Canyon Owners Association is seeking nominations from our members who wish to participate on the Board of Directors for three year terms beginning July, 2016. The terms of three directors will be expiring at that time and elections will be held at the annual meeting to replace them.

The primary purpose of SCOA is "to maintain the beauty, serenity and attractiveness of Spearfish Canyon and maintain and protect the water quality and flow of Spearfish Creek and its tributaries."

With this in mind, please submit your paragraph of interest and background information for publishing in appropriate documents, including the newsletter and meeting notices prior to the annual meeting. Please send this information to David Johnson at johnson.siouxfalls@gmail.com.

Environment and Weeds Committee

By Dave Palmer and Bob Geis

Winter will be here before we know it, but until then, if you have weeds to get rid of, I have purchased an approved chemical concentrate for weeds. It was obtained from Crop Production Services in Spearfish and is safe for use by the creek. The formula is 1-2 tps. per gallon of water. Give me a call at 584-2311 if you want to pick some up. Bring a pill bottle or other small container. You will need a 2-3 gallon yard sprayer. I will have spray available in the spring, also, for the use of SCOA members.

In an effort to involve more members in environmental activities, I am seeking volunteers to serve on this committee. Bob Geis has agreed to help out, and he will be focusing on eradication of thistle and other noxious weeds. These are becoming quite prolific in the canyon. Bob wrote, "Two of the most prevalent noxious weeds infecting our area are the Canada Thistle and the Common Tansy. The Canada Thistle has smooth, medium green spine-tipped and crinkled margin leaves. It's stems grow to 2-5 feet tall and are grooved and branch at the top. It has numerous flowers on branched heads, usually lavender, but may be pink or white. It has separate male and female flowers. It's roots are 10-15 feet deep making it impossible to kill by simply mowing or cutting. It is very capable of rapid spread and it's seeds mature 7-10 days after the first flower color."

"The Common Tansy has bright green leaves. The stems are 1-3 feet, stout erect, usually smooth and have an unpleasant odor. Flowers are numerous, rounded button shaped, bright yellow and in flattened clusters. It's roots are strong and fibrous. It reproduces from short rhizomes. It is aggressive and difficult to control along streams and under trees. South Dakota state law provides enforcement procedures when landowners fail to comply with control of this weed. Failure to comply initiates a formal process that could result in fines, tax levies and liens against the lands of the owner."

The Environment Committee is also involved in the preservation of our blue-ribbon trout stream, issues arising from the mountain pine beetle infestation, trash, water, air and light pollution in the canyon and issues concerning our interactions with and protection of the wildlife in our area. If you would be interested and willing to help in these efforts give a call to Bob Geis – 390-7449 – bob@wdiins.com or to Dave Palmer – 584-2311 – davidpalmer@centurylink.net. SCOA is on the front line of defense to protect Spearfish Canyon for future generations. We would welcome your help and input toward this effort.

Pine Beetle Reporting Excerpts

By Jim Nelson, Spring 2015

The net result for SCOA funding for Canyon cutting is that we got ~600 trees cut in the Canyon versus an expected cut of twice that number, based on our past two years' experience. Dave Heck told the Lawrence County Commissioners that it was hard to take out only 600 trees when there are 100,000 that need to be cut in that area (In Lawrence County, 15,907 trees were cut, with a Forest Service contract taking out another 15,000 in the Limestone area this winter.

Dave was emphasizing the scale of the problem and the current emphasis on the beetle battle. The latest annual survey indicates that beetle activity is declining, especially in the southern Hills, BUT it is still increasing in the Northern Hills, and will potentially continue to do that for several more years.

The SCOA Board will stay in contact with Dave Heck and the County Commission as the total funding available for Lawrence County is known and what priorities will be set for areas to be treated. As in the past, cutting in Spearfish Canyon will be limited to that SCOA/other contributors can provide. Although the scale of the problem is huge, those areas of the Canyon where needed treatment is obviously growing, can be positively affected by selective cutting. Where trees have been cut, adjacent areas have been found to be relatively free from spread the following year.

The state, county and USFS each set funding priorities for the specific monetary contributions.

The Board will be assessing the moneys that can be made available for cutting in the Canyon, coordinating with Dave Heck on best possible areas to do the cutting as this year's aerial survey is completed, followed by assessment for priority mitigation, recon/surveys done for those areas, hiring the crews, etc., for actual cutting next winter. There will be final decisions made in the County final budget to be completed in September.

If SCOA donations are made (Nelson recommends a sizeable donation of \$10,000) SCOA should also indicate where the owners would like to see activity.

As a related item, it is important that you do spraying of your "trophy" trees on your properties in the early spring to protect and save those trees, especially as the beetles spread more rapidly now below the Canyon rim. That spraying must be done each year before the beetles fly in the late spring/summer months.

American Marten weasel calls forest home

The American Marten (*Martes Americana*) is a small member of the weasels, and they are also known as “pine” martens, because they are similar in some ways with their European cousins. The fur of the American Marten is soft, their throats are light buff, and they have dark shaded tails/legs. Akin to the other kinds of weasels, the size depends on the gender, the female is approximately 3/4 that of the male's.

Not much is known about the manners and ways of the American Martens, because of their shyness and the fact that they are active during nighttime. Fact is, they are very good climbers, and they could chase a squirrel in a vertical race (up the tree). This marten is a solitary type, but they could exhibit some form of curiosity. The for-



Canyon photo by Janet Shevling

est is a natural zone for them, as it gives protection and food (prey) at the same time.

They are mainly carnivorous, but there are periods in a year when they would subsist on fruits. They hunt mainly on ground lev-

el. Their metabolism is high, and because of that, they need much food, and this need to eat is one reason why many of them get trapped. Small rodents and mice are their principal food, but they could take in hares, squirrels, birds, amphibians, insects, reptiles, crayfish, fruits, nuts and still others.

During winter time, they have the capability to tunnel through snow to look for mice, indeed...tenacity is one of the American Marten's traits.

They reach sexual maturity when they are 2 years old, and during the breeding period (July up to Aug), they can exhibit a great deal of aggressiveness, even against other male martens. Litter size is 2 to 4 offsprings. A male plays no part at all in the rearing of these newborns.

ARC Report

As of July 12, 2015
By Ralph Reausaw, President

“No improvements, alterations, repairs, excavation, grading, landscaping or other work which in any way alters the exterior appearance of any property within Spearfish Canyon, or the improvements located thereon, from its natural or improved state existing on the date a Tract Declaration for such property was first recorded shall be made or done without prior approval of the ARC.”

Approved Projects:

Chris Romano: 21060 US Hwy. 14A, replace old cabin with new home.

Tim and Diane Rath: 21409 US Hwy 14A, place portable wooden playhouse on lot.

Barb Languth: 21435 Hanna Road, new patio, deck and storage shed.

Bob and Vicki Worth: 21439 Hanna road, install split-rail fence.

Floyd and Susan Mount: 21341 US Hwy. 14A, build deck on front of home.

Randy and Elaine Jilek: 21425 Hanna Road, 6'x26' addition to deck.

Gerry Bennett: 20642 US Hwy. 14A, new garage.

Ethel Beaty and Family/ Laura Mevarden: 21970 US Hwy. 14A, replace roof.

Thomas and Janet Mehlhoff: 21170 Blue Spruce Lane, new garage, cabin windows, siding, tree removal, new decking.

Steve and Sue Hauff: 21321 US Hwy. 14A, repair and restoration, septic, foundation work, roofing.

Randy and Elaine Jilek: grievance resolution, \$5,000 fine.

Wayne and Carol Holdcroft: 21346 US Hwy. 14A, concrete driveway and storage shed.

Items pending or in formal grievance process:

John Erickson: 21392 US Hwy. 85. The board of directors has conducted a formal grievance hearing, instituted a temporary injunction against further landscaping and construction work,

and retained attorney Dick Pluimer to represent the association in the matter of covenant violations. Matters of environmental damage are also being brought to the attention of various governmental entities by the board through attorney Pluimer.

Reminder:

Owners, realtors, and vacation rental businesses need to be informed that SCOA covenants restrict rental use of homes in the Spearfish Canyon Owners Association. No lot or dwelling Unit shall be rented to non-family members for more than 14 days during any calendar year. Owners are obligated to assure compliance by Renters with Declaration and all Spearfish Canyon rules.

The ARC also wishes to emphasize that homes in the Canyon are to be used as single-family dwellings and the ARC will not approve bathroom or kitchen facilities in secondary structures.

Minutes of July 11, 2015 Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of all members of the SCOA was convened on July 11, 2015 at 7 pm at Lead Country Club. A supper catered by David Brueckner preceded the meeting. Thirty-three memberships were represented. 85 people were in attendance. Prior to the meeting, board members and helpers hauled 10 tables and 85 chairs to the venue from the Spearfish Canyon Fire Department.

The minutes from the 2014 annual meeting were read. Ray Rossi moved and Charles Castellani seconded the motion to accept the minutes. It passed. It was suggested that these minutes be printed in the June newsletter before the annual meeting.

Pam Haugland presented the financial report. Total funds held by SCOA are \$65,391.28. There is one past due account with a lien in process. Total ARC fees collected have been \$650 and total pine beetle contributions to the treasury have been \$48,211.85. The SCOA cookbook balance to date is \$1,726.85. See details in the treasurer's report attached to these minutes.

Gerry Bennett, Spearfish Canyon Fire Department Chief reported that there will be no July fire department meeting due to the Sturgis Motorcycle Rally traffic anticipated in the Canyon. The next potluck and meeting will be August 24th at the fire hall. Bennet reported that there is approximately \$140,000 in the Fire Department treasury and that the fire hall has been paid off. He explained the details of replacing equipment and fire trucks currently in process. There eight calls last year. Members of the Fire Department board are Dave Brueckner, Steve Butsco, Jack Wanstedt, Ray Rossi, and Gary Lillihaug.

Committee Reports:

Firewise – Harry Matti reported that SCOA has achieved five years of continuous active participation from FIREWISE. He thanked Gerry Bennet and Ray Rossi for their efforts to continue Firewise requirements. He stated that August 22 will be Firewise Day in the canyon when volunteers can haul loads of yard debris to the dump. More information will be supplied to members by postcard. Matti also has a schedule of cabin inspections for the committee to perform this summer in order to keep our Firewise designation.

Architectural Review – Ralph Reausaw presented a written report attached to these minutes. There 12 building permits approved by the committee and one item currently in grievance.

Environmental – Dave Palmer informed the group about which weed-killing chemicals are non-toxic to animals and fish. He urged residents to contact Dave Heck, Invasive Species Specialist of Lawrence County,

for recommendations on chemical applications. These recommendations are also on the LC website under "Invasive Species Management." Palmer also stated that Canadian Thistle infestations in the canyon should be reported to Heck.

Nominating – President Steve Paula reported that the terms of Shaw/C. Reausaw, Dave Palmer, and R. Noel/Doug Hendriks are over. He stated that all three directors were willing to serve another term. He opened up nominations from the floor, but there were none. Bob Geis moved to accept the nominations of Reausaw, Palmer, and Hendriks. Judy Rossi seconded the motion and it passed.

Newsletter – Carol Reausaw reported that Dee Sleep of Chicken Creek Communications published the newsletters. Members are urged to submit pictures and articles for publication.

Old Business – President Paula reported that nothing new has developed with the application of the Deadwood Standard Mine to extract ore from above the rim of the canyon. The board awaits consideration from the S.D. Dept. of Natural Resources on the application. SCOA's opposition to the mine stands.

Matti reported that the negotiations have failed between Velocitel and Spearfish Canyon Lodge for a cell tower installation on Lodge property. A new company is now negotiating for an agreement to do so.

New Business:

President Paula set the date for the 2016 annual meeting on July 9, 2016. The general consensus was that the Lead Country Club is an acceptable venue for the event.

Charles Castellani suggested that the SCOA membership list with addresses be disseminated to the membership. The board explained that it was reluctant to do so because some members wish for that to be private information.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol J. Reausaw, secretary



Jean Clem, Teddy Fujan, Linda Christensen and Sandy Billington enjoy Ladies Thursday Coffee at Rimrock Lodge.

If Pigs Could Fly And Other Things 'For the Birds'

By D George Prisbe

Used correctly, the expression "eat like a bird" would refer to someone who eats almost constantly and consumes many times their body weight every day. That is what birds do and what they must do to survive. This is especially true during the cold months of winter when natural food supplies dwindle or become more difficult to access.

Fortunately, birds do not become obese. Their exceptionally high metabolic rate efficiently burns energy and produces body heat. On exceptionally cold days and at roost during the night, birds actually shiver - not necessarily because they are cold but to keep warm. This imperceptible trembling generates body heat and when combined with the insulation of fluffed feathers, allows birds to survive extreme temperatures. Think food + feathers = warmth.

Like all heating systems, fuel is a vital component to the production of energy. That is where you come in.

It is estimated that about 55 million Americans provide feed for wild birds. Here are some suggestions for you to join in this rewarding activity.

■ Find a location that is out of the wind and close to natural shelters such as trees or shrubs. This will provide safe sanctuary from predators such as domestic cats and birds of prey. Obviously, coniferous vegetation is preferable to the leafless plants of winter.

■ Select a variety of feeders: hanging (for finches, crossbills, siskins and grosbeaks), tray style (for ground feeders such as juncos and sparrows) and suet cages (for woodpeckers, nuthatches, and jays). Hanging feeders made of wire mesh are the best. They provide easy access for multiple species and individuals, plus they are

easier to clean than the traditional tube type feeders.

■ The best choice in seed is black oil sunflower. These small seeds are inexpensive, high in protein, and attractive to many species. Cracked corn and white proso millet are good additions to the menu. Be careful to avoid mixes that have a long list of ingredients, as many of them are simply "filler seeds" that are of little interest to most birds.

■ Suet from the meat market is the best choice, but commercially prepared suet cakes are a good and convenient alternative. They require a rubber coated wire cage, available wherever the cakes are sold. Smearing peanut butter on the trunks of trees is also good.

■ Store the seed in a covered metal can to keep it fresh and away from thieving rodents.

■ Clean your feeders at least once a month using a mild bleach solution and sweep up empty seed hulls. This will limit the spread of disease between birds.

Once you start feeding do not stop or let the feeders become empty. Birds can become dependent on your generosity. The stress of a food source disappearing can be fatal, especially when natural foraging is made difficult by extreme weather.

Creating bird feeding stations can help our canyon birds survive a long winter in the Black Hills. There is a return on your investment – countless hours of entertainment and the warm feeling of knowing that you helped our "snow birds" survive. So, put those binoculars by the window, grab a hot beverage, and enjoy!

D George Prisbe is an area bird-watcher and resident of Hanna. To share your bird sightings and stories, or if you have a question, please feel free to contact him at prisbe.przybysz@gmail.com or visit with him at Cheyenne Crossing Store.

Board Elects Officers, Appoints Committees

The board of directors of Spearfish Canyon Owners Association met after the all-member meeting July 11, 2015 at approximately 8:30 p.m. Present were Steve Paula, Harry Matti, Pam Haugland, Carol Reausaw, Doug Hendriks, Dave Palmer and Dave Johnson. Absent were Steve Fox and Bob Morcom. Elected as officers and appointed as committee members are as follows:

President – Steve Paula

Vice-President – Harry Matti

Treasurer – Pam Haugland

Secretary – Carol Reausaw

Executive Committee

Member – Dave Johnson

Firewise Committee –

Chair-Harry Matti, others to be appointed

Architectural Review Committee –

Chair-Ralph Reausaw, Bob Morcom, Dave Palmer, Steve Fox, Harry Matti, others to be appointed

Environmental – Dave Palmer, Bob Geis

Newsletter – Carol Reausaw

Cookbook – Beverly and Gene Shaw

Nominating – Dave Johnson and Doug Hendriks

FireWise Report

By Harry Matti, Chairman of FireWise Committee

The annual FireWise Day started off on August 22nd at 8:00AM on a very cool morning in Spearfish Canyon. We were greeted and served coffee and donuts by Darlene Matti. Pam Haugland brought a delicious pan of Brownies which quickly disappeared. Individuals started arriving with trucks, pickups and trailers. We discussed what, where and how we would use our resources and energy to fulfill our obligations to continue our membership as a FireWise community. The following canyon residents were our workers for the day:

Gerry Bennett, Bob Clem, Andrew Clem, Grady Clem, Nyle Clem, Steve Clem, Pam Haugland, Mike Kane, Dennis Mallow, Mary Beth Mallow, Harry & Darlene Matti, Dave Palmer, Ray Rossi, Jim Shevling and Jack Wanstedt, Bob and Don Harvey. Pickups and trailers were furnished by the Mallows, Ray Rossi, Jim Shevling and Mike Kane. Two fire station vehicles were piloted by Chief Bennett and Ray Rossi. The volunteers left the station and spread out thru the canyon to clean up debris at several residences and removing brush and branches from power line trimmings along US Hiway 85 near the Crossing. Several loads of debris were transported to Lead/DWD refuse dump. All returned to the Fire Station at 11:30 AM. After refreshments and fellowship, the station closed at 12:00PM.

Several residences were evaluated by the assessment teams to meet our objectives of assessing all properties once every five years. During 2016 the assessment team will concentrate on residences along Hanna Canyon, US85 and Cheyenne Crossing. We will continue with the FireWise assessments to assist residents to evaluate their property to reduce potential for a wildfire. Jack Billington will lead our assessment evaluations with other members of the committee. Our plan is to assess 40 properties each year so that we can meet the NFPA requirements of each property. Our association has about 200 properties. The FireWise team will notify homeowners prior to the assessment. Team members will wear a vest identifying them as a SCOA FireWise representative.

Please provide support to the assessment teams to make our association safer from a wildfire. If you would like to schedule a FireWise assessment of your property, you can contact Jack Billington or Harry Matti. Anyone interested in becoming a member of the FireWise committee please contact Harry Matti at 584-1266 during the summer (June to October).

Spearfish Canyon Owners' Association Financials July 11, 2015

July 26, 2014	Checking Balance (PB&T)	\$31,789.73
	CD Balance (PB&T)	\$36,220.55
	Total Funds	\$68,010.28
Revenues:		
	Dues & Fees Collected	\$22,930.00
	Pine Beetle Contribution	500.00
	Cookbook Income	12,140.00
	Interest Checking	7.09
	Interest on C.D.	63.35
	Total Revenues	\$35,640.44
Expenditures:		
	Annual Meeting-Caterer	1,595.00
	Economy Conference Call	53.86
	Brady Pluimer-Expenses	4,988.49
	Gene Shaw-Postage for Cookbooks	89.51
	Webb Creations	352.00
	US Post Office-Rent	60.00
	P.Haugland-Reimbursement Sec. of State annual report fee	20.00
	P.Haugland- Misc Supplies	45.59
	Sign & Trophy-Plaques	54.06
	Black Hills Agency-Directors & Officers Liability Insurance	1,179.00
	Morris Press-Cookbooks	6,361.20
	Chicken Creek Comm – Newsletter	1,344.86
	Chicken Creek Comm - Dues Notice	273.96
	MS Mail -Firewise	34.78
	TJ Larson -Services	912.86
	Clark Printing	41.00
	Lawrence Co. Treas.- Pine Beetle Cookbook	15,916.85 \$7766.85
	Anonymous	2500.00
	SCOA	5000.00
	Jim Nelson	500.00
	Accts. Payable	150.00
	Cookbook Donations to Lawrence Co. for Pine Beetle tree cutting	5,000.00
	Total Expenditures	\$38,323.02
July 11, 2015	Checking Balance (PB&T)	\$29,043.80
	C.D. Balance (PB&T)	\$36,347.48
	Total Funds	\$65,391.28
Past Due Accounts: 1		
Liens In Process: 1		
ARC Fee's Collected: \$650.00		
Total Pine Beetle Contributions (to date):		
	SCOA Treasury	\$10,000.00
	S. C. Fire Dept.	\$5,000.00
	SCOA Members	\$14,445.00
	Cookbook	\$18,766.85
	Total	\$48,211.85
SCOA Cookbook Balance (to date):		
	Revenues and expenses	\$1726.85



Spearfish Canyon Owners' Association

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WELCOME NEW OWNER!

With the purchase of your property, you are now part of Spearfish Canyon Owners Association consisting of approximately 200 owners. We have an annual meeting in July which includes a free catered dinner for you and your family. It is a great way to get to know all of your neighbors in the Canyon as well as the organizational structure of the association. We look forward to seeing you there!

Another way to get to know your neighbors is through attendance at the ladies' and men's coffee meetings at the Fire Hall. Refer to your newsletters to find out dates and times. And speaking of newsletters, we publish the SCOA "Spearfish Canyon News" three times per year. This publication is full of current news, reminders, and happenings in the Canyon. Please feel free to submit articles, pictures, poems, recipes and any material your neighbors would be interested in. All members are also welcome to attend the fire department meetings on the last Monday of each month. Pot luck dinners are involved!

At real estate closing, you should have received a copy of our covenants. These covenants were placed upon your property in 1990 by Homestake Mining Company when it sold these lots to the cabin owners. These covenants were set in place to protect the Canyon and Spearfish Creek. **Please refer to the covenants and Architectural Rules and Design Guidelines before undertaking any building or landscaping projects.** Also note that there is a 25' setback from Spearfish Creek where no landscape activity or building shall take place without a waiver from SCOA and/or the US Forest Service. All association documents can be accessed on the above website.

Remember the Fire Rules:

No incinerators are allowed in Spearfish Canyon. Outdoor cooking, heating, decorative equipment, fireplaces, charcoal or gas cookers, chimneys, fire pits and any other similar equipment must have fire screens over the chimneys, or open flame areas, and must not have open flames extending above the screens. A permit with instructions for a "fire pit" must be obtained from the SD State Forestry Division at 11361 Nevada Gulch Road at the bottom of the road to Terry Peak. Their phone # is (605)584-2300.

Be advised that according to the Third Amendment to Declaration of Covenants, Conditions, Restrictions and Reservations for Homestake Cabin Lot Sales in Spearfish Canyon:

1. (b) **Rental Use.** *No Lot or Dwelling Unit shall be rented to non-family members for more than 14 days during any calendar year. Owners are obligated to insure compliance by Renters with this Declaration and all Spearfish Canyon Rules.*

For SCOA members' information, the US Forest Service Black Hills Phase I Plan specifically prohibits off-roading of motorized vehicles in Spearfish Canyon. This applies to snowmobiles as well as 4-wheelers.

We are all so fortunate to live in this beautiful canyon. We must all do our part to keep it as lovely and pristine as possible, as well as protect the water in our precious Spearfish Creek! We look forward to meeting our new neighbors.

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Architectural Review – Ralph Reusaw, *Chair*, Bob
Morcom, Dave Palmer, Steve Fox,
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Spearfish Canyon News...

is a newsletter by and for the homeowners
of Spearfish Canyon Owners Association.

Send comments and articles PLEASE

to Carol Reusaw: Caroljeanie@yahoo.com.

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Our website is: <http://www.canyonowners.org>

