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TO: Ranch Cabin Owners
FROM: Terry Glenn, Chairman
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RE: Firewood Stacks at Ranch Cabins
Temporary Guidance

As you know, in the Spring of 2021 SROA deemed the storage of firewood next to Ranch Cabins structures June 1 to Nov 1 to be a violation of the Sunriver Ladder Fuel Reduction Plan, Section 3.1.15 and enforced with threat of fines. Although Ranch Cabins have been storing firewood next to buildings for the past 49 years, it appears that era has come to an end.

We can assume hereafter firewood will need to be stored away from buildings June 1 – Nov 1, or fully enclosed within a structure.

In 2019, the Ranch Cabin Board addressed the aesthetics of firewood piles by limiting them to a maximum of one half cord and requiring a rack with metal up-rights, and if covered, a made-for-purpose cover. That Rule still applies, at least for the time period of Nov 1 to May 31 when wood may be next to buildings.

The Association is exploring options fully enclosed wood storage structures but at the moment we should plan to move firewood away from structures by May 31, 2022, so depleting wood by that date remains the most attractive option.

With firewood season upon us, we are offering the following guidance:

- Officially firewood may be moved back next to cabins as of Nov 1st, although we doubt the rule would be enforced in late October.
- Wood must still be stored in a rack with sturdy metal up-rights. A cover is not required, but if used, must be a made-for-purpose fitted cover rather than a tarp.
- Maximum is One Half Cord of wood which is 64 cubic feet and commonly referenced as 4 ft high x 4 ft deep x 4 ft long. However, firewood suitable for Ranch Cabin fireplaces is typically 16 inches long. Other dimensions of a half cord are:
 - 4' x 6' x 2 rows of 16" pieces
 - 5' x 5' x 2 rows of 16" pieces
- Wood will again need to be moved to one of the two storage areas by May 31st.