

# THE HAMMOND RANCH HANDBOOK

## Rural Living

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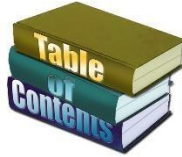
### **OPPORTUNITY AND REALITY**

*The intent of this handbook is to advise people about living in Hammond Ranch. Hammond Ranch is a rural area. Expectations often do not match reality. Many new residents envision a trouble-free idyllic woodland life. They are then shocked when a bear destroys the BBQ, a deer munches the marigolds, a coyote feasts on the family pet, and the road disappears under potholes and snow. They expect "someone" to step forward and "do something." It comes as a surprise when they discover they are "the someone" and it is up to them to "do something."*

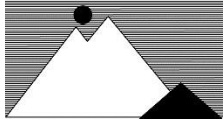
*Living in a rural area requires a large degree of self-reliance, but residents need to work together. Hammond Ranch works best when residents work together to solve community problems. Making a transition from a city to Hammond Ranch living is a change from "Why don't they?"-to-"Why don't I? "*

*NOTE-Some of the following information could be inaccurate or out-of-date. We apologize for errors and welcome your comments. Please forward corrections or comments to the HLA website at: [www.hammondlandowners.org](http://www.hammondlandowners.org). The Hammond Ranch Landowners Association cannot give legal advice. Please obtain professional legal assistance for any issue that could involve a legal action.*

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## **HAMMOND LANDOWNERS ASSOCIATION (HLA)**

The HLA was organized in 1969 as a voluntary association of Hammond Ranch landowners. The HLA is a registered California Non-Profit Mutual Benefit Corporation with an elected Board of Directors. The Board of Directors are elected each year at an annual luncheon meeting and serve a two-year term.

Our Mission Statement is to provide information, to assist in the coordination of group actions, to determine guidelines and make suggestions in matters relating to the development and use of property on Hammond Ranch.

It's also social. There are opportunities to meet neighbors at the annual picnic and annual luncheon meeting.

A few reasons for landowners to become members are:

- HLA negotiates with the County for needed improvements and support for Hammond Ranch.
- HLA promotes the maintenance of our roads by coordinating upgrades and by reimbursing road maintenance costs according to a prescribed schedule established by the HLA Board.
- HLA has a website that is helping to inform residents of issues related to the Ranch.
- HLA members are eligible to purchase PHI (Mercy Air) and AirMedCare emergency medical evacuation services at a discounted rate.
- HLA publishes a quarterly newsletter informing members of important issues, with articles of interest to the Ranch.
- HLA members are working with road committees, the Fire Department as well as County and local Fire Safe Councils.
- Annual luncheon meeting in November each year.
- Annual picnic in July each year.

Check us out at [www.hammondlandowners.org](http://www.hammondlandowners.org) and join.

## **VOLUNTEERING**

Volunteering is an essential part of living in Hammond Ranch. There is no city government responsible for the welfare of the community. It is up to you, as a volunteer, to identify, develop and implement solutions to create a better community.

Hammond Ranch has volunteer organizations that are essential to the welfare of the community. You are encouraged to join any or all of the following organizations!!

Additional information can be found on the website: [www.hammondlandowners.org](http://www.hammondlandowners.org).



## **HAMMOND RANCH VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY**

The Hammond Ranch Volunteer Fire Company was organized in 1989. The HRVFC responds to structure and home fires, forest fires, vehicle accidents, medical emergencies, natural disasters and general public assistance. People who volunteer to be a firefighter should have a heart for public service, at least 18-years old, physically fit and have time for fire training.



### **HAMMOND RANCH FIRE SAFE COUNCIL**

Fire Safe Council was organized in 2004 to address wildfire issues in the Greater Weed area (including Hammond Ranch). In 2017, the Hammond Ranch Fire Safe Council was organized to concentrate on actions within the Hammond Ranch Fire District.

The Fire Safe Council as of 2024 is inactive. A volunteer is being sought to restart the organization.

The HRFSC is a volunteer organization dedicated to making the community safer from wildfire. Since 2011, approximately \$250,000 in Federal and State wildfire fuel reduction grants have been completed in the Hammond Ranch area. In 2019, a new \$600,000 fuel reduction project was submitted and is pending approval and funding.



### **HAMMOND RANCH FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION**

The HR Volunteer Firefighters Association was organized in 2004 to raise funds to support the HR Volunteer Fire Department.

The association has been instrumental in obtaining grants to build a new fire station and purchase fire engines, a paramedic vehicle, a winter snowmobile, water tender, and utility vehicles.

The association has also raised and donated funds for equipment repairs, meals for firefighters on duty, community water tanks, and replacement equipment such as hoses, vehicle tires, and medical supplies.

## **LIVING IN RURAL HAMMOND RANCH-GENERAL ISSUES**

### **IF YOU NEED HELP--EMERGENCY SERVICES**



#### **IF YOU HAVE AN EMERGENCY--CALL 911.**

Calling 911 will connect you to the Siskiyou County emergency dispatch center located in Yreka. The emergency center will alert the proper agency to respond to your emergency.

Please be aware that response times in Hammond Ranch could be longer than in a city. First responders could be community volunteers who are not on full-time duty.

The volunteers are professional and trained to respond to emergencies, however, they might take longer to arrive on scene.

Keep in mind that there are only two hospitals in Siskiyou County (Fairchild Medical Center in Yreka and Dignity Health Mercy Medical Center Mt. Shasta). The Mt. Shasta Medical Center is approximately 30-minutes away by road.

## **MEDICAL AIR AMBULANCE TRANSPORTATION**

Emergency medical air transportation (helicopter or fixed-wing plane) can be very expensive and is often not fully covered by medical insurance. The Hammond Landowners Association has arranged for reduced rate group memberships with two air transportation services (PHI and AIRMED).

Note that a membership is restricted to one specific air service ONLY. A membership does not cover costs if a different air transportation service is used. In other words, PHI and AIRMED CARE would each require a separate membership.

Please see the HLA website for additional information: [www.hammondlandowners.org](http://www.hammondlandowners.org).



## **WHERE ARE YOU?? HOME ADDRESS SIGNS**

It is extremely important to post your home address in large reflective numbers that can be clearly and quickly seen from the road. In the past, there have been cases where emergency response was delayed due to the inability to quickly and accurately locate the residence. Emergency response teams cannot help if they cannot locate your residence.



Do **NOT** assume emergency vehicles are equipped with a GPS unit that accurately identifies the location of your home. The only sure way for an emergency response unit to quickly locate your home is a clearly visible reflective address posted at the entrance driveway. It could save your life!!



## **VEHICLES--HOW TO GET AROUND**

Residents who live in the remote areas of Hammond Ranch typically own a 4 x 4 vehicle equipped with emergency clothes, supplies, winter tires, tow chain, jumper cables and tire chains. Be prepared!!

Depending on residence location, a four-wheel (or all-wheel-drive) vehicle is recommended. You can get along without one, but there might be times when you are unable to get out.

## **ANIMAL ISSUES-WILD CRITTERS**

Mother Nature has provided us with “wonderful neighbors” such as deer, bears, mountain lions, bobcats, coyotes, raccoons, skunks, trout, hummingbirds, squirrels, etc... These “neighbors” have been here long before Hammond Ranch. Most of the wild animals cause little harm, however, there are some (bears, mountain lions and deer) that can be dangerous and require special caution.



Wild animals are constantly looking for food such as garden and landscape plants, domestic pets, chickens and bags of stored food. A wildlife writer described a pet poodle on a deck as a “meatloaf with fur.” Neighborhood bears are attracted to kitchen scraps, bird feeders, garbage cans, pet food, etc... Residents should not be surprised when deer, gophers and rabbits eat expensive landscaping and garden plants.

Residents should be accommodating to wildlife but should NEVER adopt wildlife. It is against the law to willfully and purposefully feed wild animals.

California Fish and Game is a good resource for additional information.

## **ANIMAL ISSUES--DOMESTIC PETS**



Part of living in Hammond Ranch is the fun of having a pet such as a horse, chicken, pigs, sheep, goats, donkey, duck, dog, cat, llama, etc... Hammond Ranch has few restrictions regarding household pets and small farm animals. Domestic pets should be restricted to your property and not allowed to run free. The odds are high that the pet will either be lost or become a meal for a wild animal. Please keep your pet at home!! Check the laws before you purchase an “exotic” animal. It is illegal to own many animals such as ferrets, hedgehogs, squirrels, gerbils and - believe it or not - monkeys and penguins.

## **DOGS--SPECIAL CONCERNS**

Dog licenses are required in Siskiyou County. The inexpensive license is the best identification if your dog is lost, injured or picked up by animal control. Included with the license is certification that your dog has been vaccinated against rabies. Siskiyou County has reported a high level of rabies in wild animals.



Siskiyou County does not have a dog leash law. When walking a dog along a road, your dog should be under strict voice control or on a leash. Please show consideration for your neighbors as some people have a fear of dogs.

Free-roaming dogs can form dangerous packs that harm or kill livestock and wildlife. In Siskiyou County, ranchers and property owners are allowed to protect themselves, livestock and pets against dog attacks. California and Siskiyou County law places responsibility for damage caused by dogs squarely on the shoulders of the dog owner.



## **HUNTING**

There are many regulations concerning hunting. Hunters must have a California hunting license and comply with California hunting regulations. It would be wise to familiarize yourself with them. Refer to California Fish and Game Code Section 3004.

That code partially states: “(a) It is unlawful for any person, other than the owner, person in possession of the premises, or a person having the express permission of the owner or person in possession of the premises, to hunt or to discharge while hunting, any firearm or other deadly weapon within 150 yards of any occupied dwelling house...”

You have the right to prohibit hunting on your private property. Anyone who enters onto your property without permission is trespassing. You have the right to advise an uninvited hunter that they are trespassing and are subject to trespass laws and possible arrest.

## **FIREARMS**



Discharge of a firearm on your property is permitted. You must however comply with California Gun and Hunting laws.

California Penal Code (246.3 PC) states the following:

- It is illegal for any person to willfully discharge a firearm in a grossly negligent manner which could result in injury or death to a person.

- It is illegal for any person to maliciously and willfully discharge a firearm at an inhabited dwelling, house, occupied building, occupied motor vehicle, occupied aircraft, inhabited house, car or inhabited camper.

California Hunting laws prohibit the discharge of a firearm within 150-yards of a residence, building or occupied area or in any place where a person or property is exposed to injury or damage.

## **HAMMOND RANCH ROADS**

### **AUTHORIZED USE**

#### **GENERAL PUBLIC AND UNINVITED GUESTS-NO TRESPASSING**

The general public and uninvited guests are not authorized to drive on Hammond Ranch roads. The roads are private property, owned and maintained by Hammond Ranch landowners. The general public and uninvited guests are not authorized to use the roads as they would be trespassing on private property.



#### **HAMMOND LANDOWNERS--ROAD USE AS ALLOWED BY THE HAMMOND RANCH**

##### **“PARCEL MAP”**

Hammond Ranch was created by a “parcel map.” Hammond Ranch is not a “subdivision.” Land within Hammond Ranch is private property.

According to Real Estate Law, authorities have held that landowners in an area defined by a “parcel map” have the right to travel along all roads shown on the parcel map. In other words, Hammond Ranch landowners can travel (walk, jog, drive) on roads within the Hammond Ranch area. Landowners can travel on the roads but do not have permission to park on the roads nor trespass on the adjacent land.

#### **HAMMOND LANDOWNERS--ROAD USE AS ALLOWED BY A “ROAD EASEMENT”**

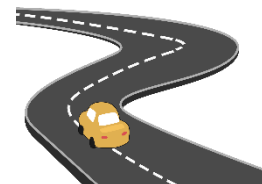
A “road easement” is a right to pass along a road which is located on private property for the purpose of egress and ingress (going and coming). Hammond Ranch landowners and their invited guests have an “easement” right to travel to and from their property.

An easement is a *restricted* right to a specific, limited, definable use or activity upon another person’s private property. A roadway easement does not include the right to use the easement for any other purpose other than travel to and from a landowner’s property.

#### **ROAD MAINTENANCE--HAMMOND RANCH LANDOWNERS**

Each landowner is responsible for the maintenance of their portion of an access road. Landowners have a *duty* and *responsibility* to maintain their portion of the road:

- According to California Real Estate Law, the owner of a road easement not only has the *right* to maintain and repair an easement, they also have a *duty* to keep the easement in a safe condition so as to prevent injury to other persons.



- According to California Civil Law (Section 845), private landowners, whether resident or not, are required to participate in repair and maintenance of their private road easement in proportion to their use of the easement.

There is no known formal written road maintenance agreement for Hammond Ranch roads. In most cases, each road in Hammond Ranch has an informal group of volunteers who collect funds and perform road maintenance.

The Hammond Landowners Association (HLA) has a financial reimbursement program for road maintenance based on the number of HLA dues paying members on the road, the length of the road, total number of people who use the road and budgetary constraints. The reimbursement does not pay the full cost of road maintenance or repair.

### **SISKIYOU COUNTY ROAD MAINTENANCE**

Siskiyou County owns and maintains Old Stage Road and College Avenue. These roads have a 60 foot wide County property boundary (30 feet each side of the road centerline).



During the winter, Siskiyou County will snow plow the roads. The roads might not be kept free of snow and ice *at all times*. Drive carefully during winter snow conditions.

- Plowing typically begins when three inches of snow accumulates on the roadway. If a three-inch accumulation is not reached by late afternoon plowing will be delayed until the following morning.
- County snow plows push the snow to the *right* side of the road. The County will not remove the pile of plowed snow (berms) from private road access, mailboxes or driveways.
- Siskiyou County prohibits parking in the roadway during snow removal operations. Offending vehicles could be ticketed and towed.

## **LAND USE ISSUES**

### **HAMMOND RANCH--COVENANTS, CONDITIONS, AND RESTRICTIONS (CC & Rs)**



Hammond Ranch has Covenants, Conditions, and Restrictions (CC&Rs) regarding land use. The CC&Rs were established in 1969 as part of a general improvement plan. Each landowner is expected to comply with the CC&Rs for the benefit of all.

For a complete copy of the CC&R's see the HLA web site: [www.hammondlandowners.org](http://www.hammondlandowners.org).

The CC&Rs include the following requirements:

- *Each parcel owner shall maintain the premises in a neat and livable condition, and shall not allow any unsightly buildings or objects to occupy the land. Each parcel owner shall promptly remove all trash, garbage and rubbish upon said premises.*
- *No shed, tent, garage, tar paper shack, travel trailer, or camper or other outbuilding shall at any time be used as a residence upon any part of said development, except that a trailer or camper*



*may be so used while a residence is under construction for a period not to exceed three hundred sixty (360) days...*

- *A trailer, camper or tent may be used as a residence on any parcel for a period not to exceed four (4) consecutive months for summer recreational purposes.*
- *A parcel owner shall not suffer or permit any unlawful, improper, or offensive use of his premises, or any use or occupancy thereof, contrary to any local, state or federal laws, or which shall be injurious to any person or property.*
- *All bathroom and toilet conveniences shall be placed within the walls of the cabin or house.*
- *Each parcel owner shall dispose of sewage by means of a septic tank constructed on his parcel.*

## **SISKIYOU COUNTY LAND USE RESTRICTIONS**

Siskiyou County has the following restrictions regarding Hammond Ranch:



### **ZONING (Siskiyou County Code Sections 10-6.4801 and 4802)**

Siskiyou County has zoned the Hammond Ranch area as a “Rural Residential Agricultural District” (R-R). An R-R district is intended to provide an area where rural residential uses can be compatibly mixed with commercial agricultural activities. An R-R district allows one single-family dwelling and small acreage farming except commercial dairies, commercial kennels, commercial rabbit, fox, goat, horse and hog farms, commercial chicken or poultry ranches, riding stables, rodeos or commercial horse rentals, etc.

### **MINIMUM PARCEL SIZE (Resolution 85-325--Special Density Designation for Hammond Ranch East)**

Siskiyou County has established a minimum five acre parcel size for Hammond Ranch.

### **OPEN RANGE**

Siskiyou County is designated as an “Open Range” county. Open range requires a landowner, not the rancher, to fence out unwanted cattle, sheep or other livestock from their private property. In the past, cattle grazing in Hammond Ranch was a recurring nuisance problem. The problem was eliminated in 1986 when cattle were removed from the Hammond Ranch area.

### **APPROVED SANITARY SYSTEM (Siskiyou Code Section 5-2.13)**

Every building, structure, mobile home, manufactured home, recreation vehicle, house, car, motor vehicle, bus, camper shell, tent or any other vehicle used as a place of habitation, or any other place or premises where an individual(s) permanently or temporarily resides shall be equipped with approved sanitary facilities and connected to a public or approved, onsite sewer system.

### **CAMPING OUTSIDE DESIGNATED CAMPGROUNDS (Siskiyou Ordinance 17-13)**

This ordinance is intended to protect private property from the destruction and littering that may accompany prolonged camping or squatting. In general, it is unlawful and a public nuisance to camp or squat upon private property that does not have a legally-established residence or a County approved permit. If approved by permit, camping is limited to 30-days in one year.

### **UNLAWFUL DUMP SITE (Siskiyou Code Section 5-1032)**

It is unlawful for any person to establish, maintain or dump garbage and refuse at any area which has not been approved as a disposal area.

### **ILLEGAL TRESPASS--NOTIFICATION AND AUTHORIZATION FORMS**

In Hammond Ranch there is a growing problem with uninvited “squatters” who illegally camp on unoccupied property. The squatters have started fires and left trash and sewage that threatens the Hammond Ranch community. The Sheriff cannot evict “squatters” without official authorization from the owner of the property.

To minimize the problem, a written authorization form (Trespass Authorization Form) can be prepared ahead of time and filed with the Sheriff’s office and a copy filed with HLA. This form allows a neighbor to report a trespass when the owner is not present. Residents who are aware of squatters should coordinate a Trespass Authorization form with absentee and part-time landowners.



Trespass Authorization forms are available online at the HLA website.

### **UNINVITED SOLICITATION**

There are no regulations against solicitation in Hammond Ranch. However, Hammond Ranch roads are privately owned and subject to trespass laws. Driving on a Hammond Ranch road without permission is trespassing. A landowner can advise an uninvited person they are subject to trespass laws and request they leave.

### **DWIGHT HAMMOND AGRICULTURAL RESERVOIR (HAMMOND POND)**



The Dwight Hammond Agricultural Reservoir (Hammond Pond) is sadly NOT part of the Hammond Ranch Development.

The Dwight Hammond Agricultural Reservoir is filled with water from the Sacramento river watershed. The water is controlled (metered) by the State of California and is reserved for authorized agricultural users downstream of the pond. The land under and adjacent to the pond is private land owned by landowners such as the Siskiyou Land Trust and Lakewood Ranch Association.

## **HOME AND RESIDENCE ISSUES**

### **PROPERTY BOUNDARIES--SURVEY**

When purchasing property, real estate agents typically provide new owners with a small parcel map that roughly shows the boundaries of the property.

An on-site inspection by the new owner may reveal alleged “survey markers” such as pieces of rebar, pipe, fences, marks on trees, or piles of rock.

These markers are typically not legal boundary markers and should not be trusted without verification by a licensed surveyor.



A land survey conducted by a licensed surveyor is the only way to verify the location of property lines. This is not a place to save a few dollars. Residences, outbuildings, wells, septic tanks, leach fields and fences must all be sited within specific distances of property boundaries and neighboring structures. It can be expensive to relocate a structure or fix a property boundary.

### **WATER--“THE REAL GOLD”**

Water is the real gold in the West. Water is critical for rural living. Nearly all residences in Hammond Ranch have water supplied from an underground reservoir. The water is supplied to the residence by an underground pump located in a metal encased well pipe. The underground water reservoir is filled by surface rainwater.



In years of drought, some Hammond Ranch wells have gone dry. Some wells, particularly in dry years, do not produce more than a few gallons per minute. Water conservation should be a rural way of life. Low-flow water devices and appliances are prudent and sometimes necessary.

There are streams that pass through the Hammond Ranch area. Water rights on streams and rivers are governed by California law. Even though a property is adjacent to a flowing stream, the landowner might not have the right to use, divert or impound the water.

### **SANITARY WASTE**



Nearly all residences in Hammond Ranch have an individual sewage disposal system (often called a "septic tank system"). A septic system includes an underground tank and leach field. In the tank, bacteria digest the solid waste and the separated "black" water flows out into a buried discharge pipe (leach field) where it soaks into the ground. Undigested solids settle to the bottom of the tank where they must be periodically pumped out and taken to a treatment facility.

All new or rebuilt septic systems require a Siskiyou County permit and inspection prior to use to ensure proper installation.

Septic systems typically fail when:

- They are not pumped regularly (every 5 to 10 years).
- Bacteria-killing chemicals (such as bleach, drain cleaner and paint thinner...) are flushed into the tank.
- Non-biodegradable materials (such as plastics, cloth, diapers...) are flushed into the tank.
- The leach field is compacted by driving heavy vehicles over the leach field discharge pipes.

Residents should know the exact location of the septic tank and the leach field. Heavy equipment operators (such as a septic pumping company) need to know the exact location to prevent possible collapse of the tank or damage to the leach field.

## **TRASH**

Loose trash is ugly and will attract unwanted visitors such as bears, dogs, raccoons and maybe the County Code Enforcement Officer. If an animal or wind scatters trash, it is up to landowner to clean it up. Please don't trash your neighborhood.



Trash removal should be a regular chore. Most people haul their trash and recycle materials to the Black Butte county transfer station or use the services of a local trash removal company.

## **ELECTRICAL SERVICE**

Electrical service is provided by Pacific Power Corporation. Residents are billed each month for electrical use.

Hammond Ranch has a mix of underground and overhead power lines. In areas where the lines are overhead, Pacific Power contracts with a tree company to trim trees away from power lines and remove vegetation from the base of power poles.

Summer storms or heavy winter snows may knock out power. During an extended outage, the electric refrigerator, well pump, heating fan, house lighting, and electric cooking are inoperable. Some residents have installed electric generators to provide emergency lights, water and heat. The generator must be installed by a qualified electrician to prevent dangerous electrical feedback on the power lines.

Recently, the Public Utilities Commission identified the Hammond Ranch area as a Tier 3 High Hazard Wildfire area. Wildfire preventative actions could include shutting off all electrical power during extreme wildfire Red Flag conditions. Since 2019 the power company has been working to resolve the issues.

It is a good idea to keep a supply of non-perishable food and water on hand. Be prepared if the refrigerator, well pump and lights go out.

## **WILDFIRE ISSUES**

### **FIRE SAFE COUNCIL WILDFIRE HANDBOOK**

Wildfire is the greatest threat to the safety of the community. It is a landowner responsibility to learn how to protect themselves, their property, and their forest against wildfire.



The Hammond Ranch Fire Safe Council has prepared a booklet regarding wildfire safety. Each resident should read and implement the recommendations in the booklet.

The booklet is available on the HLA website at: [www.hammondlandowners.org](http://www.hammondlandowners.org).

## **NEW ALERT SYSTEM FOR SISKIYOU COUNTY**

The Siskiyou County Sheriff's Office, Siskiyou County Office of Emergency Services (OES), CalFire, dispatchers, law enforcement, and other partners have relied on CodeRED as our main alert notification provider. As things have developed, and with the backing of local jurisdictions, the Siskiyou County Sheriff and the Office of Emergency Services have decided to upgrade to a new alert notification system, [ReadySiskiyou-Alerts](https://www.co.siskiyou.ca.us/ReadySiskiyou).



The ReadySiskiyou-Alerts upgrade will provide the county with a more reliable emergency alert system, ensuring enhanced safety and security for our community. With this upgrade, residents can expect improved response times during critical situations, allowing for quicker dissemination of vital information during emergencies such as fires, natural disasters, severe weather events, or public safety incidents.

To receive emergency alerts from Siskiyou County, go to [ReadySiskiyou-Alerts](https://www.co.siskiyou.ca.us/ReadySiskiyou) and register your new account with [ReadySiskiyou-Alerts](https://www.co.siskiyou.ca.us/ReadySiskiyou) (Smart911). Including your address during registration will assist in preventing alerts that are not relevant to your area. Additionally, please select your preferred language for receiving alerts, as [ReadySiskiyou-Alerts](https://www.co.siskiyou.ca.us/ReadySiskiyou) has the capability to send alerts in multiple languages. To read the announcement from the Sheriff's Office, follow this link: <https://www.co.siskiyou.ca.us/ReadySiskiyou>.

## **GENASYS PROTECT**

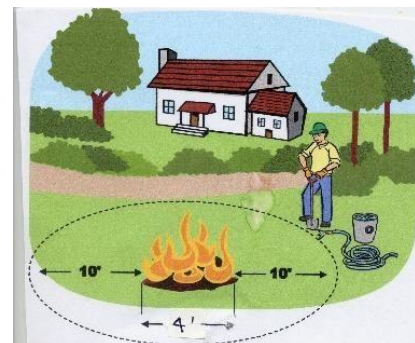


You may have signed up for ZoneHaven, the site that identifies evacuation zones in case of an emergency. It is now Genasys Protect. Genasys Protect uses your location on the website and in the app to offer you the most relevant information, but does not share that information with any outside companies. Most of the Ranch is in Zone SIS-6007, but it would be wise to double check. Visit [Genasys Protect](https://www.genasys.com) to find your zone.

## **OPEN DEBRIS BURNING**

Many property owners burn landscaping and dead wood debris. CALFIRE has the following restrictions regarding open burning:

- Maximum pile size is four feet in diameter.
- Clear all flammable material and vegetation within 10 feet of the outer edge of pile.
- Keep a water supply close to the burning site.
- An adult should be in attendance with a shovel until the fire is out.
- No burning shall be undertaken unless weather conditions (particularly wind) are such that burning can be considered safe.
- No household trash or garbage can be burned outdoors at residences.
- Burning can only be done on permissive burn days.
- Burn permits (available from City Hall, the fire department or CALFIRE) are only valid on "Permissive Burn Days." Prior to burning, call Siskiyou County Burn Day Information Line, 530-842-8123.



## **HAMMOND RANCH & HLA--A BRIEF HISTORY**



*In the late 1960's, John Engvald and Richard Ramsey purchased 2,670-acres on the east side of the Dwight Hammond ranch. The land was subdivided into 390 parcels and offered for sale to the general public. The land was identified on a parcel map as "Hammond Ranch East".*

*The Hammond Ranch East development was advertised to potential buyers as a high-class planned community. Buyers were offered free airplane flights to visit the area where they were shown pictures of bikini-clad bathing beauties water skiing across Hammond Pond. Buyers were also shown plans for a proposed ski resort on Mt. Eddy and told they would be able to "ski right to their door."*

*The discussion of a ski resort started in 1968, when Mr. George Vanderbilt spent thousands of dollars on a feasibility study to build a ski resort in the Mt. Eddy area. In 1970, the Southern Pacific Land Development Company took over the project and started negotiations to acquire road easements and access rights in Hammond Ranch.*

*The Hammond Ranch developers were excited and pushed sales of the Hammond Ranch parcels. Unfortunately, the Southern Pacific Land Company did not share the vision of a ski resort. Southern Pacific Land Company cancelled the project. The dream collapsed and the ski resort was never built.*



*The landowner association was formed in 1969. Membership in the association was "voluntary" and financial and legal authority was never provided. The association (originally called the "Hammond Lake Association") was registered as a non-profit corporation in Oct 1969.*

*In 1989, the association changed the name to the current Hammond Landowners Association and updated the Bylaws and Articles of Incorporation to reflect current activities and responsibilities. Today, the HLA remains a voluntary organization with operating funds provided by voluntary membership dues.*

*The accomplishments of the Hammond Ranch volunteer organizations are impressive. Many past problems (such as cattle grazing, no fire department and paving Old Stage and College Ave) have been resolved. Today the HLA is facing new problems such as squatters, marijuana growing and wildfire.*

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**WE ENCOURAGE ALL LANDOWNERS TO JOIN AND PARTICIPATE IN HLA ACTIVITIES.**

**WE WELCOME YOU!!**

