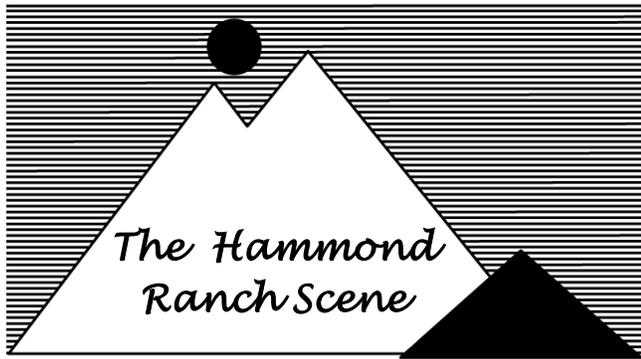


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Message From the President

As winter approaches, it is time to make plans on how you will access your property during major snowfalls. Unless your property borders Old Stage Road, your access is by shared easements. Because these are private, there is no county snow clearing. Therefore, snow plowing is the responsibility of the people who use the easement to get to and from their homes. There are many residents who use their private equipment, plows and tractors, attempting to keep the easements clear for everyone. Please show them respect and appreciation for their efforts. Helping them out with fuel costs would be a kind gesture.

At times, there might be major overnight storms that are beyond private capabilities. Unfortunately, it might take days for outside contractors to complete town road clearing before they can come to Hammond Ranch. Be prepared for the possibility of being isolated for several days, especially during the El Niño winter that is forecast. Have enough food, medications and alternative heating to get through possible power outages.

Hammond Ranch can be exceptionally beautiful in winter. It can also be a challenge. Be prepared, stay safe, and enjoy. And check on your neighbors.

Erich Ziller

Seeking Snowplowers

Many people have had private snowplowers clear their driveways during the winter. We have learned that several of the plowers have retired or are retiring soon. If you have equipment and are available for hire to clear driveways or know of someone that is available, please let us know.

Send an email to hla@hammondlandowners.org. We will get the word out.



Run Report

Hammond Ranch Fire Company went on 17 calls out during the third quarter of this year: 2 Other Fires, 1 traffic collision, 11 medicals and 3 public service calls.



Many thanks to CAL FIRE's Siskiyou Unit and the HR Fire Company for their hard work. It is very much appreciated.

Update From the Chief

We are still working on trying to obtain a government grant for fuel reduction within the Ranch.

The fire station has received some much needed updates as of late: new floors, new fridges and a backup generator to be installed at the end of the month. Currently, we have three sleeper volunteers, one of which is in the medic program at College of the Siskiyous. With the additional volunteers, I hope our responses get better but it's always a matter of availability.

I hope all Hammond Ranch landowners continue to burn when the weather cooperates, but remember to stay in regulation and ensure you have a permit from CAL FIRE, which can now be obtained online.

Again, thanks for the continued support and feel free to reach out with any questions.

Kyle Lunsford, Chief 4200

Welcome Basket

A welcome basket was presented to Stephanie He (originally from Clarksville, Maryland) and Evan Hadfield (Dallas, Texas) by Neera Paine and Tricia Elberts. Stephanie and Evan met in San Francisco in 2016 while working at software companies. During a two-week backpacking trip in 2019, that took them from Dunsmuir up to Mount Eddy, they fell in love with our region. They spent two years during the Covid pandemic traveling across the country in their van while also wondering where to put down roots.

While scanning the internet for available property in Siskiyou County, they came across a magical place on Red Fir Loop in Hammond Ranch and immediately realized this is where they were meant to live. The day after seeing the listing on a Thursday, they booked a flight and made an offer by Monday.

Stephanie continues to work remotely for a software company, while Evan is super excited about a new business venture, marketing edible insects. Tricia and Neera were treated to a taste of ground-up crickets in a chocolate base. (Tastes just like chocolate-covered nuts!)

Stephanie and Evan love the outdoors. You can see them riding their e-bikes around the Ranch. Evan has been a board member of HLA for a year and volunteered to be the secretary.

A belated welcome to Stephanie and Evan. It's good to have you here!



Genasys Protect

Genasys Protect (formerly Zonehaven) is a national emergency warning system for emergency alerting, notifications, evacuations and repopulations. It receives alerts and warnings from multiple sources and activates notifications.

It is different from CodeRed. Genasys has created zones along with the county, local fire, police and emergency services. It is a way for our local agencies to identify areas that are in danger.

Knowing your zone will help you prepare for emergencies and get the latest information.

There is an app that you can download to follow a zone and get notified about it. All information provided on the site comes from Genasys and local emergency services teams.

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.

Hammond Ranch is in about five zones, so download the app from Plays Store or from this link: <https://protect.genasys.com/download> and enter your address. It will show you which zone you are in, so that you can see the emergency status of that zone.



Thanksgiving Time

When the night winds whistle through the trees and blow
the crisp brown leaves a-crackling down,
When the autumn moon is big and yellow-orange and
round,
When old Jack Frost is sparkling on the ground,
It's Thanksgiving Time!

When the pantry jars are full of mince-meat and the
shelves are laden with sweet spices for a cake,
When the butcher man sends up a turkey nice and fat to
bake,
When the stores are crammed with everything ingenious
cooks can make,
It's Thanksgiving Time!

When the gales of coming winter outside your window
howl,
When the air is sharp and cheery so it drives away your
scowl,
When one's appetite craves turkey and will have no other
fowl,
It's Thanksgiving Time!

by Langston Hughes



Evan, Stephanie & Neva

HLA Annual Meeting

The annual meeting took place on Saturday, November 4, at the Mt. Shasta Brewery in Weed. Over 60 people attended. A great turnout! The venue was very convenient and the pizzas were tasty.

The speakers were Hammond Ranch Fire Company Chief Kyle Lunsford (via Zoom), Sheriff Jeremiah LaRue and District 3 Supervisor Michael Kobseff.

Erich Ziller and Neera Paine were reelected to the Board, and Gaurav Narasimhan was elected to serve. There were lively discussions, and the meeting lasted over three hours.

After the meeting, Gaurav notified the board that he would not be able to serve and nominated his wife, Mahroushka, to serve. The Board approved that nomination at their November meeting. Welcome Mahroushka!



Sheriff LaRue



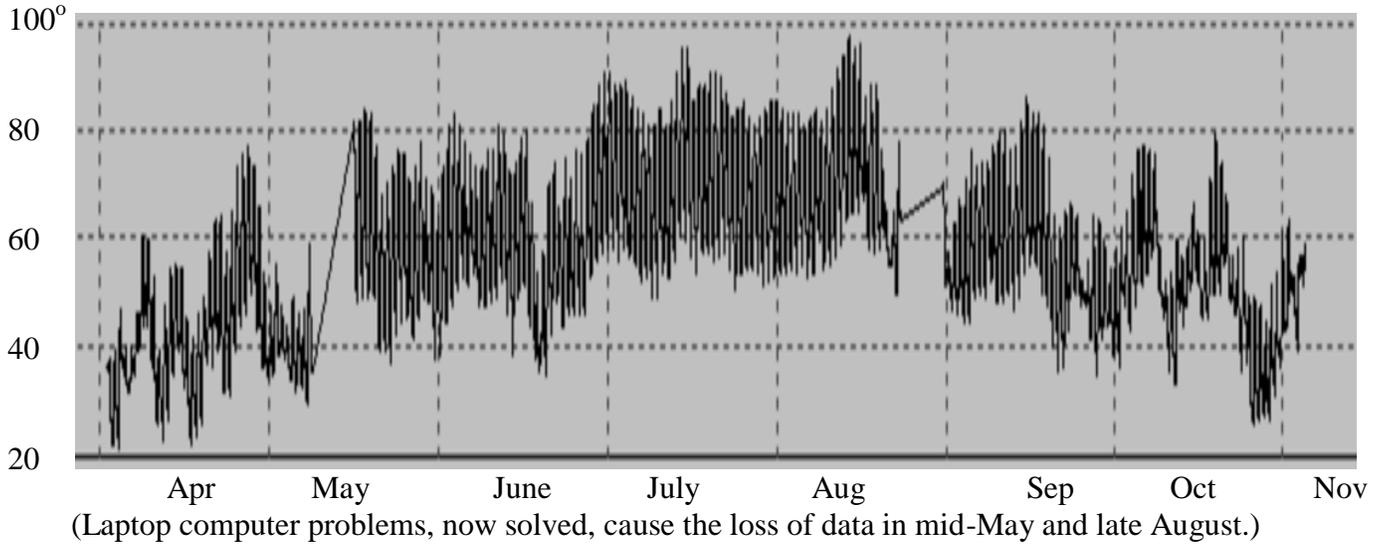
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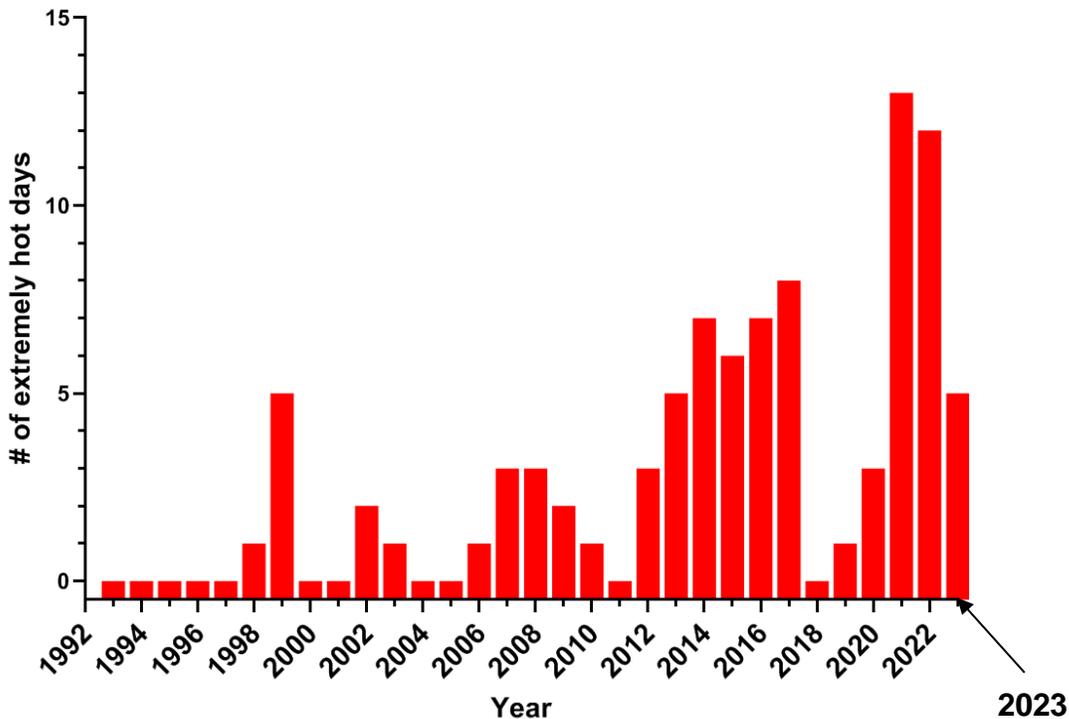
Dan's Weather Article

Fall, 2023

This past summer, 2023 has been quite moderate and pleasant in the Hammond Ranch region: not unusually hot (nor unusually smoky). As we shall see, that local situation contrasts radically when compared to the global record. Here is the temperature trace as recorded at the 4200' elevation in the SE part of the Ranch:

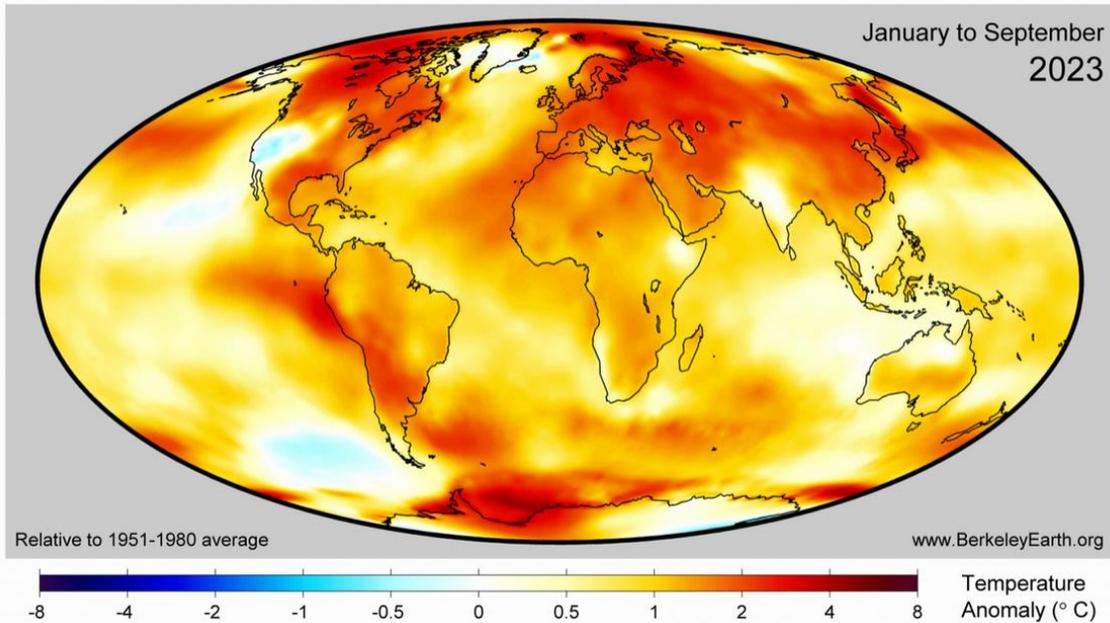


The moderate-ness is confirmed by the number of extremely hot days (defined here as 98 or higher in Mt. Shasta City, and thereby about 95 degrees or higher here at the Ranch due to our higher elevation): only five such days occurred this past summer, far fewer than the recent trend (although still more than what was typical 10-20 years ago):



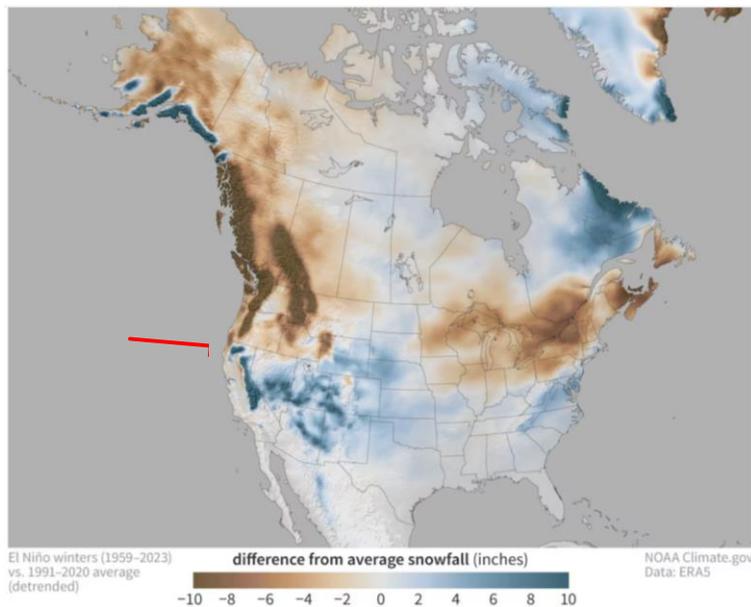
Smoke from wildfires probably was eased in part by the fewer extremely hot days, by only a few episodes of lightning and by residual moisture left over from last winter's very heavy snowfall in the nearby Klamath Mountains.

Globally, the story was very different. The whole year of 2023 so far was one of the hottest ever recorded as a global average. But there was only one glaring exception on land: the mountain west of the US, including us! See the small blue blotch on the map below.



September alone was the hottest ever recorded globally, by a large margin, 1.6°F compared to the 1991-2020 average. This is a huge deviation. In the 1991-2020 period, the deviation from average ranged only from -0.9°F to +0.7°F, globally. But, again, not here. September was actually 1.1°F *below* normal in the Mt. Shasta area.

What is the snowfall projection for this coming winter? Attention is usually paid to the recurrent and currently growing "El Niño" pattern of increased ocean temperatures in the equatorial eastern Pacific. El Niño usually makes winter in the US Northwest warmer and dryer than normal and the US Southwest colder and wetter than normal. Since the Mt. Shasta area is between the two regions, predictions are riskier. But we can look at the actual record in the past, in this case the deviation from average snowfall (over all years) that has occurred during just El Niño years of 1991-2020. The map below shows clearly that El Niño correlates with less snowfall than average to the north, and more to the south. Although we are "on the cusp," El Niño locally has actually produced excessive snowfall in the nearby Klamath mountain region (see the red arrow pointing to the deep blue splotch right near us):



Adding to the uncertainty is the perplexing fact that last winter, which produced a huge dump of snowfall here (a cumulative total of 32 feet at 4200' elevation) was a "La Niña" year, the opposite of El Niño for equatorial Pacific ocean temperature deviation. Even more perplexingly, last year saw a US Southwest that was much wetter than normal and a Pacific Northwest that was drier than norm, the exact opposite of what is expected from La Niña. Like any complex system with a lot of interacting influences (like human individual and social behavior), weather is only somewhat predictable.

The National Weather Service always handles the uncertainty in long-range forecasts by reporting probabilities that a prediction is correct. For precipitation in the Jan-Mar, 2024 period in this region, the NWS predicts probabilities of 33% chance of above normal, 33% chance of near normal, and 33% chance of below normal. In other words, no bias toward any of the three deviations. But for temperature, NWS predicts a 50% chance of above normal, and 50% of either near or below normal. In other words, warmer is significantly more likely than either of the other two deviations.

by Daniel Axelrod

2023-24 Board Members

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	Mahroushka Narasimhan	415-307-9709

Community Liaison - Neera Paine & Tricia Elberts
The Hammond Ranch Scene Editor - Larie Wearing

The HLA Board of Directors cares about and wants to hear members' opinions, suggestions and ideas. Members are welcome to attend any of the board meetings. If you plan to attend, please let the host know in advance so that accommodations can be made.

We also encourage members to write to us and create a dialogue on topics of interest to Hammond Ranch landowners. The Board members can be reached by phone at the numbers listed above, by snail mail c/o HLA, P.O. Box 795, Mount Shasta, California 96067, or via email at hla@hammondlandowners.org.

Calendar

- HLA Board Meeting – Second Tuesday of every month, 6:30 p.m. Call any board member or send an email to hla@hammondlandowners.org for meeting location and/or Zoom link. Let us know of your questions or concerns so they can be included on the agenda.
- The Annual HLA Picnic is usually scheduled for the Saturday after the 4th of July.
- HLA Members' Annual Meeting is the first Saturday in November.
- Siskiyou County Board of Supervisors – First, second and third Tuesdays of every month, 10:00 a.m., County Courthouse, Yreka. Call the Clerk at 842-8081 to confirm the meeting.
- Siskiyou County Fire Safe Council - Meets monthly. Check their website for dates, <https://firesafesiskiyou.com/>
- Hammond Ranch Fire Safe Council -- Contact a Board member about participating.

Helpful Links

- HLA Membership form: <https://hammondlandowners.org/>;
 Previous newsletters and Landowners Usage of Ranch Roads Newsletter Articles:
<https://hammondlandowners.org/newsletters>;
 Road maintenance reimbursement: <https://hammondlandowners.org/road-work-reimbursement>;
 Hammond Ranch CC&Rs: <https://hammondlandowners.org/hammond-ranch-cc%26rs>;
 Trespass Authorizations and Landowner Handbook: <https://hammondlandowners.org/news-and-information>.



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