

Land Management Report

October 25, 2003

Buzzard Peak

Thanks are given out to all who have been diligently working on the clean up and clearing of areas around the landsite. Many compliments have been received from new visitors and members alike.

Old Projects

Kitchen – After inspection and review of the current kitchen facilities it is Land Management's recommendation that a new facility be built instead of enclosing the current one. The logistics of closing the current kitchen do not allow for proper venting of the cooking areas. The structure is not build heavy enough to carry the weight of all the equipment and walls. There are signs of weakness in the floor. Land Management would like to move the location to the west (behind the current location) far enough to place the original wood burning cooking pit in front of the kitchen. The old fire pit is the oldest and the first project built on the landsite. Land Management would like to propose that it be restored to make a memorial for those who worked hard to make Buzzard Peak a reality.

Tim (Waffle House) has acquired a commercial vent-hood for the landsite. Waffle House has donated it for our use as they are renovating there stores.

Restroom – Donations for the restroom are still coming in. Several more toilets have been donated along with an air conditioner. Land Management is investigating venders of prefabricated buildings as an option for a building for the restroom. Getting a work crew organized with proper skills to build a quality building will be difficult.

Dressing Room – Fire Dancers San Antonio and Friends has moved the dressing room. It is dried in and weatherproofed. Some finish work remains but a good job has been done on this project.

New Projects

Road – There has been a new road cut (Larry Perry and Friends) from the parking lot to the entrance road just to the west of the restroom. It is still in development but can be driven. It will facilitate campers in that area and be a drive-thru for the new bunkhouse location. Stump removal is being investigated either by a stump grinder or a bulldozer.

Camping Area's – New clearing is being done in areas behind the kitchen to parking lot.

Walk-in Cooler – New power hook up is being worked on by Tom.

RV's, Campers, and Wheeled Vehicles – Land Management is working on organizing the campground to sectionalize the areas for wheeled campers and tent campers. Because of a limited resource of electrical hook-ups it is necessary to place the wheeled campers in a location that does not drain the availability of hook-ups for tent campers. We are investigating expanding an area along the road on both sides from the parking lot to the new restroom location. A new 200 Amp service in that area will be built to serve those campers. LM recommends funds of a minimum of \$300 and a maximum of \$600 for associated cost.

Compound – Land Management would like to reconfigure and expand the compound. It is need of upgrading and some design work. We would like to have clearer definition of the play area and the camping area. Some suggestions have been made and more will be sought for design. Some request that has been made by participants of the play area are to improve the lighting, improve the cleaning station, provide more private area's, provide a rest area, and to move the “coffee clutch” further away from the play stations.

Caca Casa – Removal and disposal of structure and filling of holes.

Peckerwood Place – Removal and disposal of garbage and old building materials from the area. Clean up for placing pop-up campers in area off the field.

Future Project's

Bunkhouse – Location has been selected and current projects are being coordinated to the new location. No particular design has been chosen but many ideas have been discussed.

Land Management has been holding regular meeting at each opportunity there is a quorum and before each quarterly meeting. New policies and policy revisions were presented to the Board of Directors and approved. Some were to clean up old language that does not apply to our current practices. Some were to make revisions to protect our assets. Some were to improve the pricing structure for land use and energy consumption.

Land Management would like to remind all members that the use of the “Request/Donation” form is the best method for action from this committee. Approved in the last quarter was a request from Fire Dancers San Antonio to place a trailer behind the TCC trailer for their use. The power for the campsite will be paid for on a sub-metered basis by FDSA. Also approved was the donation of a swimming pool (Lone Star Leathermen) to be placed in the current pool location. Lone Star Leathermen will buy and maintain the equipment needed to operate the pool.