NAPgA Members:

Much has transpired since the last newsletter. The Rendezvous has come and gone, and Curtis King did a great job of coordinating that effort. Summer hiking has now become a happy memory, and it is time to batten down the hatches in anticipation for winter.

Lest you think that with Judge Winmill’s decision in the Shoshone a done deal, we are out of the woods and can live happily ever after, consider this: The Blue Mountains is still bent on throwing us out of the woods, there is still a land use plan to be settled in the Inyo, Sequoia and Sierra National Forests, and the new wilderness in Idaho has already threatened to throw all packers out of one of my favorite areas in the White Cloud mountains.

We have our work cut out for us for the foreseeable future. This stereotypical myth of the danger of goats is as persistent as superglue, and it will take a long time and a lot of effort to bring reason into this discussion. by Larry Robinson

Hey!

National Forest personnel are overworked, usually underpaid, and the system itself is more and more underfunded.

You can help with NAPgA’s public relations by volunteering for trail maintenance every summer. Years ago, a few of us cleared 5 miles of trail through an area in the Winds stricken with major deadfall due to a forest fire in 1988.

National Forests depend on volunteers. What better way to be looked upon in a positive light than to volunteer for trail work? It’s much better to walk the walk, rather than merely talking the talk.

Charlie Jennings
President, NAPgA

From the NL Editor:

As you well know, there has not been a newsletter for some time. That is at least in part due to the lack of help in accomplishing this NL.

FYI: It is the opinion of some, and I am one of them, that when the NL’s dry up, so do the funds.

However, after 11 years of producing NLs, I am at the point where I am needing help, and without that, the NLs will possibly not happen as often as they should.

The Newsletter cannot be effective without input from the membership. It’s up to you.