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Greetings Friends of Squaw Creek,

I hope you all are doing well in these challenging times. I want to share a few updates.

FOSC BOD: The Branagh family purchased the Poulsen family compound and are now riparian landowners of a portion of Squaw Creek. As such, Andrew Branagh has joined the Friends of Squaw Creek Board of Directors. Currently, our BOD consists of representatives of the 4 primary landowners and 2 at-large community representatives:

- Eric Veraguth - Resort at Squaw Creek
- Brad Robinson - Alterra/Palisades Tahoe
- Russell Poulsen - Poulsen Commercial
- Andrew Branagh - Sierra Family Meadows
- Ed Heneveld - at large
- Andrew Lange - at large

Projects: With the strong support and guidance of Katrina Smolen, our Executive Director and principal of HydroRestoration, we have continued collaborative efforts to enhance our watershed. Funded by multiple grants, FOSC teamed with Trout Unlimited to implement significant creek and meadow improvements over the past 2 summers. In October, we also had 35 volunteers from Truckee River Day place bank stabilizing beaver dam analogs (BDAs) along a section of the creek.

Name Change: The word "Squaw" has been deemed offensive and will be removed from valley names and sites. Ron Cohen and Alterra provided detailed and undeniable rationale for SkiCorp name change. Placer County will address removal of Squaw names over the next several months (roads, park, sites). The Washoe People have suggested "WaSheShu" (the plural of Washoe People) for Squaw Peak and Squaw Creek and "Olympic Valley" for valley/community assets. Problematically, the US Olympic Committee has refused consent for the use of their trademarked "Olympic" name. *I would appreciate any feedback or suggestions you may have for Squaw Creek name change.*

Firewise: FOSC will join other community groups and agencies as we address necessary wildfire risk reduction. A Community Wildfire Protection Plan is in process, led by the OVPSD and fire department.

Stream Monitoring: Our funding for stream monitoring has expired. We are looking for a way to continue this important data collection.

Invasive weeds: Botanical studies of the valley floor continue to reveal extensive infestations of noxious weeds. Tall Whitetop, spotted knapweed, and a variety of thistles are threatening native grasses. FOSC will work with Placer County Department of Agriculture to address the issue.

Please let me or Kat know of any ideas, questions, or concerns.

Thanks to each of you for your support of Squaw Creek stewardship.

Ed Heneveld