

the Ridge Runner

OCTOBER 2011



----> From Your President.....

As this year's summer season closes, I don't know about you, but it sure seemed like a short season at Sunridge. I'm sure a lot of it has to do with the fact that some of us weren't able to get in and enjoy Sunridge until the middle of June. Now the first week of October, we have already had four to six inches of snow fall. Thank goodness, it has melted so that we can close down our lots and cabins and prepare them for the winter.

I have been told that another member, **Joe Foster**, of the Sunridge family, passed away a few months back, but this is the first RidgeRunner to go out since that time. *Our deepest sympathy goes out to Joe's family.*

Joe Murray is also having some health problems, that has forced him to resign from the Board at Sunridge. *We all wish Joe a speedy recovery.* **Lynn Isaacs** has stepped up and has been appointed to fulfill the rest of Joe's term on the Board. Please see Lynn's article in this RidgeRunner.

It has been reported, that a weed by the name of Myrtle Spurge, that is also being called Donkey Tail, has been growing on Sunridge property. This weed can cause severe second degree burns if the milky substance gets on your skin. If it gets in your eyes, it can cause blindness. We have included an article pertaining to the danger of this weed in this issue on page two. Please

be very careful if you run across this weed.

Just a heads up, for those lot owners that are still not complying with our covenants and Weber County's laws, we have been advised that the Health Department will be coming up in the spring to inspect for approved septic systems on lots with cabins and RV trailers. Weber County is also going to enforce the one RV trailer rule for lots less than two acres and maximum of two RV trailers for lots over two acres. (No lots in Sunridge are allowed to have over this number of trailers for more than ten days.)

It is also good to remember, that no RV trailers can be left within Sunridge during the winter months.

In the Spring, all lots that are going to be utilizing RV trailers for more than ten days must have a land use permit issued by Weber County. These permits must be renewed annually.

I would like to commend **Lee Child** and the picnic committee for their efforts in this years Sunridge picnic. It was great weather and a whole lot of fun, with plenty of food for everyone. Thanks to everyone that worked on this successful event.

Have a wonderful Fall and Winter season and be safe if you are going to Sunridge in the winter, but I will see you in the Spring.

-Mike Richey

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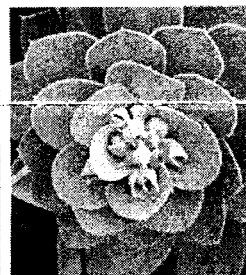
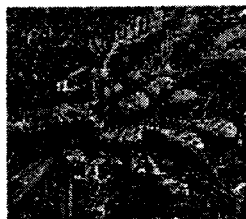
List A Species

Rangeland, pasture, and riparian site recommendations

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Myrtle spurge

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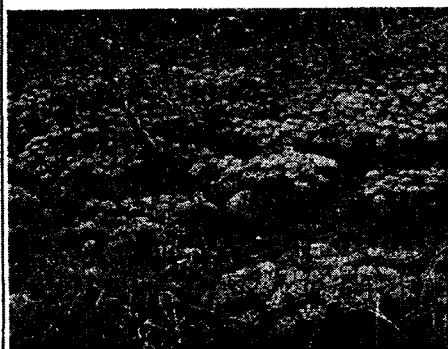


Key ID Points

1. Low growing plant with blue-green, waxy leaves.
2. Flowers are yellow-green petal like bracts that appear from March to May.

Myrtle spurge

Identification and Management



vegetation and reducing wildlife forage. Alternatives to planting myrtle spurge include native plants such as sulphur flower (*Erigeron umbellatus*), Kinnikinnick (*artocostaphylos uvursi*), or creeping mahonia (*Mahonia repens*). The soil seed reserve of myrtle spurge is estimated to be eight years. The site must be monitored for at least nine years after the last flowering adult plants have been eliminated and treatments repeated when necessary.

Identification and Impacts

Myrtle spurge (*Euphorbia myrsinites*) is a low growing perennial with trailing fleshy stems. The leaves are fleshy, blue-green and alternate. Flowers are inconspicuous with yellow-green, petal-like bracts that appear from March to May. Myrtle spurge spreads by seed and plants are capable of projecting seeds up to 15 feet. The plant grows from a taproot, with new stems emerging in early spring and dying back in the winter. Plants can grow up to 8-12 inches high and 12-18 inches in width.

Myrtle spurge contains a toxic, milky sap which can cause severe skin irritations, including blistering. This plant is poisonous if ingested; causing nausea, vomiting and diarrhea. Wearing gloves, long sleeves, shoes, and eye protection is highly recommended when in contact with myrtle spurge, as all plant parts are considered poisonous.

Myrtle spurge is an invasive Ornamental that is native to Eurasia. It is popular with xeriscapes and rock gardens, preferring sunny to partly sunny areas and well drained soils. Myrtle spurge rapidly escapes gardens and invades sensitive ecosystems, out competing native

The key to effective control of myrtle spurge is to remove plants prior to seed set and to detect and remove new populations in natural areas early on. Small areas can be easily removed by mechanical means but should be done early to prevent triggering seed launching. Details on the back of this sheet can help to create a management plan compatible with your site ecology.

Myrtle spurge is designated as a "List A" species in the Colorado Noxious Weed Act. It is designated for statewide eradication. For more information visit www.colorado.gov/ag/weeds and click on the Noxious Weed Management Program. Or call the State Weed Coordinator at the Colorado Department of Agriculture, Conservation Services Division, 303-239-4100.

Map of myrtle spurge infestation.



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Euphorbia myrsinites

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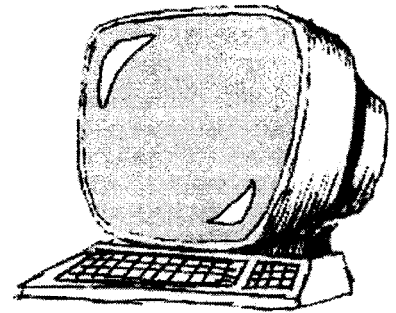


----> Fire Prevention.....It Starts With You

Sunridge Property Owners, My name is **Lynn Isaacs** and I have been a Sunridge property owner since June of 2006. I've agreed to sit on the Board and assume the responsibilities of fire protection. **Joe Murray** has served faithfully in this position for the past several years and due to some health concerns, he has decided to step down. I personally would like to thank Joe for all the years of hard work and time he has dedicated to the Sunridge association. He has helped to make Sunridge a better place.

My goal during my time on the board will be spent trying to be a constant reminder of how important it is, that as property owners we share a huge responsibility ensuring that we and our guests always practice good fire prevention. The past several years the value of our lots on Sunridge has increased and will continue to increase as long as we protect our water and our land. Just one mistake by not putting out a camp fire properly could destroy our mountain in just one night. I love Sunridge, as I know all Sunridge owners do and I hope I can help make a difference. Thank you.

-Lynn Isaacs



Sunridge has a webpage:

www.sunridge.info

The webmaster is **Tamara Grant**. Her e-mail address is **webmaster@sunridge.info**. We try to keep this updated with information, please check it periodically.

----> ATV Update

Isn't it something.....that after all these many years of trying to safely regulate the riding of ATV's.....that we **STILL** have continuing complaints of people speeding, and riding aggressively. When we discover, or control these incidents it is **ALMOST ALWAYS** by "non-lot owners!" It seems that it is extended family or guests that do not personally have a vested/personal interest. And it seems that the meadow around the lake and the back roads of the water tank and up meadows is just too tempting to warrant control or concern. Without "flogging a dead horse" with this issue...please instruct your family, extended family and even your friends or guests that it is....15 mile per hour....**ALL roads** (even the ones you think no ones watching)...**ALL vehicles** (not just ATV's)...**ALL the time**. For quiet, peaceful serenity and safety. *Please!*

----> Thank You

In August 2010 we lost our dog, Rusty, in Sunridge. We posted flyers all over Sunridge and you put one on the web page and in the Ridge Runner. In March of 2011 he was found in Wellsville, in Cache county. From Sunridge to Wellsville he traveled. What a story. Thanks for putting the ad/flyer on the web and perhaps you could now put that he has been found. Thanks again.

Chris & Cinda Wayment
(CCW-Ranch)
Harrisville, Utah

The Ridge Runner is published in the Spring and Fall. Other editions can be printed if necessary. This newsletter belongs to members of the association, so we would appreciate any comments or suggestions. If anyone has articles or something to buy/sell, please submit it to the editor and every effort will be made to include it in the newsletter.

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----> Important Notice

All of us need to know just how important it is for each of us to remain watchful and alert to your surroundings, regarding fires. If we see large amounts or unusual smoke that can alert us to danger, please take it upon yourself to investigate.

It has been brought before the Boards attention that in the recent weeks we have had two different instances where a "passer by" lot owner has seen smoke still rising from campfires that have been vacated by the owner and dangerous embers/coins still present! Scary!! It is the responsibility of the lot owner, building the fire, that ALL fires must be extinguished ---COMPLETELY---this can not be emphasized strongly enough.

Additionally smoke was seen and reported to our security guard, to make them aware of an additional report. The fire was not investigated first hand by the person filing the report. It is not really our security personnels job to leave their gate and seek out fire situations; we rely on our lot owners to check out and report potential problems....if they are unable to control the threatening smoke or fire themselves. We would suggest that anyone seeing a potential problem:

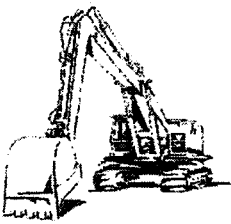
A) Check it out! If you can, go see the source of the smoke, and evaluate it.

B) Resolve it! Extinguish it yourself, if at all possible before it has a chance to escalate.

C) If needed, and the threat is great enough, call it in for fire fighter assistance! Or if you want, security will assist with the calls relative to the facts you have gathered.

D) After the fact, if action was taken or the threat resolved, please fill out a report at the security station, so that the Board can be appraised of the problems, corrective measures can be followed up on and responsible parties can be informed and/or held accountable.

High Country Excavation



is available for water hookups, hydrant sets, septic systems, perk tests, foundations and all of your tractor needs.

Contact:

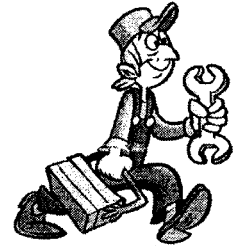
**Carl Frazier - Owner/
Operator at
801-731-5485 or
801-791-7905**

Lot #231

----> Need a Hand?

Jon Hollingshead (Lot 251) is your man. Jon loves to do handyman work. If you need assistance you can call Jon and he can help with:

- ✓ **Drywall**
- ✓ **Taping**
- ✓ **Tile**
- ✓ **Finishing work**
- ✓ **Electrical**



Give him a call at **801-668-7112** or email at: **Jon.Hollingshead@comcast.net**.

----> Wanted!

Interested in buying an older model, 4-cycle motorbike suitable for teens to learn to ride at Sunridge. Not large or heavy; preferable like a 125 on/off road. Good running condition. Well cared for. Please call: **Rich Blake (Lot # 199) 801-825-5990**

Also....Share your Sunridge Photos. These can include animals, mountains, flowers, snow, etc., for inclusion in the slide shows for our upcoming Sunridge Annual Meeting. E-mail to Rich at: **ricablake@yahoo.com**.

----> Water Progress Report

Our drinking water system improvement is still moving forward, as planned. Those of you that have visited our "Moose Lake," have probably noticed the digging, or trenching just above our eastern shoreline. Additional water lines have been buried that interconnects our multiple water storage tanks, at the lake area, to the water storage tank on top of the hill. A concrete pump house has just been erected (soon to have a roof on and enclosed), that will be equipped with a pump/motor that will be capable of transferring water from these lower tanks to the upper one. This project will supplement, or even replace temporarily, if needed, the pump system now in use. We will be able to distribute water equally to all lots, in all areas, more effectively and dependably.

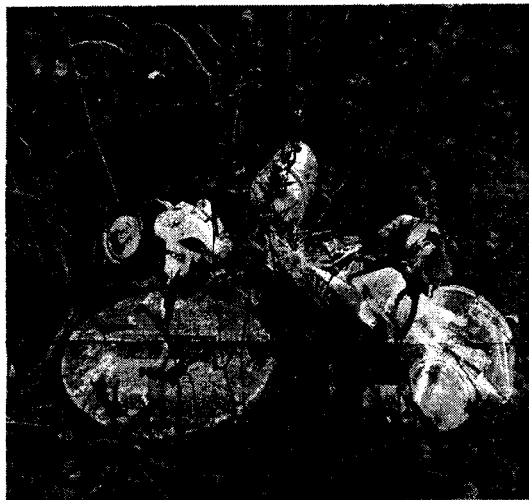
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---➔ Keeping the Mountain Beautiful!

There is nothing more beautiful than a day on Sunridge. The beauty of this mountain and all it has to offer is amazing. We should all be grateful that we have the opportunity to come here.

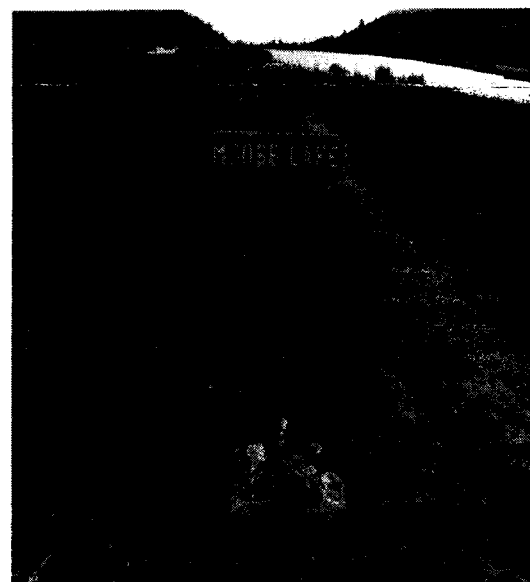
My wife and I decided to take a walk around "Moose Lake"



one day and we were appalled at the amount of garbage that we found. It is absolutely amazing that people can carry in loaded beer cans, soda cans or bottles, but they can't carry it out when it is empty! We went back to our lot, grabbed a garbage sack and went back to the lake to pick up other peoples trash that they had left. This is what we found: broken fishing bubbles, fishing line, plastic diet Mt. Dew bottles, Gatorade bottles, soda/beer cans of all varieties, cigarette butts, styrofoam bait containers, candy wrappers, a pair of socks, frisbee, Powerbait foil lids and fish hooks.

If we continue to allow this bad behavior eventually we will have nothing but a sludge pond. Our mountain will look like the city dump. We encourage everyone to be thoughtful and participate in helping keep this mountain and lake a beautiful

and pristine place to bring our families and friends. Educate your family and guests to be courteous and carry their garbage out. If you can carry it in loaded, you can pack it out empty. As a young scout, I was taught to leave it cleaner than when you found it. Discarded fishing line gets tangled in animals or fish gills and can kill them. Cigarette smokers, put your coals out on the sole of your shoe break the filter off and carry your butts in your pocket. Don't flick your butt in the lake or grind it in the ground it is still there. (And there were plenty around the lake and in the parking area!) It is up to all of us to edu-



cate our family, friends and guests to keep our mountain a pristine sanctuary or we can ignore the facts and let it become the city dump in the mountains.

**-Dan Thomas, Sunridge Land Owner
Three Forks, Lot 130**

---➔ Winterizing Water Hydrants

With winter coming on, all lot owners would be wise in doing the following to their water hydrants, so that they do not freeze over the winter.

1. Disconnect all hoses and attachments.

2. Remove all back flow preventers.

This will allow for proper water drainage, to keep it from freezing. It is also recommended to mark your hydrants with an 8 - 10 foot piece of 1/2 or 3/4 inch PVC pipe, so that snowmobiles can avoid hitting them.

Another reminder, if you are working on your water system, there are some new state requirements for upgrades and backflow preventers. This must be done anytime you are working on your water system. Please check with **Carl Frazier** for these specific requirements.

**-Water Master
Carl Frazier**