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### From the President's Desk

The past four years have seen many changes for the Indian Mountain Recreation and Park District. The Board of Directors had a vision and a knowledge of the steps needed to take the District to the next level of responsibility and commitment to the community. We listened to the community as to their concerns of the growth and needs of the Recreation District. I believe we have achieved these goals of growth and commitment to the community in a very responsible manor. The facilities of IMRPD are second to none and have added value to all the property owners of Indian Mountain.

I am very proud to have been part of this endeavor. It has been a challenge in taking on many uncharted

areas, from a new Community Center, Gold Pan Park, The Lodge and the expansion of the Disc Golf course, to name a few. Keeping up the facilities to the high standards the community has come to expect takes planning and teamwork. I want to THANK all those who have stepped up to make this accomplishment possible. I am leaving the Board in very capable hands as they will work hard to keep the vision going forward. I wish the best to all and thanks for allowing me to be part of this experience.

Fred Burdick, President

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#### **New Board of Directors-Election Results**

- Summer office hours
- Thurs, Friday, Sat
- 9am-1pm
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Website: indianmountain.info

NOTICE OF CANCELLATION OF REGULAR ELECTION BY THE DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL FOR THE INDIAN MOUNTAIN RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by the Indian Mountain Recreation and Park District, Park County, Colorado, that at the close of business on the sixty-third (63rd) day before the election there were not more candidates for Director than offices to be filled, including candidates filing affidavits of intent to be write-in candidates; therefore, the election to be held on May 8, 2012, is hereby cancelled pursuant to Section 1-5-208(1.5), C.R.S.

The following candidates are declared elected:

Beverly Bushaw 4-Year Term
Susan Stoval 4-Year Term
Ronald L. Vail 4-Year Term
Glenn Haas 2-Year Term

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By: Paggy Rayors
Designated Election Official

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### **Indian Mountain Pond Area Studies**



Indian Mountain has the remnants of a community pond off of Arrowhead, North of the Community Center. Over the last thirty years it has become a muddy and boggy eyesore, and a watering hole for trespass cattle. Many years of accumulating silt has caused the pond to become "plugged up" and the water levels have declined. IMRPD is in the process of exploring what it would take practically and financially to bring this area back to life, and will continue to reevaluate this project as more information becomes available. In the days ahead you may see piles of dirt, or equipment down by the pond. This is part of an attempt to take small deliberate steps in assessing the condition and options available to restoring the esthetic appearance of the pond area.

Final board decisions have not been made. Please offer your thoughts at our monthly meetings and stay abreast of the progress by checking in on the website. www.indian mountain.info

### Fire Dangers !!

Extremely dry and wind conditions along with and abundance of old dead trees and long dry grasses, here in Indian Mtn. are fuels for a devastating fire..... Each and everyone of us must be more vigilant with anything that has the potential to start a fire. Recent trips to Indian Mtn. to play frisbee golf brought a disturbing image of what could happen when cigarette butts are discarded on the mountain....Let us not forget the devastation caused by the North Fork Fire, burning over 4,000 acres, destroying 27 homes and killing three innocent people...



#### Director Vacancy filled

On May 12, 2012, Ronnie Lane was appointed to take over the remaining term of office vacated by Cynthia Burdick on April 14, 2012. Ronnie will now be our 2nd Vice President and the Maintenance Director. Ronnie and his wife Gail are full time residents here and are excited to be involved with the community. Thank you both for volunteering your time in this way.

CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS! PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE @ 836-9043 IF YOU CAN VOLUNTEER TO HELP AT THE NEW CENTER OR ANY OTHER PROJECTS IN INDIAN MOUNTAIN.

The annual July picnic will be held on Saturday July 7th, from 12-3pm at 1996 Chief Trail.

Bring a side dish to share that will feed 6-8 people. Beverages and desserts will be provided.

Come join in the fun....See you there.



### **Gold Pan Park**

Did you know you can wade and fish in the Tarryall Creek from right inside the Indian Mountain subdivision? Most people don't know that the community has access to the creek at the far north end of Breton Lane. The community enjoys a 75 yard length of river and public land managed by the Indian Mountain Recreation and Park District.

Thanks to IMRPD, old barbed wire and metal pipes have been removed, and a small graveled area built for parking. The site also has a picnic table and signage. The stream bank is a little steep, so be careful, particularly during spring runoff. Also, the area is surrounded by private land, so please respect and do not venture beyond the fence, remove all the trash you find and dispose of your litter and dog waste.

During the summer months you might find a solar-powered electric fence to keep cattle out of the river. It will be well signed with an easy-to-access gate. Use common sense with pets and children because the fence will give an unpleasant jolt. Page 4 Indian Mountain News Summer Issue

### **Wildfire Mitigation Projects**

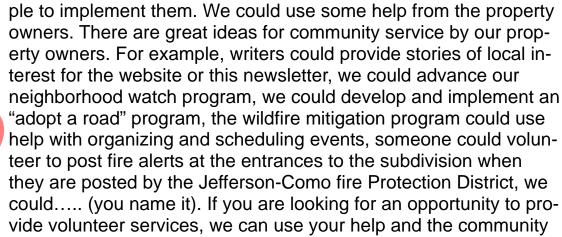
The Summer 2011 IM News announced that Indian Mountain has a formally approved Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP). You can read the CWPP on the IMPOA and IMRPD websites or stop by the Community Center and buy a paper copy. Reading the CWPP will help you know what the community is doing to reduce fire danger and how you can improve the fire resistance of your home. Pursuant to the CWPP, several chipper projects will be sponsored by IMPOA this summer in cooperation with the Coalition for the Upper South Platte (CUSP). Two were conducted last year. The days scheduled for 2012 are Saturday July 14 and Friday August 31. The cost of the chipper and four man crew is \$75 an hour in the form of a donation to CUSP. Chipping the forest slash from about half an acre takes about 45 minutes, counting transportation time between sites, if the slash piles are prepared correctly. We have a list of people who want to participate in the chipper projects this summer, but there is room for more. If you are interested in participating or simply learning more about the chipping process, please contact Roger Mattson at rdmattson@comcast.net or IMPOA01@hotmail.com.

BREAKING NEWS: IMPOA and IMRPD joined with CUSP and the Colorado State Forest Service in a grant application totaling tens of thousands of dollars for a landscape-scale fuels reduction project on the Indian Mountain Park and private lands in the subdivision over the two year period 2012-2013. The application was still pending action at the time of this writing. Watch the IMPOA website for late breaking news or send Roger your Email address to be included on IMPOA's wildfire mitigation emailing list.

#### **Volunteers Needed**

The IMPOA Board has a list of more good ideas than it has peo-

will no doubt benefit. Give one of the Board members a call or an email and share your hopes and aspirations. We'll help you make





it happen.

### **Dumpster Day 2012**

Dumpster Day this year will be Sunday, July 8<sup>th</sup>, the day after the IMRPD/IMPOA picnic. The dumpsters will be open from 9:00 AM until 5:00 PM, or until the dumpster are full, whichever is first. IMPOA members may dump free and non-members may dump for a \$35 fee, which includes a 2012 membership in IMPOA. Things that CANNOT be dumped are:

Refrigerators/freezers/air conditioners (i.e., no Freon)
Paints (empty cans are OK) (can dry with kitty litter)
Liquids
Hazardous or toxic materials
TV sets and computer monitors

We are looking for volunteers to attend the dumpsters for a couple of hours each. Please contact Fred Whitaker at 719-836-1702 to volunteer.

### **New Business Manager for IMPOA**

The Rec District announced in the summer 2011 Indian Mountain News that Samantha Bertin had become its new business manager. In January 2012, Sam also became the business manager for IM-POA. She serves both organizations as an independent contractor. Her work for IMPOA is largely conducted at her home on a large ranch that backs up to the IM subdivision. Sam and her husband have three children and a brand new grandchild that also live at the ranch. For IMPOA business you can reach her at 719-836-3234 or IMPOA01@hotmail.com.

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#### **Vandalism in Indian Mountain**

The entrance sign to our sub-division on Antler Ridge Road has been destroyed and removed. Both the IM logo sign and the new board beneath it that was holding information notices are missing. The vandalism and theft were reported to the Park County Sheriff's Department. IMPOA is working to replace the signs at its expense. The IMPOA Board is offering a \$200 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person(s) responsible. Additional rewards will be offered for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the perpetrators of any other acts of vandalism in Indian Mountain.

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### **Cattle Grazing**

IMPOA is providing two articles in this edition of the newsletter about cattle grazing because it is a current problem for the subdivision. This first article begins with IMPOA's understanding of the rules of the road regarding cattle grazing in Colorado. The next article deals with some specific, current grazing issues in Indian Mountain.

In Colorado, landowners generally have the inherent right to fence their land or leave it unfenced. Indian Mountain covenants prohibit fencing of lots within the subdivision, but there are important fences along the periphery of the subdivision, as described below.

In the early 1880's the Colorado legislature passed a "fencing" statute. This statute is commonly referred to as the "open range" or "fence out" statute. "Open range" is a definition of land, not a law. Any person maintaining a lawful fence in good repair may recover damages for trespass from the owner of any livestock that break through such fence. Refer to CRS 35-46-102. Livestock invading fenced property is not a criminal offense, but civil recourse is available to the property owner. Without a "lawful" fence, the landowner has no civil recourse for damage done to their property by trespassing livestock. Fencing your property, either as a good neighbor or in cooperation with the owner of the livestock, is a way to avoid future conflicts and problems. When property is protected by a lawful fence, civil recourse is available to the landowner for damage caused by trespassing livestock. The burden of proof falls upon the landowner to prove the livestock broke through a legal fence and did not come through an open gate or an unfenced portion. It is legal to take custody of livestock found trespassing on your property. Keep in mind that when you do so, you become legally responsible for their care and feeding. Refer to C.R.S. 35-46-102. You must notify your local brand inspector (Brice Lewis, 719-221-2071, brice lws@yahoo.com) and the sheriff's office (animal control - 719-836-4380) when livestock is held for trespass damage.

"Open range" does not mean stockmen can simply allow their livestock to run at large without penalty. CRS 35-46-105 "Grazing on roads and in municipalities" and CRS 35-47-101 "Horses and mules running at large" are two statutes that deal with negligent livestock owners. These statutes can be used by local law enforcement to help curtail animals being allowed to run at large. Livestock owners are not responsible for the accidental trespass of their livestock causing damage on another's property not protected by a "lawful" fence. A "lawful" fence is defined as a "well-constructed three barbed wire fence with substantial posts set at a distance of approximately 20 feet apart, and sufficient to turn ordinary horses and cattle, with all gates equally as good as the fence, or any other fence of like efficiency." Fence law does not shield a livestock owner from an action of personal injuries caused by their livestock trespassing on the land of others. For example, the "fence law" will not bar a civil action for escaped livestock involved in an accident on public highways. Most livestock owners do not intend for their livestock to stray and will respond quickly to recover



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them. Be aware of who is running livestock in your neighborhood. If you find livestock running loose, try to notify the owner immediately. If you do not know who owns the livestock, contact the local brand inspector and the local sheriff's office. If the livestock are in danger and loose on a public road, try to contain the livestock and move them away from the road. Call for help immediately from neighbors, the sheriff's office and the local brand office or inspector. Any thing you can do to avoid an accident will be greatly appreciated by the livestock owner and the general public traveling on the road.

The necessity to have a fence to protect your property in rural areas is no different than in urban areas. In urban areas you need to have a fence if you do not

want the neighbor's dogs or kids in your yard, pool, etc. The same rule is applicable in rural or country settings. The difference is the critters trespassing and the volume of space requiring a fence. Protecting yourself is the main idea.

#### More on Cattle Grazing

There are a couple cattle grazing issues that warrant attention by Indian Mountain property owners. The first issue concerns the free range cattle from the nearby Springer Ranch that enter Indian Mountain each summer from the south. Because Indian Mountain is neither fenced nor cattle guarded on its southern border, the cows come into the subdivision unimpeded. (Some IM owners think the cows are being trucked in after dark, but there is no proof of such criminal trespass at this time.) IMPOA has considered fencing the southern border of the subdivision, but it would require tens of thousands of dollars to be spent on new fence and cattle guards. Other alternatives are being explored to impress upon the Springer's that this is now a residential area with several subdivisions, it is not suited to free range cattle grazing.

The second grazing issue concerns the State Land Board (SLB) land at the SE corner of the subdivision. That section (one square mile) of land currently is leased to an Indian Mountain property owner for grazing cattle. It is posted and fenced by the SLB and the lessee. There have been few if any recent complaints about cattle from this area entering Indian Mountain. Instead, there has been vandalism of the gates and fences maintained by the lessee and instances of unlawful motorized vehicles being used on the SLB land. In early April, an Indian Mountain property owner on Ouray Trail took down the fence between their property and the SLB property, apparently because the fence, which is old but maintained, was 6 to 10 feet on the private property side of the property line. The bulls that were grazing on the SLB land escaped to Indian Mountain and Buffalo subdivisions. Upon learning of the

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Board meetings are on the second Saturday of every month @ the Community Center,

From 9am– 12:30
Please come
participate and
encourage your
officials

downed fence, the SLB lessee quickly had the fence rebuilt on the right side of the property line, reestablished control of the cattle, contacted IMPOA for advice, and attempted to contact the property owner. Discussions between the IMPOA Board and the SLB lessee indicate that he is more than willing to fix fence issues that may arise in the future, but he asks that property owners please don't tear down a fence and let his cattle out without talking to him first. If your property abuts the SLB property and you have a fencing issue, please contact IMPOA by calling or emailing a board member and they will put you in touch with the lessee. Alternatively, property owners can contact the SLB office in Denver.

#### 2012 ANNUAL MEETING

The 2012 Annual Meeting started off a little rocky because the IMPOA board published two different start times (our sincere apologies to all those who showed up an hour early), but by all accounts it was a success in every other way! Especially noteworthy, is that this was the first IMPOA Annual Meeting at the new Indian Mountain Community Center, and over 125 people attended the meeting. After opening remarks by Roger Mattson, Jackie Siverson gave the Treasurer's Report with an overview of the expenditures in 2011 and the proposed 2012 budget and answered questions. She and Roger also explained the audit of the 2011 financials and paid tribute to Wally Techentien, the former Treasurer, who retired at the end of his term on the IMPOA board last year. Immediately preceding the meeting, all ballots and proxies were tabulated. The slate of IMPOA directors recommended by the board was elected, and there were no write-in votes. Also, the duly executed proxies and the members in good standing at the meeting voted 114 yes, 3 abstentions, and 2 no to amend the Bylaws as rec-

ommended by the board. The 119 valid votes constituted a quorum in accord with the Bylaws (i.e., 10% or more of the paid membership). Diana Heyder reported that the membership of IMPOA is continuing to grow for a second year. We currently have about 540 paid members for 2012, and IMPOA is a growing influence for Indian Mountain within Park County. However, with approximately 2,200 property owners, there is still a lot of room to grow. She added that if you think the issues on which IMPOA provides our property owners a voice are important (e.g., road improvements, land use issues in and around Indian Mountain, wildfire mitigation, wa-



ter rights, etc.), please encourage your neighbors to join IMPOA so it can continue to work on your behalf. Roger described IMPOA's available logo merchandise (look for our table at the Summer Picnic for your next opportunity to make a purchase) and road signage (if you have a street sign that is faded or difficult to read, let us know and we will work with Park County to get a replacement). Cattle in Indian Mountain are an ongoing problem, as described in the article in this Newsletter on cattle grazing. It was also mentioned that although money has been budgeted for fence repair and cattle guards, this is not enough to correct the problem, and will not be acted upon as we wait to see if other solutions to the issue are viable. The majority of the meeting was spent discussing the current situation with the Indian Mountain Water Augmentation Plan which was led by Roger and Glenn Haas. Please see the article in this Newsletter on the Water Augmentation Plan for more information. Roger discussed the upcoming Chipper Day for this year's Wildfire Mitigation Project. Additionally, he provided an overview of the grant application for wildfire mitigation made by IMPOA, IMRPD, Colorado State Forest Service, and Coalition for the Upper South Platte. Continued on page 9

Susan Stoval, President of the IMRPD, spoke about the availability and upcoming events at the IMRPD facilities and the 9 holes added to the Frisbee Golf Course. She encouraged everyone to go to their website for more information, www.indianmountain.info.

Glenn announced that IMPOA's 2012 Volunteer of the Year Award was presented to Fred and Cyndi Burdick. They could not attend the annual meeting, so the presentation of their award took place at the IMRPD meeting on April 14<sup>th</sup>. See the article on Volunteer of the Year Award in this Newsletter for more information on all the amazing service these two have provided to the Indian Mountain community. With the passage of the bylaw revision, the 2013 Annual Meeting of IMPOA will now occur during the summer months, and we expect an even better turn out next year!!

#### Indian Mountain Volunteers of the Year

IMPOA reinstated an old program this year to recognize Indian Mountain property owner(s) who displayed exemplary efforts "above and beyond the call of service" to the Indian Mountain community during the past year. The 2011 award goes to Fred and Cyndi Burdick. Fred and Cyndi are year-around residents of IM and have served on the Board of the Indian Mountain Recreation and Park District as President and Treasurer, respectively. They have made countless contributions to IM recreation facilities during their tenures while raising the Rec District's performance to new heights of effectiveness, accountability and openness in creating and maintaining new and improved recreation facilities. Most importantly, it was under their leadership and diligence that the IM community center was completed in 2011. Its opening last fall culminated a titanic effort involving thousands of hours, countless decisions, and

careful negotiation.
Their generosity with their time, energy and community spirit will benefit Indian Mountain for decades to come.



The Burdick's were recognized and presented a certificate of appreciation and an honorarium at the April 14<sup>th</sup> IMRPD Board meeting by IMPOA president Roger Mattson. Thank you and congratulations Fred and Cyndi!!

#### Indian Mountain Property Owners' Water--Augmentation Plan Status

For more than 10 years, IMPOA has kept property owners advised of issues surrounding water rights in our community. What follows is an update on current conditions.

What is a water augmentation plan? With regard to residential subdivisions like Indian Mountain, a water augmentation plan is a legal agreement between the developer of the subdivision and the State of Colorado. It is consummated in the form of a decree by the Water Court in the affected district of Colorado. Such decrees are enforced by the State Engineer who reports to the Division of Water Resources in the Division of Natural Resources of State Government. Such a plan allows a certain number of wells in a subdivision to be drilled and utilized in return for a specified amount of surface water to be withdrawn from its prior use (in our case, irrigation of hay fields in South Park). Typically, an augmentation plan requires that someone be responsible for the time and cost to

maintain the head gate, reservoir, and ditch that are used to divert and store water (in our case from Tarryall Creek to Tarryall Ranch Reservoir) during times of high flow;

serve as the point of contact with the local Water Commissioner (who reports to the State Engineer) to know when and how much water to accumulate during high flows and how much to release during low flows in Tarryall Creek; ensure the actual diversion and later release of the water; and ensure that the required paperwork is filed.

In some subdivisions, but not Indian Mountain, the Water Court requires the use of water meters to confirm that the amount of ground water pumped per year is completely offset by the amount of surface water provided by the augmentation plan. Administration of an augmentation plan is not a huge task, but it does have a cost in money, time, and effort. Also, there is a need to own or lease the requisite structures, including the reservoir in which the water is stored between its diversion and its release. The Tarryall Ranch Reservoir and dam that are part of the Indian Mountain augmentation plan are shown in the following photograph.

How are water augmentation plans usually implemented? Most plans for residential subdivisions in Colorado, of which the IMPOA Board is aware, are administered by the covenantal home owners associations (HOAs) that administer those subdivisions. Colorado law requires the transfer of water augmentation plan from a subdivision's developer to an appropriate HOA once the subdivision is complete. Accordingly, decrees by the Water Court that approve water augmentation plans typically contain a section entitled "Property Owners Association" in which the court requires that the developer "will forthwith convey title to the water rights involved to the [HOA]



which association is a non-profit Colorado corporation...said conveyance will be for the benefit of the owners of each of the lots of the subdivision...the [HOA] will have the right and duty, including the duty to report to the Division Engineer any violation of the plan for augmentation...."

How has the Indian Mountain plan been implemented? IMPOA understands that the transfer of water augmentation plans from a subdivision's developer to an appro-

priate HOA has been required in Colorado since 1972. Although the Indian Mountain augmentation plan was approved in 1974 and the Indian Mountain subdivision was completed in the early 1980s, there has not been a transfer of the Indian Mountain augmentation plan to an HOA for Indian Mountain. The IMPOA was established in 1985 for reasons having no relation to the augmentation plan, and IMPOA is not a covenantal HOA under the laws of Colorado. Furthermore, the 1974 decree by the Water Court in the case of the Indian Mountain plan (W-7389) contains no indication of who will own and operate the water rights, land and facilities associated with the augmentation plan. The original developer of Indian Mountain, through a succession of companies (Park Development Company, Meridian Properties, Inc., Rainbow Developments, Inc., and Indian Mountain Corp.), has implemented Indian Mountain's plan since its decree was issued in 1974. Meridian Properties, Inc. was the original applicant for approval of the Indian Mountain augmentation plan by the Water Court.

What is the current implementation situation? The Division 23 Water Commissioner, Garver Brown, in March 2012, in response to questions by IMPOA Board members, advised that the augmentation plans for Indian Mountain and Elkhorn Ranch (a subdivision that abuts Indian Mountain on the South) were not fully implemented in 2009 and 2011. Also, there were reports that damage to several of the physical features of the diversion complex (diversion structure, head gate and ditch) had to be corrected before water could be diverted form the Tarryall Creek into the Tarryall Ranch Reservoir.

What are the consequences of inadequate implementation of an augmentation plan? The Water Commissioner advised IMPOA representatives in March that the consequences range from warnings to the owner of the plan, to cessation of issuance of new well permits in the subdivision, to shutoff orders for existing wells, to daily fines to property owners for failure to comply with shutoff orders. The Water Commissioner said that these are the tools available to the State Engineer to enforce compliance Continued to page 12

with any augmentation plan anywhere in Colorado. IMPOA knows of at least one instance where the State Engineer has used these tools against two small residential subdivisions in rural Teller County. Thus, although full responsibility for the Indian Mountain water augmentation plan resides with Indian Mountain Corp., the consequences of its failure to comply with the provisions in the augmentation plan ultimately fall to the property owners in Indian Mountain.

What action has IMPOA taken? The IMPOA Board has contacted a number of officials in Colorado government to ascertain how augmentation plans work and who has responsibility for their implementation. Also, the IMPOA Board sent a registered letter to Jim Campbell, president of Indian Mountain Corp., on April 1, 2012, with a copy to the District Water Commissioner, in which the IMPOA Board expressed a willingness to take over the administration and costs to implement the plan in exchange for having the plan assigned to IMPOA. The IMPOA Board asked for a written response by May 1, 2012 in order to provide time to put things in place if the plan were to be assigned to IMPOA. Because IMPOA is not a covenantal HOA, the Board views its implementation of the plan, should this come to pass, as a stop gap measure while the Indian Mountain community decides how best to implement the plan over the long term. The IMPOA Board will continue to work towards resolution of this issue and will keep the community advised of developments by posting updates on its website.

On April 23, 2012 Mr. Brown reported by Email, "On April 18, 2012, Jim Campbell made a release from the reservoir to cover the Indian Mountain and Elkhorn non irrigation season depletions. So, although no water was stored last summer, the releases are now complete and the Indian Mountain and Elkhorn augmentation plans have been properly implemented through 2011, and are presently in good standing."



On April 25, Mr. Campbell informed IM-POA via Email that the required releases were made from the reservoir on April 18 to cover the Indian Mountain and Elkhorn non irrigation season depletions. He went on to say that on April 23 a number of repairs were made to the Slater Ditch, Long Pond, the reservoir outlet to the spillway, and the head gate. Furthermore, he said the entire Slater Ditch from its head gate to the reservoir was to be inspected and cleaned that same week. Continued to page 13

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Finally, he noted that a State of Colorado Dam inspector would conduct an inspection of the reservoir this spring.

What are the long term alternatives for implementation of the augmentation plan? Indian Mountain Corp. could sell the water rights and the augmentation plan to a third party, such as a water conservancy district, of which there are several operating in Park County. In the past, Mr. Campbell has indicated an inclination to do so. It is also possible the rights could be conveyed to an entity within the Indian Mountain community, as they have been to most other rural subdivisions in Colorado. It is hard to know at this point what alternative Indian Mountain Corp. will choose. If anyone has insights to ways to address the long term implementation issue, suggestions for the short term, or professional experience to share with the IMPOA Board, please contact one of the Board members.

### **Indian Mountain Residents Speak Up About Roads**

Indian Mountain is the largest subdivision in Park County with a portion of its owners' taxes going to the Road and Bridge Department, yet we have some of the worst roads in the valley. For those of you who drive in and out of the subdivision on a regular basis, you know just how awful Albino and Arrowhead have become this winter. The wash boards got so bad there **IMPOA** was no place to drive that did not rattle every bone in your body. It took a large number of people calling the Road and Bridge Department the last week of March, complaining about how terrible the roads were, to get someone out here to do something about them. Unfortunately this issue continues to be an on going problem with no long term resolution on the horizon. Whenever the roads get so bad that you can't stand it any more, the short term solution seems to be rallying a large number of people to call Road and Bridge and complain. It has spurred them into action in the past and may do so in the future. If we as a community do not speak up, nothing will ever happen to fix the situation. There is strength in numbers!!! The phone number for Park County Road and Bridge is 719-836-4277.

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### **Reflective Address Signs**

The Fire Dept is encouraging all property owners to invest in the new reflective address signs.

The signs can be custom made to go horizontally or vertically, and will make your property easier to locate in the event of a fire or emergency... The signs will cost \$10.00 and applications for the signs can be obtained by calling the Fire Dept. at 719-836-3244.

