

RED SHIRT LAKE LAND OWNERS ASSOCIATION

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Dear Brandon,

Thank you for your invitation to comment on the rewrite of the Nancy Lake State Recreation Area Master Plan. We understand the Nancy Lake State Recreation Area Master Plan is being rewritten and that all aspects of the plan are being examined.

Since its inception in 1979, the Red Shirt Lake Land Owners Association (the "Association") has been oriented to preserving Red Shirt Lake as a safe, friendly and remote environment for all property owners to enjoy. Historically, this has involved the Association in various issues associated with lake access, surface use restrictions, fire prevention and promoting the annual park host program.

The Board of Directors (the "Board") of the Association recently solicited views of all land owners before taking the following public position on the Association's behalf.

As in the past, the Association continues to advocate in favor of the following:

- the ability for RSL property owners to store small boats, motors and fuel at the north end of Red Shirt Lake for the purpose of allowing property owners to walk in and access their property,
- the ban of personal watercraft from Red Shirt Lake,
- the restriction of aircraft "touch and go" activity on Red Shirt Lake,
- a quality park host program, and
- continued use of private docks for the parking of boats and aircraft.

In addition to the issues listed above, access to Red Shirt Lake is of particular interest to the Association.

Following is the result of the May 2009 survey. It is divided into summer and winter issues. The Board believes the survey results to be an accurate description of the position of the Association relative to summer and winter access to Red Shirt Lake.

Summer Access

By an overwhelming and almost complete majority the Association members expressed their views, on summer access, issues as follows:

1. The Association does not want motorized, over the ground (ATV, utility vehicle) access to Red Shirt Lake during the summer months. (37 of 38 responses)

2. The Association wants public easements to have pedestrian walk-in access ONLY; all motorized access through public easements should be restricted. (37 of 37 responses)
3. The Association wants Special Use Permits to be issued on an "as needed" basis and limited to Red Shirt Lake Land Owners during the summer months. (25 of 37 responses)
4. The Association wants to limit noise-producing activities between 11PM and 7AM. (38 of 39 responses)
5. The Association wants to do what is necessary to keep Red Shirt Lake a peaceful and quiet place to bring their friends and family to live and enjoy an Alaskan wilderness experience. (39 of 39 responses)

Winter Access

1. The Association members access their property during the winter time. (38 of 39 responses were yes). The means of access was by snowmachine, plane, skis and foot.
2. The Association members access their property during the shoulder season. (21 of 34 responses were yes).
3. The Association members who used the Chicken Lake trail found it adequate for their needs during the shoulder season, by a slight majority. (11 of 19 responses).
4. The Association members who used the Chicken Lake trail would clearly prefer the Traditional Winter Access Trail for shoulder season access. (16 of 19 responses).

We appreciate this opportunity to contribute to the plan and understand the views of the Association will be incorporated into the final product of your efforts. Red Shirt Lake is a special place to those of us who have been here for decades as well as those who have recently started to enjoy the unique qualities of a remote lifestyle, which can still be found on Red Shirt Lake.

Sincerely,

James R. Seeley
President
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