

Perimeter fence, & access to the forest

All lot owners should be aware that the perimeter of the subdivision, that is the boundary between the Swains Creek Pines subdivision and Dixie National Forest, has new fence recently put up by a professional installer. The old fence, which was in disrepair or non-existent in places, was replaced using Association dollars. The perimeter fence project has been in progress for the past few years, and will continue. The reason for the fence and using Association dollars is that Utah is a “fence out” state and the Association is **Required** to maintain the fence around the development to keep out cows. Cows are allowed in the Forest during certain periods of the year. The perimeter fence has several openings/gates, some of which were installed by the lot owner or at lot owner expense.

Important!!!

All lot owners should heed the following: ***This statement was issued by a representative from the Dixie National Forest.***

"If a cabin owner drives their ATV/OHV from their property onto the road and rides to a designated ATV/OHV route or trail, that is the correct and lawful thing to do. If the property owner rides into the forest and creates their own trail (no matter how long that trail has been there) to get to a road, route, or favorite hunting spot etc.. then they are in violation.

All ATV/OHV travel is “only” permitted on designated roads or motorized trails. There is no off road off trail travel permitted. Of course if someone was out camping they could drive to and from their campsite but only on the travel route into the campsite – not across the meadow or through the woods.

As to snowmobiles, some snowmobilers that are not as responsible as we would like and will drive over a small tree or brush which is frowned upon. Education to those folks would go a long way. People from the Swains Creek community can ride snowmobiles from their property right onto the forest without accessing the trail first. Again, without causing unreasonable resource damage.”

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