

Tim Fisher

From: George Cardinet [ghc3@inreach.com]
Sent: Thursday, May 06, 2010 3:30 PM
To: Tim Fisher
Subject: Fwd: A message from Jerry McNerney

Tim: I thought I would share this with you. Great news! As you know Roger and Susan are Pinecrest folks. Beyond that, would you like me to update the Board on CUFFA/CFA at the upcoming meeting May 29, particularly as it relates to our current appraisal cycle and suggestions for preparing our next moves? George

Begin forwarded message:

From: Rsglaw@aol.com
Date: May 6, 2010 2:59:38 PM PDT
To: ghc3@inreach.com
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FYI

From: JerryMcNerney@mail.house.gov
 To: rsglaw@aol.com
 Sent: 5/6/2010 7:11:39 A.M. Pacific Daylight Time
 Subj: A message from Jerry McNerney

JERRY McNERNEY
 11th DISTRICT, CALIFORNIA
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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
 Washington, DC 20515-0511

May 6, 2010

Dear Mr. Gaither,

Thank you for sharing your concerns about the implementation of the Cabin User Fees Fa (CUFFA). I appreciate learning your views, and I value your input.

I understand the frustration that many cabin owners are feeling right now. As you may kr enacted in 2000 with the intent of reforming the process for assessing fees for residential Service lands. The Forest Service published a final rule for implementing this law in 200 appraising forestlands to determine new fees. Unfortunately, however, many cabin owner resulting from these appraisals are excessive.

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I am working on short and long term solutions to this problem. You will be pleased to know that I am a cosponsor of H.R. 4888, the Cabin Fee Act of 2010. This bill is meant to address the concerns I have heard from cabin owners and provides an affordable, "market determined" cabin users fee by creating a simple, understandable, and predictable fee determination process. H.R. 4888 establishes initial user fees by assigning existing lots to one of five tiers depending on the most recent appraisal values for similar lots in the area. There is also an appeals process for cabin users that are dissatisfied with their assessed fees.

You may also like to know that I voted for H.R. 2996, the bill that funds operations for several federal agencies for the 2010 fiscal year. This legislation includes a provision stipulating that CUFFA payments for a residence for 2010 cannot be more than 25 percent above the amount paid in 2009. This provision is meant to prevent potentially sharp fee increases for cabin users. As Congress continues to consider CUFFA implementation, I will keep your comments in mind.

Additionally, cabin owners unsatisfied with Forest Service appraisals may seek an alternative. If you would like more information about how you can seek an alternate appraisal, please call my Stockton office at (209) 852-4776 or my Pleasanton office at (925) 737-0727.

Thank you again for sharing your views. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of additional assistance. To learn about other issues that I am working on in Congress, I encourage you to visit my website at www.mcnerney.house.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jerry McNerney", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Jerry McNerney
Member of Congress

Please do not reply to this message as the mailbox is unattended.

If you wish to contact me again, please visit my website at <http://mcnerney.house.gov>.