

Becoming A National Forest Homeowner Member Tract

It's All About Organization

The National Forest Homeowners is dedicated to providing advocacy, representation, information, assistance and action to continue and improve the Recreation Residence program on National Forest lands. Because the Recreation Residence program is governed by policies which are developed by the Forest Service largely at the Region and Washington levels, the most effective strategy for achieving these purposes is through organization – of local cabins into tract associations, of regional and state permittees into larger representative groups and of all permit holders, family and friends into an effective national organization: the National Forest Homeowners.

What is a “Member Tract” ?

As a volunteer-driven association with limited staff and resources, the National Forest Homeowners must develop quick and efficient ways to communicate with individual cabin owners and to gather support and input when issues arise which need to be responded to right now. These are some of the same reasons that local cabin owners organize into “tract associations,” which may include all the cabins in a Forest Service tract or just convenient groups of cabins with shared concerns and interests.

Becoming a ***NFH Member Tract*** involves a two-way partnership:

- ! NFH agrees to provide information, perspective, and representation on national and Regional Forest Service policies and issues affecting Recreation Residences as well as assistance to local tracts in organizing and addressing local issues; and the
- ! Member Tract agrees to keep its members informed of current policies and issues and to help NFH solicit input and political support from individual cabin owners, family and friends when needed.

How Do We Become A Member Tract ?

Local associations can become NFH Member Tracts by agreeing to provide NFH with current names and addresses of NFH members and collecting and remitting NFH member dues from their members. While NFH membership is not required of

100% of a tract's cabin owners, NFH's ability to support Member Tracts and the Recreation Residence program overall is determined by our financial and human resources and we would hope that tract leadership will encourage both Regular and Associate membership in NFH.

NFH has two categories of membership:

Regular Membership: Any permit holder, spouse of a holder, co-holder or person with a financial interest in a recreation residence who pays annual dues is a voting member of NFH and is entitled to all rights and privileges of membership. Through a Member Tract, Regular Membership is \$35.00 per year.

Associate Membership: Persons and organizations not qualifying for regular membership but who have an interest in the purposes and/or services of NFH may become associate members. Such members will not be eligible to vote at annual or special business meetings, One associate member may be on the board of directors and shall have a vote on that body. Through a Member Tract, Associate Membership is \$20.00 per year.

For More Information or Questions

For more information about Tract Membership, please contact either:

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