

Odd Fellows Recreation Association
P.O. Box 116
Long Barn, CA 95335

April 7, 1997

Mr. Thad Waterbury
Contracting Officer
Stanislaus National Forest
19777 Greenley Road
Sonora, CA 95370-5909

Dear Mr. Waterbury:

Enclosed please find our claim for damages done to our roads and parking lot at the lake. Said damages occurred during the Rogge Fire Camp from August 15, 1996 to August 27, 1996.

When we were approached on the possibility of hosting the fire camp, the estimate was 250 men. Instead, we were inundated with 1600 fire fighting personnel. The logistics for supporting this number had a far greater impact on our roads and parking areas than we anticipated.

Numerous fire trucks and heavy vehicles used and were parked in our lake parking lot. The shoulders were broken by them as they backed onto the meadow land adjoining the parking lot. The turning of these heavy vehicles caused the center of the lot to crack and check. The winter rains thus were able to seep through and the water to freeze doing further damage.

Jordan Way West also received heavy use when the low boys with D-8s, more fire trucks, water trucks, National Guard duce-and-a-halves, etc., used it for ingress and egress to our meadow for parking.

We expect that a speedy settlement will be made on this claim.

Sincerely,

Edward Smith
President, Board of Directors
Odd Fellows Sierra Recreation Association

cc: John Martini