

Piper Lever

From: Sheridan Davis
Sent: Monday, July 09, 2018 1:36 PM
To: Piper Lever
Subject: Fw: Alta Dogs
Attachments: FW_ dogs.pdf

Hi Piper:

I wanted to forward this to be shared with Alta citizens as part of the effort to create public transparency and accountability around this debate.

Thank you for your help with that!

Kind regards,

Sheridan Davis
Town of Alta Councilwoman

From: Hotze; Rebecca - FS <rhotze@fs.fed.us>
Sent: Monday, July 9, 2018 12:23 PM
To: Sheridan Davis
Cc: Harris Sondak
Subject: RE: Alta Dogs

Hi Sheridan,

It was nice meeting you as well and I appreciated being heard by your working group. Thank you for allowing me to participate.

I did a quick search on "dogs" in my email and this is what I had from this past winter for Alta. Otherwise, most of the complaints I receive are on the trail, to my staff while they are on the trail, or phone calls. The highest majority of complaints are dogs in the creek or in Secret Lake. But I also have complaints from dogs running off leash on Albion Meadows Trail. I personally ran into one Alta Town dog owner last year during wildflower festival. I was trying to keep people on the trail, then a dog ran past me and then off the trail. I've also had complaints of people with dogs off leash on Catherine's Pass trail – one of which included information about the dog chasing moose. My personal observations from the town area is that the number of dog encounters has gone up substantially. 15 years ago I would seldom see dogs at Alta. 2 years ago, I couldn't go to Alta without seeing half a dozen dogs, most of which were not on leashes. This past winter was much improved and the dogs I did see were on leashes. So I thank the Town for working with the residents to gain compliance with their leash laws.

Regarding NEPA, we've performed a cursory look through our files and have not been able to locate the NEPA for the closure order. We will continue looking for it and reach out to our Supervisor's Office, Regional Office, and archives. Since the closure order was permanent, it should have an environmental assessment associated with it.

I hope this helps.

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Caring for the land and serving people

From: Sheridan Davis [<mailto:sdavis@townofalta.com>]
Sent: Friday, June 22, 2018 11:59 AM
To: Hotze, Rebecca - FS <rhotze@fs.fed.us>
Cc: Harris Sondak <hsondak@townofalta.com>
Subject: Alta Dogs

Dear District Ranger Hotze:

Thank you for attending our recent Town of Alta work session and speaking with us candidly about your concerns around dogs in our community. It is always a pleasure to meet another Midwesterner and woman in leadership. I wish you every success in your role within the United States Forest Service in "caring for the land and serving people". In many ways, we share similar goals, and have been shaped by the geography of shared places in light of your time spent in Michigan (my home state) and South Africa, one of my favorite places on earth.

During our broad ranging conversation, which I thank you for, you'd mentioned receiving complaints about the behavior of dogs in Alta. My takeaway from our informal discussion was that these complaints are what you as a District Ranger and your Supervisor are working to address in bringing your concerns to our Mayor and Council. Based on previous Alta citizen requests, I'd asked if you might share with us the complaints the forest service has received in writing.

May we see them?

I had also asked if you might direct me to the NEPA process that was completing in creating the Forest Service Special Order you have citing regarding extensive prohibitions dating from 1997. May I trouble you for that information?

Thank you for your time and your dedication to your mission. I support you in it!

With kind regards,

Sheridan Davis
Town of Alta Councilwoman

From: Mike Maughan
To: [Hotze, Rebecca - FS](#); [Harris Sondak](#)
Subject: FW: dogs
Date: Friday, February 2, 2018 3:25:37 PM

Received the following today from an employee....

"This morning I stopped to look at the bathrooms below the Albion Day Lodge. A skier came up and ask me why the dog wandering around the chairs and skiers at Alta Java was not on a lease. He said the dog was going around sniffing the skiers and and peed on the chair he was sitting in so he moved. He was irritated by the whole thing."