



# Becoming a Member Tract

## It's All About Organization

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, and of family and friends into an effective national organization: National Forest Homeowners.

## What is a “Member Tract”?

As a volunteer-driven association with limited staff and resources, 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. In addition, an important benefit of Member Tract status is that annual NFH dues collected through the tract organization are discounted by \$5 per year.

## Becoming an 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;
- Member Tract agrees to keep its members informed of current policies and issues, to help NFH solicit input and political support from individual cabin owners, families, and friends when needed, and to collect annual dues on NFH's behalf.

## 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 ask tract leadership to encourage both Regular and Associate membership in NFH.



NFH has two categories of membership for tract members:

- **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. Normally \$55 per year, dues are discounted to \$50 per year through a Member Tract.
- **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. Normally \$35 per year, dues are discounted to \$30 per year through a Member Tract.

**For more information or questions about Tract Membership, please contact:**

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