

## **SUMMARY OF FOREST SERVICE REGULATIONS, POLICIES AND PRACTICES REGARDING THE PARKING AND STORAGE OF AUTOMOBILES, RECREATIONAL VEHICLES, BOATS, TRAILERS, ETC.**

- 1. Purpose and Intent:** The purpose of these rules is to maintain a forest environment, and to avoid a cluttered, urbanized, vehicle-dominated or marina appearance in the National Forest. Cabins are on National Forest lands that are open to the public use, to public views, and also to the use and views of neighboring cabins. The intent of our regulations, policies and practices is to maintain a forest environment for the increased enjoyment of the neighboring cabins as well as the public. Generally, the recreation residence lot is not intended to become a storage area for autos, motor homes, house trailers, boat trailers, boats, or other vehicles. Commercial storage facilities are readily available in the Big Bear community. Those are the preferred areas for storage, and storage costs are part of the price of owning vehicles and boats.
- 2. Parking:** No improvised parking is permitted -- any parking of automobiles of cabin owners and their invitees must be located within approved driveways and parking areas of that cabin owner. No public vehicular access or parking is permitted in a cabin owner's authorized parking area or on Forest Service-authorized access roads and driveways that were established and are maintained solely at cabin owner cost. The public does have walk-in and boat-in access and use, but such access and use is subject to a reasonable zone of privacy for the immediate area of the cabin. Automobile parking by cabin owners and their invitees is limited to times of active use of the cabin, and is not to be used for storage of vehicles (except for limited purposes as may be specifically authorized on a case-by-case basis by the District Ranger, as provided below). Except when prohibited altogether by an applicable Operating and Management Plan (such as that of the Southwest Shore), a recreation vehicle (RV) may be used to expand the capacity of a recreation residence only on a short-term basis not to exceed two weeks, and only with the prior written approval of the District Ranger.
- 3. Limited Exception for Boat Trailers:** With the prior written approval of the District Ranger on a case-by-case individual basis, one boat trailer (without boat), or another low-profile empty trailer owned by the cabin owner may be stored in the driveway or established parking areas of the owner's cabin. Storage in non-parking areas, at cabins owned by others, or in parking areas not under the vehicle owner's permit will not be authorized under any circumstances. To the extent that any storage is so authorized by the District Ranger, it is to be limited to temporary seasonal use (summer, in the case of boat trailers), and does not extend into the off-season.
- 4. Storage of Boats and Other Heavy Watercraft:** All boats and jet-skis are to be stored at docks only (and thus by authorized dock participants only). Storage in cabin parking areas or along the lakeshore (whether below or above the high water mark) is not permitted. Limited day use of the lakeshore for boating is permitted to the public, and to recreation residents who do not have dock

privileges, but in both cases is limited to times of active use and does not include storage rights.

5. **Storage of Light Watercraft:** Kayaks, canoes, small aluminum skiffs etc. owned by cabin owners must be stored off the immediate lakeshore, as close to the owner's cabin as reasonably possible, in an inconspicuous area not conflicting with other cabin owners' limited zones of privacy, and shall be covered by a forest-colored tarp. We particularly want to minimize the introduction to the forest of bright, non-forest colors and other urbanized or marina appearances, and for this purpose we are concerned as much about views from the lake as we are from land.
6. **Storage by Non-Cabin Owners:** Storage of a vehicle or watercraft of any nature, by persons other than the owner of a cabin, will not be permitted under any circumstances. No cabin owner has the right to grant such permission.
7. **Registration and Permits:** Vehicles or watercraft that do not show current DMV registration (and current Lake Permit as applicable), or that are inoperable or in disrepair, are not allowed on cabin lots or other National Forest areas under any circumstances.