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Via U.S. Mail **DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

## 2023 PRE-BALLOT NOTICE

The time period for solicitation of new Board of Directors candidates is closed.

The record date for this vote is \_\_\_\_\_, meaning that if you are not a member of record as of \_\_\_\_\_ you do not have the right to vote in this election.

This year's election will take place on: \_\_\_\_\_.

**Members' ballots need to be received in the office by: \_\_\_\_\_ at 5pm.**

**No late ballots will be counted, and hand delivered ballots will not be accepted. You are responsible for ensuring timely delivery of your ballot. Please mail your ballots via USPS to the PO Box #216 in McCloud, listed above.**

This means ballots need to be sent by members to the office no later than \_\_\_\_\_ to ensure adequate time for delivery to the Inspector of Elections. Ballots will come with pre-addressed and posted envelopes, so it will be easy and does not cost you individually to return the ballot. If you miss the \_\_\_\_\_ mailing date and wish to overnight mail your ballot to the Inspector of elections before \_\_\_\_\_ you may at your expense, but you must ensure delivery before the \_\_\_\_\_ deadline.

The ballots will be counted in the MSFPOA office starting at 10:00 AM by the Inspector of Elections, Nicole Monpaine, on this date: \_\_\_\_\_.

There are 7 candidates including: 5 incumbents: Richie Fesler, the current President, Steve Hobson, the current 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Uri Driscoll, Karen Burrige, current Treasurer, and Felicia Aisthorpe, current Secretary. Additionally, 2 new members are running as candidates: Melissa Chandon and Chris Farley. The incumbents have chosen not to write candidate statements. The new candidates have supplied you with candidate statements and they are included below. Write-ins will be allowed, and nothing prevents any member from conducting a write-in campaign as they desire between now and the ballot submission deadline.

Ballots will be sent via USPS to each member with instructions for voting on or before this date: \_\_\_\_\_. Please look for your ballot in the mail after this date: \_\_\_\_\_. Instructions on how to vote will be included with the ballot.

This letter is mailed using Association's mailing list as of \_\_\_\_\_. If your address was incorrect for this mailing, it will be incorrect for the ballots. If you wish to update your address with the Association for the purposes of receiving the ballot, you must provide an address update in writing on or before \_\_\_\_\_ by sending a letter to the Inspector of Elections at the physical or email address above by \_\_\_\_\_.

**The ballot counting will be broadcast over the internet for the general membership to watch the election count to meet the requirements of Civil Code Section 5120(a). Instructions on how to log on to view the ballot count will be sent along with the ballots. Balloting will be conducted according to the MSFPOA's Election Rules, which are included with this letter.**

Please be aware that, using the record date \_\_\_\_\_, the number of votes required to meet quorum is **194** ballots. Each lot gets to cast a ballot, so if you own more than one lot, you can, and should, cast one ballot for each of the lots you own. Multiple ownership will be handled according to the Election Rules. The inspector of Elections, prior to counting any votes, will count all ballots to ensure that quorum is met. **If not, given the late date of this election and the extreme**

difficulty in adjournment of this broadcast meeting, there will be no adjournment in absence of a quorum and the 2023 election will be considered an invalid election for lack of quorum. In that event, the provisions of Corporations Code 7220 will apply, which state that the present directors will retain their seats until a valid election for their seats may be held. In the event such an outcome arises, the Board (as presently constituted) will continue to hold office until the \_\_\_\_\_ vote, at which time these same \_\_\_\_\_ seats will be up for re-election, in order to maintain the staggered election of directors required by our Governing Documents. It is important that you mail in your ballot once received so that quorum requirements are met. Even if you do not wish to vote for anyone, please return your ballot blank, as blank ballots do count toward quorum requirements and every ballot is critical to reaching quorum.

If you have questions about this election, please email the Board of Directors at the POA office at: [msfpoa.ofcsec@gmail.com](mailto:msfpoa.ofcsec@gmail.com).

#### **CANDIDATE STATEMENTS:**

##### **Chris Farley, 05/25/23**

My name is Chris Farley and I am a 10<sup>th</sup> generation Californian who is of the 3<sup>rd</sup> generation to reside in Northern California. I have lived in rural California most of my life. I would like to see our money used efficiently, to maintain our roads, and make improvements in areas that need work for both safety and ease of access. This is a beautiful place. We love it here, so we want to work and contribute to protect and improve this beautiful Mt. Shasta Forest.

##### **Melissa Chandon 6/17/23**

It is with great pleasure I submit my statement for the upcoming Board Member election.

Ten years ago a good friend of mine and I decided to submit an offer on the house that 'Curly built' which is now known as the little RED house.

I remember to this day what a beautiful drive it was down Pilgrim Creek Road to enter the Shasta Forest. The little 'cabin' as we call it needed some work after being abandoned for a few years. Slowly we have been working on it and as you all know life in the forest is never dull. It's two steps forward and one step back!

For several years we have been subject to the whims of the Forest Service. After waiting patiently for the Forest Service to do the right thing and only seeing our community remain at risk that I finally got involved.

I contacted the POA office and started asking questions which has led me on an illuminating path of discovery.

I have now read through all of the pertinent Forest Service reports which are many.

I then began sharing my discoveries with the current POA Board. Over and over I have discovered that the Forest Service is not in compliance with their own reports.

It's my belief that our communities lives are at risk by the closure of Pilgrim creek. It's because of the incoming and outgoing road conditions and closures that I am submitting my application for election. I believe the current board has done a great job of battling the National Forest Service. My goal if elected is to continue to be of service to our community.