



Hello Ticonderoga Members,

Here are brief updates on the great things happening in Ticonderoga this spring including:

*Spring fishing

*Update on Gate Security and Roads

*Burn Pile

*Fiscal Update

Ponds

Did you know there is a spring that originates on Strawberry Rock that feeds Ticonderoga Pond? Often the water is near the top or over the road by this time. Because of the lack of snow melt to feed the spring, this pond is stressed and very low with high banks. Watch your step and your little people. Stocking Tico Pond will be delayed until the predicted heavy monsoons have replenished the pond - perhaps by July 4 holiday.

Ponds on the west side of Ticonderoga will be stocked for Memorial Day recreation!! Enjoy your fishing at Bear Pond, Cabin and Cutthroat!

Did you know?

- A group of rainbow trout is called a "hover" although they are impressive jumpers.

- Because trout require cold, highly oxygenated water to survive, they are used as biological indicators for high water quality. Tico has quality waters!

Speaking of oxygenated water, a more rigorous aerator is being purchased for Ticonderoga Pond. Members, if you see the aerator off, leave it off. Even though satisfying to see it bubbling, the Land Manager regulates the pump based on temperature, fish vitality, and to extend the life of the aerator.

New Gate System:

The membership's investment has met the goal of restricting unauthorized access into Ticonderoga through the winter months. Traffic has trickled to almost zero according to members Charlie and Deb Rogers who provided traffic data to the BOD previously. Other evidence is the gate log records that provide a detailed narrative of traffic patterns and codes that are being used. Traffic monitoring will continue through the summer before a decision is made about the necessity of installing a second gate along Brass Cap Road that was included in the original bid. If the second gate is dispensable, the savings will help provide an extended rock base on the remainder of Ticonderoga Drive. In TOA's region this also depends on the availability of material and the weather.

The Board expresses our gratitude to Director Jimmy Garcia for coordinating equipment procurement, schedules, and project success with the gate contractor. The Board also wants to thank Member Glyn Evans for his immense effort communicating with members about the security system and getting gate codes assigned to everyone.

The new physical gates are in the fabrication stage.

Burn Pile:

The Ticonderoga burn pile is closed because Rio Arriba county is enforcing a no burn ban. Please take your green waste to Russell's Sand and Gravel on 512. The charge is only \$5 per ton. Green waste only - no household trash or construction debris.

Fiscal Update:

Director Linda Benson renewed the organization's non-profit and incorporation status. TOA is current through 2026.

Director Ocas Vasquez, with the significant support of Member Susan Cameron, electronically filed TOA's state and federal tax reports for 2025.

Director Jeannie Pace successfully resolved tax issues on the green belt properties achieving zero taxes in the future.

Cheers:

Here's hoping you can enjoy your space soon! Please have your TOA stickers or placards on your vehicles. Print a temporary vehicle pass for your guests here:

<https://nebula.wsimg.com/c86606f7af16d79e10267ae7a2ecc544?AccessKeyId=CD755F7023D36F25A4C1&disposition=0&alloworigin=1>

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Cutthroat Pond



For Members and
Accompanied Guests Only

Release all fish-
No keeping at all

Flies or lures only - No bait

Single hooks for All -
Mash down all barbs

Bear Pond



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Release all fish-
No keeping at all

Flies or lures only - No bait

Single hooks for All -
Mash down all barbs



Cabin Pond

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Release all fish-
No keeping at all

Flies or lures only - No bait

Single hooks for All -
Mash down all barbs