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Llameros Newsletter



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Dickinson Park Road—OPEN!

A major public road, leading to the Popo Agie Wilderness on the Shoshone National Forest (USFS) trail heads, more specifically, Bears Ears, Smith Lake, and North Fork trail heads is now open. For over 3 years now there was a controversial closure of the Dickinson Park Road that has been used by everyone, including Shoshone and Arapaho tribal members, for decades. The road traverses private and tribal owned land before reaching USFS lands. After a series of private land owner, Tribal Council, and Bureau of Indian Affairs arguments, they (Tribal Council) simply closed the road to everyone. They claimed to have the authority to close the historical public road. The road has easements that were funded and built with tax payer's money and federal programs.

Through apparent secret diplomacy and negotiations, as of August 2007 the

road can be used by non-tribal members with one fairly large financial catch.....YOU must have a Tribal Fishing Permit (sometimes called a trespass permit) simply to cross, even if you don't get out of your vehicle, while traveling to our



The Popo Agie Wilderness offers beautiful scenery and fruitful fishing.

USFS lands. The cost: \$25 one way per day per person (\$30 for non-residents). This means if you will be coming out a

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Reserve Your Llamas Early

For almost 19 years now, Lander Llama Company has been leasing pack llamas for non-guided trips. The Llama lease program has become an integral and successful part of our outfitting services, with the summer of 2007 having the highest demand ever. Unfortunately, many would be llama renters have assumed

the llamas will be available for their trip after they have arranged all of the rest of their vacation, only to find out that during their desired time frame we had no llamas available. Just remember not to put the cart in front of the "llama" so to speak. The summer of 2008 will most likely be the same, and our inven-

tory of pack llamas has been reduced by a few retired llamas for a couple of years while we train and prepare some of our younger llamas. Common "frequently asked questions" are: Q: *How far in advance do we need to make a llama lease reservation?* A: It really depends upon the time frame, but if desired trip

(con't) Dickinson Park Road

few days later (and almost all do) you will need a \$25 permit for the departure date also. If you have a car load of 4 people this will cost you between \$200 to \$220.

While the Tribes may consider this a gift, most people we have talked to consider it an unacceptable price to pay for the average working family, simply to use a road they have used

for decades past. While the Tribes have our utmost respect for sovereignty, we feel this pricing is unfair and will cause deep resentment and divisions from non-tribal members for years to come. It is not something that should be taken lightly by the Tribes, the USFS, or non tribal members alike. We sincerely hope they come up with a more reasonable and acceptable solution to keeping

the road open for all, and not just high income tourists. While maintaining sovereign authority of the road, it can apparently be closed at any time for any reason by the Tribal Council and, so far, it appears federal prosecutors and judges are in favor of the status quo.

Scott Woodruff

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is mid-July to mid-August, booking from December to May is typically safe. Q: *Do I really need to take a training class, since I've been with other people and their llamas?* A: Yes, absolutely! You need to take our training class. If you have leased from us in the past two years then we can waive the class, otherwise it is mandatory to learn

how to use our equipment properly and the details of traveling the wilderness with your additional beast of burden "heart beats".

We are happy to announce our llama lease pricing will be the same for 2008, however large up-swings in gas prices have left us no choice but to change our llama drop fees. The fee

to drop off and pick up your llamas at your desired trail head may be potentially open to a 10% increase. You can view our Llama lease program at www.LanderLlama.com/flamarental.html

Happy trails!

Moose Galore!

This year our guided and un-guided trips saw the Shiras Moose a plenty! As many of you know, it's one thing to see them, but another to get proof in a picture. Here is just a sample of a few separate "Moose" from people on our trips! Thanks to Martin Kistin, Mark LaRowe, and Sam Pedersen for the great pictures!



Happy Holidays Fellow Lander Llama Trekkers!



Frosty Shad



I had a great time guiding folks to the summit of Wind River Peak this year. The high school principal business is in full swing again, but so is the powder season. I spend most of my spare time, in the winter, exploring the wilderness on skis. It keeps me in shape for the Llama season! If you're curious about my adventures, check out my blog: <http://landerbackcountry.blogspot.com/>

Have a great holiday season. I hope to see a few of you on the trail next year!

Shad Hamilton



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Banner Year For The Bunk House

The Bunk House was host to a great many visitors this year from China to New Hampshire. It was most popular with families of 4 to 5. Therese and Skyler really enjoyed meeting and visiting with customers in the evenings while Daddy was on llama trips. Skyler especially enjoyed playing with all the children. They are all her "friends", and she talks about seeing them again someday!

New Bunk House rates for 2008 :

\$115 per night, \$575 per week (6 nights) April-December

\$60 per night, January through March

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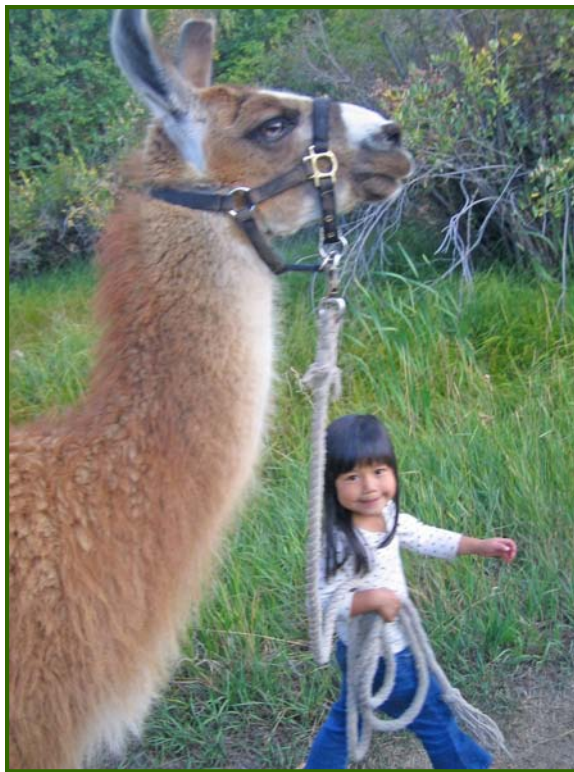
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"Parting Llama Shot"

Thunder, the llama, passed away in
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Scott Woodruff
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*"Sorry for the delay in
opening Woody's Fly
Shop.....but please check
our web site soon"*

We're on the Web
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Woody's Fly Shop.com , at Lander Llama Company will be open very soon. We are still setting up our on-line shopping cart for dry flies , wet flies, and fly fishing gear for our western high mountain areas at very competitive prices!

Woody's Fly Shop.com will also carry our traditional t-shirts and our newly added "retro" t-shirts which are khaki with a forest green logo.

The shop's physical location is at Lander Llama Company where you can browse our flies and many nic-nac's if on-line is not your style.

