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## From Mike Brogdon:

- The burn pile is getting very large, which we are glad that people are taking advantage of and are using. I did notice this weekend that there has been some construction debris placed at the site. Please do not place construction debris there. The reason being is that we use a backhoe to pile and move the material around for burning. Construction debris always has nails and screws in it which of course flattens our tires. So please no construction debris at the site.
- 2. In the last two weeks we have seen three mountain lions in the area and came across two elk lion kills in the last week. We are very concerned about the number of lions in the area and have noticed over the last five years a large decrease in elk population in Ticonderoga. Our concern is not only for the wildlife in the area but we are getting very concerned for people and pets. We actually heard of one living under someone's porch. There has been at least

four lions killed within Ticonderoga in the last two years and doesn't seem to have phased their numbers. So please be diligent and understand that we are in the mountains along with all of the other critters. It is very rare that mountain lions attack humans, however it can happen. Please enjoy Ticonderoga and the outdoors, but just be aware we don't want to see anybody hurt. Bear spray may not be a bad idea, we are seeing a lot of bear in the area and the spray works just as well on lions, just be sure that you know how to use it. Be safe.