

Policy for Use of the Giovale-Millis Lodge

Policy:

The GM Lodge may be used by partners and Lowell staff who, in their duties at the DCT, find the need for sleeping accommodations near the telescope building.

- a. Of the three rooms at the GM Lodge, one will be held open for operations staff up to one month prior to any date. If the room is not reserved by operations staff at least a month before use, it will be available with the other two rooms in the general reservations pool.
- b. All users shall make reservations at least two weeks prior to the nights they need.
- c. Priority for reservations will be given to people who are using or working at the telescope on the night(s) in question.
- d. Use of and reservations for available space at the lodge is on a first-come, first-served basis. If there are no rooms available, users should check the Lowell Mars Hill Lodge and Chalet for space.
- e. All users of the GM Lodge should make sure that they leave the lodge in a clean and orderly condition, so as to minimize additional visits by the janitorial service. Beds, if used, shall be stripped; the kitchen area cleaned, and garbage removed in order to ensure a clean house prior to the arrival of the next guests with reservations. Dirty linens shall be placed in a hamper for pickup by the janitorial service.

Rationale:

The intent of the lodge is to provide a rest space close to the DCT telescope facility. For those working at night, especially on long winter nights, the return trip to Flagstaff is stressful and risky. The ability to rest at Happy Jack adds significantly to the safety of those using and providing services at the telescope.

With respect to safety, let's assume that every trip to Happy Jack entails a finite risk of an accident. Then it follows that the telescope operators, commissioning personnel, and engineering staff are in fact those who face the greatest cumulative risk, since they make the greatest number of trips per year. We have invested highly in these people, we value their services, and we therefore should at least allow the possibility that they may need to rest and recover at the lodge following a long night at the telescope.

There have already been two accidents involving Lowell personnel or visitors to the DCT on Lake Mary Road. One involved a visiting scientist who struck a large elk at highway speeds. His car was a total loss; fortunately he was not injured. The other accident involved a Lowell employee who struck a vehicle that had pulled out in front of him at the Stoneman Lake Road intersection. None of the people involved were injured. However, both accidents could easily have had more serious and tragic endings.

Available facilities:

The GM Lodge has 3 bedrooms, each with two beds (one a roll away bed). There is one shared bathroom in the house, a communal kitchen, and a living/dining area.