

Rock Ridge originated in Northern California in the fertile grounds of the traditional bluegrass scene with founders Rick and Josie Grant about 15 years ago. When they moved to Oregon, they teamed up with Northwest bluegrass veterans Dale and Suzanne Adkins. Rock Ridge was hitting its stride in early 2020 with a huge roster of bookings - and then COVID hit, deflating the momentum the band had been building up. They used those long quiet days to refine and hone their sound and work on a new recording.

The Flood is Rock Ridge's second full length recording, and the first to feature the current configuration of band members. The band had a blast putting together the material for this recording and feels like it is a great representation of the vocal-driven bluesy groove music they love best. With fantastic guest fiddle players Chad Manning from San Francisco, and Greg Spatz from Spokane, The Flood is an exciting addition to the contemporary Bluegrass repertoire.

This recording features the songwriting talents of three of the band members. "The Flood" was penned by Suzanne over 20 years ago. In its early life, it was in a minor key, fingerpicked with great melancholy on the guitar. After years of fine tuning, the current version is a driving, in-your-face, edgy bluegrass number. "Farmers Lament", by Rick Grant, has been transformed into a classic story of woe, familiar to fans of the genre. "Forget the Hard Times", by Suzanne, is a beautiful letter to a loved one, showing the sweeter side of the band and highlighting the breadth of the vocal talents of Josie and Dale. "Climb That Hill" is another gem that has been through several iterations over the years. Josie absolutely kills it with her vocal power and perfect phrasing. "Don't Let the Stove Go Cold" is Dale's lighthearted homage to escaping those long winter days, or in other words, it is a "F*&K Winter" song!

Bottom Line: The chemistry and excitement this configuration creates along with their love for driving bluesy traditional bluegrass is a joy to behold. Rock Ridge calls Sisters Oregon home.

Track Credits

Dale Adkins: Banjo on all tracks, guitar and tenor guitar on some

Suzanne Adkins - Bass on all songs

Josie - Rhythm guitar on all songs

Rick - Mandolin on all songs

Guests on Fiddle:

Chad Manning - from Berkeley, CA. recorded in Berkeley by Dale Adkins

Greg Spatz - from Spokane, WA - recorded in Spokane by Dale Adkins

1. The Flood - Suzanne Adkins

1. Lead Vocal - Dale
2. Tenor Vocal - Josie
3. Banjo - Dale (playing his 1960's Gibson tenor banjo conversion - (all songs with banjo))
4. Tenor Guitar - Dale (playing his 1960's Harmony tenor guitar (all songs with tenor guitar))
5. Fiddle - Chad

2. Lonely River - Cullen Galvea

1. Lead Vocal - Dale

2. Tenor Vocal - Josie
3. Banjo - Dale
4. Fiddle - Chad
3. Sleeping Cold - Kasey Chamber & Shane Nicholson
 1. Lead Vocal - Dale
 2. Tenor Vocal Josie
 3. Banjo - Dale
 4. Tenor Guitar - Dale
 5. Fiddle - Chad
4. Forget the Hard Times - Suzanne Adkins
 1. Lead Vocal - Dale
 2. Tenor Vocal Josie
 3. Baritone Vocal - Rick
 4. Banjo - Dale
 5. Tenor Guitar - Dale
 6. Fiddle - Greg
5. Climb That Hill - Dale Adkins
 1. Lead Vocal - Josie
 2. Baritone Vocal - Dale
 3. Low Tenor Vocal - Rick
 4. Banjo - Dale
 5. Fiddle - Chad
6. Blue Night - David Kirk McGee
 1. Lead Vocal - Suzanne
 2. Tenor Vocal - Josie
 3. Banjo - Dale
 4. Fiddle - Greg
7. Sweetest Waste of Time - Kasey Chambers & Shane Nicholson
 1. Lead Vocal - Dale
 2. Tenor Vocal Josie
 3. Lead Guitar - Dale (Playing a 1937 Regal Jumbo)
 4. Fiddles - Greg
8. Farmers Lament - Rick Grant
 1. Lead Vocal - Josie
 2. Baritone Vocal - Dale
 3. Banjo - Dale
 4. Fiddle - Greg
9. Don't Let the Stove Go Cold - Dale Adkins
 1. Lead Vocal - Dale
 2. Tenor Vocal - Suzanne
 3. High Baritone - Josie
 4. Banjo - Dale
 5. Fiddle - Greg
10. Enough on My Mind - Ronnie Bowman & Tim Masse
 1. Lead Vocal (tenor vocal on Chorus) - Josie
 2. Lead vocal on Chorus - Dale
 3. Baritone Vocal on Chorus - Suzanne
 4. Banjo - Dale

5. Fiddle - Greg
11. Foolish Heart - John H Pennell
 1. Lead Vocal - Josie
 2. Baritone Vocal - Dale
 3. Low Tenor Vocal - Rick
 4. Banjo - Dale
 5. Lead Guitar - Dale (playing 1938 Regal Jumbo Junior)
 6. Fiddle - Chad
12. Your Worries and Troubles are Mine - Candace Randolph and Ralph Stanley
 1. Lead Vocal - Dale
 2. Tenor Vocal Josie
 3. Baritone Vocal - Rick
 4. Banjo - Dale
 5. Fiddle - Chad
13. What Will Become of Me - Johnny Williams
 1. Lead Vocal - Josie
 2. Baritone Vocal - Dale
 3. Low Tenor Vocal - Rick
 4. Banjo - Dale
 5. Fiddle - Chad

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