5B Restoration Coalition

September 28, 2016

Teleconference

Present: Dani Mazzotta, John Kurtz, Holly Brown, Zach Poff, Kurt Nelson, Chip Deffe, Angenie McCleary, Karen DiBari

**Deer Creek Updates**

***Restoration Activities***

* Trail work is being completed and is looking great! One more youth crew will be working for one week in October
* The ATV bridge made of glu-lam stringers is being delivered between 10/5-10/10, and a new vault toilet will be coming in.
* The FS is identifying dispersed camping locations.
* Road realignment beginning October 3. Culvert work is beginning; it is a priority to get this in place during low flow. The crew will be working on it through early November. The FS may need to close the area for blasting.

***Interpretive Signs***

* Those present discussed ideas for interpretive signage in Deer Creek at two locations: 1) North Fork trailhead – 3 panel kiosk and 2) end of road – single or double paneled sign. Important elements to include:
  + Partnership and description of community effort (list of community partners, logos)
  + Restoration activities, post-fire needs
* Evelyn \_\_\_\_ is the local contractor who designs signs like this; it is good to involve her as early as possible. Suggest talking with her in November to identify the theme and next steps.
* The signs are being supported through contributions the NFF has raised for the 5B Restoration Fund ($10,000) and FS money raised through an Idaho Dept of Parks & Recreation (?) grant ($8,000).

**BLM Wood River Valley Travel Planning**

* The BLM is working with a contractor to write the environmental assessment for travel planning; John Kurtz has Holly Brown have a call on 9/29 with Advance Restoration Solutions, or ARS (contractor) to line out plans.
* The ARS schedule will impact when scoping will start, but it is likely to start in the new year.
* John asked the 5BRC to brainstorm about ways to get the word out to the community. The agency will be communicating directly with county commissioners and city councils.
* The group members are supportive of the 5BRC hosting a community meeting about travel planning and its importance to natural resource management and recreation.
* The group also decided to assemble a committee to dig deeper into travel planning and report back to the full group, once it gets going.
* Angenie shared that the county is interested in hosting meetings as well.

**Agenda items for November 3**

* Travel Planning presentation
* Firewise
* Dark Skies
* Deer Creek progress
  + Monitoring (and potential to involve students in photo-documentation)
  + Interpretive signs
* 5B Restoration Fund update