

5B Restoration Coalition
June 22, 2016
Teleconference Notes

Attendees

Lynn Campion-Waddell, Holly Crawford, Chip Deffe, Susan Giannettino, Chris Leman, Dani Mazotta, Kurt Nelson, Zach Poff,

National Forest Foundation

Karen DiBari, Dayle Wallien, Emily Struss

Action Items

- NFF will create a signup sheet for food and supplies for the BBQ and share with the group.
- NFF will send out updated details on the tour and BBQ as they are confirmed.
- ALL will think about ways to recognize volunteers/adoptees and share during tour.
- KAREN will connect with Chris offline about the website posts regarding the Adopt-A-Trail program.
- DANI will send the comments from Idaho Conservation League on the Big Wood Travel Plan to Karen who will share with the group.

Minutes

Planning for July 20 field tour of Deer Creek to see the work being done by the Idaho Conservation Corps and BBQ at the new Greenhorn Trailhead Pavilion w/the youth corps.

Field Tour

- Going to visit the ID Conservation Corps (ICC) to see the work they are doing.
- After the tour will have a BBQ with the ICC.
- Follow up on changing the date to include the BLM Youth Corps.
 - Reviewed the dates the BLM crews will be out there but unfortunately the alternate date proposed won't work for NFF.
 - Don't need to include the BLM crew, it was a nice idea but logistically too challenging.
- The first ICC crew has started.
- Tour itself:
 - Plan on going to the North Fork site to see the crew working. It's not too long of a hike and will give an opportunity to have Q&A with the kids.
 - Will tour the road which can be seen from the drive.
 - Goal of seeing restoration efforts between North Fork and day use site.
 - Time: morning from 9:00 – 1:00 or 2:00.
 - There will be multiple cars so if folks need to leave early or don't want to participate in a portion of the tour there is some flexibility.
 - Where to meet: To be confirmed.

BBQ

- BBQ will be at 6:00 and partners are requested to be there at 5:00 to help set up.
- Location: Greenhorn trailhead under the BRAND NEW PAVILION!

- There were several folks who volunteered to help provide some sides and supplies. We decided it would be easiest to create a sign up list and share with the group.
 - ACTION: NFF will create a signup sheet and share with the group.
- Number of people: Approx. 60
 - 36 ICC, 7 trail crew, 5BRC members.
- Dani mentioned that she did something similar to this with the 50th celebration last year and would be happy to share contacts, lessons learned, etc.

Other updates/comments around tour/BBQ:

- Pavilion should be up around July 4th or the following week.
- Dani: would like to have a discussion during the tour about ways this group can support implementation through volunteers and other efforts. The goal would be to build a public engagement strategy that would really be an internal tool to carry to projects to completion.
- ACTION: NFF will send out updated details on the tour and BBQ as they are confirmed.

Updates on schedules and implementation of Deer Creek restoration

Kurt

- Going from concept to final is taking longer than planned.
- Final draft is going to Levy Advisory Board.
- Plants to be ordered this fall (once road construction is done).
- Road crossing materials will be ordered soon.
- Construction on culvert this fall.
- Alignment work itself will happen May 2017.
- Reclamation and vegetation following in 2017.
- Design of two trailheads happening this summer.

Zach

- Trail reconstruction has begun.
- Greenhorn Pavilion- working with NFF on getting the contract signed for construction.

Dani

- Levy funding – this group helped at the hearing. Need to go in front of LAB and the council one more time. Dates to follow.

Update on the Adopt-A-Trail effort – how are things going, and how can the 5BRC help support the effort?

Chris

- 80 hours of trail work completed to date.
- Have some groups scheduled and opportunities available for individuals looking to volunteer.
- Next opportunity is on June 28th, for more information [click here](#).
- Volunteers have slowed a little but expect it to grow again once we get further into summer, especially this fall.
- Overall very pleased with interest.

Zach

- Applied for and received a grant from the Resource Advisory Committee make a paying volunteer coordinator position for Chris.
- Funding for tools and will be starting a tool cache for volunteers and adoptees.

- Looking for tool location. Want to get a tool shed and create an official check out program.
- Lots of folks signed up for Adopt-A-Trail and getting quality work out of them.
- Zach asked some good questions/ideas about cross marketing the group and the adopt-a-trail efforts through both websites. There have been a number of good blog posts created about the program it would be great to share from the 5BRC site.
 - ACTION: Karen will connect with Chris offline about the website posts.

Recognition of Volunteers/ Adoptees

- Zach asked the group on ways to help recognize and show appreciation for our volunteers.
 - Something in local paper, ad or article.
 - Chris mentioned that food and beverages following work days will help get volunteers.
 - Asked everyone to think on it and bring some ideas to the field tour.

Travel planning update (see attached announcement about the Big Wood Travel Mgmt Plan)

Holly

- No real updates on BLM travel planning – will put on agenda for fall meeting.
- Contracts for travel planning in Wood River Valley.

Karen

- Sent materials with meeting announcement on the travel planning status and process. [Click here.](#)

Dani

- In review now and will stop accepting comments on July 1. (**NOTE: The comment deadline was extended to July 15th.)
- Doesn't feel the group is in a place to send a collective response from the 5BRC but is open to the discussion if there is interest.
 - No one showed interest on the call to provide a group response.
 - Dani would be happy to provide updates or info any time.
 - There was interest in learning more about the process for future purposes.
- ACTION: Dani will send the comments to Karen who will share with the group.
- There was some additional interest from Chris. Dani and Chris will connect offline on process.

Karen

- Karen mentioned she will send out comments and after folks have a chance to review will ask the group in July if they would like a guest speaker at the fall meeting to learn more about the planning process.

Firewise/CWPP development

- Angenie is the most involved; since she is not on the call we will hold this item till next time.

Other

- Many thanks for hard work and positive progress.