

5B Restoration Coalition
Teleconference Notes
January 18, 2017

Present: Chris Leman, John Kurtz, Zach Poff, Angenie McCleary, Chip Deffe, Jo Heiss, Karen DiBari

BLM Travel Planning

John reported that the BLM is making progress internally on travel planning, but is running into contracting challenges that are causing delays. Scoping won't happen in January/February as planned, but will be pushed back. John will keep us posted as the new timeline is determined.

5BRC Trails and Restoration Fund

The group discussed priorities for a trails fund:

- Maintain and sustain existing trails.
- Improve linkages and connectivity across jurisdictions to support an integrated trails system.
- Construct new trails.
- Support education and outreach.

Next 5BRC Meeting

The next in-person meeting is currently planned for February 22nd. The group decided to move forward with this date. Agenda items will be:

- 5BRC's priorities for 2017
 - Building financial support for trails and restoration through some kind of business fund
 - Restoring Deer Creek
 - Engaging in and supporting public dialogue around BLM travel management
 - Broadening participation in the 5BRC
 - Supporting the Dark Skies efforts
 - Supporting Firewise efforts
- Brainstorming about how to achieve those plans, with a particular focus on the fund development
- University of Idaho post-fire restoration workshop, planned for the spring (connection with Sun Valley Institute on Resilience)

The group talked about extending personal invitations to people and groups to the next meeting.

5BRC Member will extend invitation to	Invitee
Chip Deffe	Wood River Bike Coalition
Chip Deffe	Chris Hammerly
Chip Deffe	Bacon (?)
Chip Deffe	Harry Griffith
Chip Deffe	Keri York

Chris Leman	David Sundholm
John Kurtz	City of Bellevue/City Council member
?	Lisa Horowitz, Planner, City of Hailey

Next steps:

- Karen will develop a short document describing 5BRC accomplishments.
- Karen will provide information about the NFF's Forest Stewardship Fund program.
- The 5BRC members listed above will extend personal invitations to the next meeting.
- Karen will contact Aimee Christensen about the University of Idaho presentation on 2/22.