

5B Restoration Coalition
Teleconference Meeting Notes
Friday, May 19, 2017, 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

Present: Chris Leman, Nancy Humphries, Zach Poff, Susan Giannettino, Aimee Christensen, Deb Taylor, Erika Phillips, John Kurtz, Dani Mazzotta, Kurt Nelson

Greetings and Announcements

- REMINDER: Creating a Fire-Resilient Community Workshop, June 7-8, Limelight Hotel

Aimee reminded everyone about the workshop

- NSF grant – Crystal Colden (?) has a team of people to help prioritize restoration needs, with some GIS resources
- Opportunities for the 5BRC to partner with the Sun Valley Institute for Restoration
- University of Idaho will be sending out a finalized agenda next week

Updates

- Trails Maintenance Funding Committee report (Susan, Chris, Brett, Nancy, Jim, Karen)
 - Committee has been meeting, and has been looking at different models of funding for trails
 - Two models of friends groups: Salida, CO and Sedona, AZ have different approaches
 - Looking at how to involve businesses perhaps with a % addition
 - **NEXT CALL:** Friday, June 2, 8:00 – 9:30 a.m. at the Community Campus (anyone is welcome)
- Deer Creek Restoration, including interpretive signs
 - Deer Creek has been underwater for a few weeks due to abnormally high runoff this spring.
 - The work done last field season is looking good; unfortunately have access issues right now to do further work so are on hold for the moment; in flood repair mode
 - Signs: Dani, Chris, Chip and Zach met and have been pulling together the language for the signs, Chris produced a map
 - FS has contacted the sign construction contractor; Have some bids out for material list
 - Working with Evelyn to solidify her costs and NFF and FS are working on the contracts
- Anticipate one more week to complete flood repair in Warm Spring

- Dark Sky Reserve – 5BRC submitted a report to the Sawtooth National Recreation Area in support of the Dark Sky Reserve; ~53 comments submitted and almost all were supportive; now in the process of preparing an application to the International Dark Skies Association and submit it in July; Dani has a draft of the application in case anyone is interested in seeing it. The City of Ketchum also submitted a proposal to the International Dark Sky Association to become a Dark Skies community; Ketchum now has one of the better ordinances in the country.
- BLM Travel Management – BLM is almost finished with their route evaluations, then scheduling an open house meeting and public outreach. The open house meeting will be
- Projects – Alden Gulch funding and Little Wood (Idaho Trails Association)
 - Alden Gulch is a connector trail to Osberg Ridge; will enable people to hike a smaller, non-motorized loop section; by rebuilding it the FS can offer a smaller loop trail; there's a shuttle service to drop people off; the Ketchum
 - Little Wood project – NFF has granted the \$2,500 to ITA for the work trip, which is scheduled in August; ITA also raised funds through a community beer night, and several 5BRC members/groups are involved in supporting the project
 - ITA is hosting a work weekend on Summit Creek in September in case anyone is interested
- NFF updates
 - Bill Possiel is retiring as of May 26th, and Mary Mitsos has been selected after a long search as the new NFF president and CEO
 - Aimee Christensen recently joined the NFF board – it is great to have someone working in the field of resilience and restoration on the board.
 - The NFF board approved the Sawtooth Treasured Landscapes status and next steps
 - The NFF board met and approved the Sawtooth concept for a Treasured Landscape. The NFF spoke with the Regional Forester and she is supportive of the NFF moving forward to further develop the implementation plan. Karen will be in touch with Kurt and other forest leadership.

Summer Plans:

- Field Trip/meeting
 - Support for a field trip idea; need to get a handle on the progress the FS is able to make regarding Deer Creek; might make sense to do it later in the season (September); want to be able to show progress on what is being done
 - Plan a phone call meeting in the summer – July 18, 9:00 a.m.
 - John Kurtz and Karen will talk about scheduling a late June call/meeting specifically on BLM travel planning