

Grand County Trail Mix Meeting Minutes
Tuesday July 14, 2020
Held via conference call only
PRELIMINARY

Meeting called to order at 11:00 am.

Present: Paul Spencer, Stephen Schultz, Cory Shurtleff, Katie Stevens, Brian Murdock, Marc Thomas, Kya Marienfeld, Aaron Lindberg, Kirsten Peterson, Brett Suttter, Zacharia Levine, Maddie Logowitz.
Absent: Justin Ricks, Denise Ricks, Keri Fransden, Tyson Swasey, Evan Clapper, Kim Schappert, Mila Dunbar-Irwin
Guests: none

Approval Of Minutes: Marc motioned to approve the minutes from February through June. Steve seconded, vote passed unanimously.

Trail Mix Business: The Old Spanish Trail figures project has hit a few speed bumps. The requested site is on Dept. of Energy land and has several right of ways layered on top of it. It was agreed that the chosen location was better than any alternative, and that the best course of action was to wait for all legal clearances to be obtained. Paul said he would write letter of recommendation for the project.

City Update: Cory reported that the city is considering allowing a community garden at Anonymous Park. The gardens would be physically separated from the dirt jumps. Cory continued saying that the city was slowly opening up from the pandemic and he was starting to schedule meetings with the city manager about several active transportation problem areas and clarification of eBike regulations on city maps.

BLM Update: Katie started her report saying that the Pinto Arch Trail had been approved. There were some critical points that needed signage, but the trail could be opened relatively easily and soon and possibly be made by volunteers. Katie was seeking input about recreation opportunities in the San Rafael Swell. She said there didn't seem to be much non-motorized recreation happening in area and that the Dingell Act requires the BLM to look into the potential for mountain biking trails. Aaron recommended that she contact Bicyclewerks in Price and the Price Area Singletrack Society (P.A.S.S.). Kya responded saying that users in that area developed illegal trails that encroached on wilderness areas; to which Katie responded that the wilderness areas were established, and that any trails to be promoted would be verified as being legal.

Forest Service Update: Brian reported that the Trans La Sal/Squaw Springs trail was being worked on by Forest Service crews. He said the Trail Mix trail crew had been working on Hazzard County trail. He continued saying that he noticed lots of damage to the Burro Pass trail switchback and hopefully Maddie and Tyson could work on that next. He finished his report by saying that the southern part of the Loop Road repaving project would be started by San Juan County next Fall.

Equestrian Report: Steve reports that the Back Country Horsemen are still in favor of the Medicine Lake Corral Proposal and would continue working with Forest Service on it. Steve said that the horsemen had been doing a lot of trail cleaning work in the Hell's Canyon, and Medicine Lake Connector Trails, which had seen large amounts of tree fall. He also mentioned that many equestrians had been riding on the SITLA land's motorized single-track on the east side of mountains. He would

like to see if he could place some horse stickers on the carbonite signs just to prevent possible collisions by making motorcyclists aware that there may be horses on the trail, and also to clear singletrack trails as high as possible, since a rider on horseback is considerably taller than a rider on a motorcycle. He finished saying that they really liked the reroutes of the South Mountain Trails.

Trail Report: Maddie reported that the Trail Mix crew had been working on Hazzard County trails with a few volunteers. She also said that they finished layout of the Squaw Spring exit trail and were going to be reimbursed for labor costs by the Forest Service.

Climbing Report: Brett commented to Katie that he thought the exclusion areas in Hell Roaring and Mineral Bottom canyons were good.

Hiking Report: Marc asked Katie about oil and gas leasing proposals and trail proposals. In particular, was it worth it to make proposals for new trails seeing that the land was potentially going to be leased. Katie responded saying that most trails are already on leased land and that the lease doesn't exclude recreational development. She then added that most oil and gas companies will aid in trail relocation if needed.

Mountain biking: Aaron had nothing to report.

Skiing: Kirsten had nothing to report.

Trail Running: Justin was absent.

Citizens to be Heard: Paul reported that he received 7 letters about the Mill Creek Pathway Pocket Park. He responded to them saying that the park was not, and never has been, a Trail Mix project. Zacharia Levine then spoke saying that he submitted his resignation to the county beginning of August. He wants to remain involved in trail work. He said the Maddie and Tyson were managing impacts of pandemic and adjusting their budget. He was still planning on the Spanish Valley drive project with UDOT hot spot funding.

Kya motioned to adjourn meeting at 12:08 pm. Marc seconded.