

**Grand County Trail Mix Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday September 8, 2020**  
**Held via conference call only**  
**PRELIMINARY**

Meeting called to order at 11:04 am.

**Present:** Paul Spencer, Marc Thomas, Jennifer Jones, Maddie Logowitz, Stephen Schultz, Kya Marienfeld, Tyson Swasey, Brett Sutteer

**Absent:** Keri Fransden, Evan Clapper, Kim Schappert, Mila Dunbar-Irwin, Cory Shurtleff, Brian Murdock, Aaron Lindberg, Zacharia Levine, Katie Stevens, Justin Ricks, Denise Ricks, Kirsten Peterson

**Guests:** Melissa Nerone (GCSAR)

**Approval Of Minutes:** postponed due to lack of quorum.

**Trail Mix Business:** There was a discussion of signage on the Whole Enchilada, centered around safety information (where you are, and alternate routes if you are tired/injured/etc). This ties in with the original idea of the Raptor Route - provide interesting alternate routes, for riders of varying skills and fitness levels. Melissa Nerone provided good input on how this would help both Search and Rescue and EMS. Maddie will continue to refine the proposed design for a future sign order.

Chair noted that the speed limit on highway 313 has been increased (from 50 to 60 MPH).

Unfortunately Trail Mix received no notification that this was planned; it is not a good move for the road bikers who use that route.

There is good progress on the Old Spanish Trail figures permitting process, but final approval has not been received yet.

**County Update:** not present

**City Update:** not present

**BLM Update:** Jennifer brought up the proposed Mineral/Hell Roaring Canyon restrictions; Brett was volunteered to write a letter of support for the preferred option "A". The restrictions will only have an extremely minor impact on recreational opportunities in the area.

The NICA race is upcoming Saturday September 26th at the Brand Trails.

Jennifer noted the recently enacted Great America Outdoors Act; this should provide funding for several local trails.

**Forest Service Update:** Neither Brian nor Zachary were able to attend; a letter from Zachary was read, with several updates including:

- the forest service is seeking comments about a proposed fee increase for campgrounds
- fire danger is high; fire restrictions are still in place
- Burro Pass trail is being worked on
- Hazard County trail in great shape - thank you to Maddie and Tyson

A report from the public was received about "extreme mud on Jimmy Keen trail"; some forest service employees investigated and found nothing, and Tyson was in the area and also saw nothing.

**Trail Report:** The Hazard County rebuild is done; new drains, new armoring, new berms. Rider feedback has been enthusiastically positive. This was done under the cooperative agreement with the Forest Service; next year's agreement needs to be worked out. The trail crew (aka GCATT) has new offices, across from the MARC, graciously provided by SFRA. Two grants were received recently; one from the Utah department of Recreational Trails, the other from a major bike company (kept secret until the official announcement later this month). A sign order is underway. Groff Park construction is making significant progress, huge thanks to Bill Jackson and the Grand County Roads Department. There will be volunteer opportunities to help out in October. The Red Onion trail is basically complete; needs signage. About two days of work left.

**Biking Report:** not present

**Climbing/Canyoneering Report:** Brett reported on problems with large groups in Granstaff and Moonflower canyons. He is working on the issue with the BLM.

**Equestrian Report:** Steve noted a volunteer recognition program from the State, that issues a certificate of appreciation.

**Hiking Report:** Nothing to report that has not already been covered.

**Trail Running:** not present

**Skiing:** not present

**Citizens to be Heard:** No comments were received.

Kya raised an issue about the Agenda as published, expressing concern that there was insufficient detail of items to be discussed. The Agenda includes all items known about at time of preparation; and will include any items up for a vote. We follow the example of Grand County (since we are a Grand County committee), and for reports, we do not usually include details; since the items that will be reported on are not known in advance. It was agreed that the Chair will solicit input from members and include items on the Agenda as reported; but that lack of mention in the Agenda will not restrict any report from mentioning any item.

Marc moved to adjourn meeting at 11:54. Kya seconded.