

**Grand County Trail Mix Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, October 8, 2019**  
**APPROVED November 12 2019**

**Present:** Paul Spencer, Madeline Logowitz, Justin Ricks, Denise Ricks, Kya Marienfeld, Brett Sutteer, Brian Murdock, Katie Stevens, Zacharia Levine, Keri Fransden

**Absent:** Aaron Lindberg, Scott Escott, Sharon Hogan, Marc Thomas, Stephen Schultz, Tyson Swasey, Evan Clapper, Kirsten Peterson, Kim Schappert, Anna Sprout, Rani Derasary

**Guests:** Mila Dunbar-Irwin

Meeting called to order at 11:15 AM.

**Approval of Minutes:** Katie moved to approve, Keri seconded, all in favor

**Trail Mix Business:** the current status of Prospector trail (after the hotel construction) is in question - Chair will investigate and report.

**County Update:** the Slickrock 50th anniversary celebration was well attended. The half-hour movie that was produced for the event is available on YouTube and is worth watching.

A new County employee, Mila Dunbar-Irwin, was introduced; she will be working on the Spanish Valley Drive pathway project.

A new project to add a bike path on the entire paved portion (from Main Street to the end of the pavement at the Kane Creek parking lot) is being worked on. This has a few challenges, such as the narrow curve at the river. Zacharia indicated that they may need contributions from private developers. County will be applying for grants for both the SVD and the Kane Creek pathways.

The Utah Planning Association will hold their spring conference in Moab next year. They may want to take a group tour of local trails, and host an evening social where the Slickrock 50th video can be shown.

County Budget season is underway; any funding suggestions should be submitted soon.

The Loop Road paving will be continued, but most likely not until 2021.

**City Update:** none.

**BLM Update:** upcoming events:

- Arches Half Marathon on Sunday - 128 closed 8AM-noon in the race area
- Moab 240 starts Friday. Race goes uphill on Jackson
- Trail Marathon - first weekend in November
- Chile Pepper Ho-Down - November 1-2 weekend
- Dead Horse Ultra - November 16th

A BLM archaeologist will be out to look at the Burrito adjustment Oct 17th.

There has been no BLM action so far on e-bike rule changes; in the interim the message is that current rules and regulations are still in place and are still being enforced. The BLM Utah state office is working on the issue, and was collecting trail information including trail construction funding sources. Outerbike had e-bike demos and a designated (legal) e-bike route. The Trail Mix booth fielded a lot of questions on the issue.

Depending on the BLM decision, Trail Mix may need to work with County / City / BLM and others on the status of the paved paths north of town (which are all currently off-limits to motorized travel).

There is a major project planned for Takeout Beach, including enlarging the parking area, constructing a boat ramp, and new kiosks. The climbing route is being taken into consideration.

The BLM District Manager is transferring, and there is a new field manager.

Clearing up a confusion, Katie says there are two Juniper trails in the Moab area - the hiking trail (in Sand Flats), and a motorcycle trail (north of town towards Green River).

Katie notes that grant applications for next year should be discussed and coordinated.

**Forest Service:** Surveys are being conducted on the Whole Enchilada. The intent of the survey is purely for user feedback; no changes are being considered.

High winds last weekend took down some trees; so trails may no longer be clear.

The trail at South Mountain is now finished; the one at Squaw Springs is still under construction.

Signs for the Moab 240 race are up.

The USFS District Manager is retiring at the end of October.

**Trail Report:** September 16th was the Big Burrito construction ground-breaking kickoff. National Public Lands Day on September 28th was also on Big Burrito.

The Jackson trail bridge is in, but some touch-up work is needed, and some landscaping work will also be done. Trail is a little awkward now; it will make sense next Spring, when the boardwalk is put in.

The grant for Jackson trail work done so far was closed out.

The urban biking skills park planning continues, working with Chuck from the City. The area needs to be surveyed for flooding before determining exact site location. Project will continue in the Spring.

Volunteer projects:

- Outerbike helped to organize two days of volunteer work on trails; nine people came out.
- the Charter School came to a project; Maddie did an educational seminar on erosion
- the High Mountain Institute came and worked on Big Burrito
- the Campbell Hall kids will return soon for their tenth year!
- a volunteer day at the Craggin' Classic will work on the Abraxis trail

The trail survey can now be completed on-line; it includes an interactive map-based feedback portion where people can report on bike commuting issues in the County. Zacharia noted that a similar system could be set up for trail users to submit maintenance issues.

**Biking:** none

**Climbing/Canyoneering:** Brett is coordinating with Todd on bolt removal. They have acquired a prybar to help with the job.

Maddie and the trail crew are coordinating with the BLM Monticello office on Leave No Trace training on Oct 17th.

**Equestrian:** the Back Country Horsemen are organizing a trail maintenance project in Doe Canyon on Saturday October 19th. This is a mixed-use trail, all are encouraged to help.

The BCH will work on marking the Bijou Trail.

**Hiking:** Katie is working on the Corona Arch trail proposal.

**Trail Running:** many running events coming up soon.

**Skiing:** unclear whether a grant for a new grooming snowmobile was applied for.

**Citizens to be Heard:** none

Keri moved to adjourn; Maddie seconded. Adjourned at 12:18.