

TRAIL MIX COMMITTEE MINUTES
Tuesday Feb 14, 2017
VALENTINES DAY

PRESENT: Paul Spencer, Kim Schappert, Tyson Swasey, Marc Thomas, Ed DeFrancia, Chris Baird, Gerrish Willis, Brian Murdock, Zachary Lowe, Katie Stevens, Todd Murdock, Rani Derasary, Tom Dillon, Tif Miller, Chris Hunter, Rachel Nelson, Brett Sutteer, Zacharia Levine

JAN 10, 2016 MINUTES – vote to approve: Submitted by Kim Schappert. Motion to approve by Marc and second by Katie. Motion passes with one correction noted: “Please capitalize ‘Coke’”.

TREASURERS REPORT- Since Sharon is on a great vacation (as evidenced by awesome Facebook pics of southern desert riding with yummy food and drink) there will be no report this month. There was a donation of \$1000 from the Grand Fondo, put on by Scott Newton at Poison Spider Bicycles. Paul noted that there will be no Grand Fondo this year due to the La Sal Loop Road closures for construction.

TRAIL MIX BUSINESS- The Active Transportation meeting will be held at the end of regular Trail Mix meetings.

Photos of trails and articles of trail activity are needed for various publications. If anyone wants to contribute, please let Paul know.

GRAND COUNTY- The County has hired a contractor to put together the County Resource Management Plan as required by the State of Utah. PLEASE go to grandrmp.org to read and respond to numerous items of your particular interest. There is a lot of information on this website, 20 different resource areas, and it will take some time to get the idea, but all comments are welcome and valuable to the process. The finished plan will be adopted into the Land Use Code.

The La Sal Loop Road and the Geyser Pass section to the trailhead used for winter activities is being regularly plowed, which is saying a lot since this has been a banner winter for snow.

Thanks Grand County Road Department for your great work!

Prep work has begun on the crack sealing and shoulder compacting of the paved pathways in anticipation of the resealing work to follow.

The Kane Creek Road improvements, funded by the Federal Lands Access Program, FLAP, for \$6 million, is on hold because there is still not enough money for the job

State Sovereign Lands is working on a plan for the north shore of the Colorado River at Lions Park. Work includes, dredging the boat ramp, installing picnic tables, planting trees, moving the water load out station of Le Grand Johnson to another location downstream from the ATLAS site. In case anyone did not know, Sovereign Lands was responsible for removing the old abutment that was in the middle of the river just downstream of the bike/ped bridge a couple of years ago. That was the third and only successful attempt to get that junk out of there. Good Job!

MOAB CITY UPDATE- The trail behind Los Gilbertos will be re-established after the completion of the new hotel.

The new Mill Creek crossing and bridge (by the auxiliary parking lot of Zak's) is undergoing engineering and the 5th West intersection has new signage to facilitate better flow of bikes into town.

BLM - Todd Murdock is now in charge of permits for river, biking and running events. The NICA (High School Mtn Bike race) could be the biggest yet with 5000 people coming Oct 19-21. It is also UEA weekend. There will be no parking at the Bar M along roadways for any event so participants and observers will have to be beamed in to attend.

The Old Spanish Trail project is still looking for input on sites for interpretive panels in Grand County. The committee loves the bike path in Grand County that follows the route. The Newberry Expedition of 1859 discovered the first Dino site along the way in East Canyon.

The EA for a new horse corral at Courthouse Wash has started. There will be a toilet, dumpster, and fee box. Gerrish motioned to support the project, Marc seconded and motion passed unanimously.

It was decided to wait for clearer mapping before trying to mitigate road encroachments on the Chisolm Trail.

A BLM sign was recycled/repurposed from the transfer station as a dining table in a tiny home. Anyone feeling moved to decorate trees along the trails at Christmas time are required to remove said decorations after the holiday. I watched the Oscars at a friends house a couple of week ago and she still had her x-mas tree up, 2 months later. Luckily she is not the one decorating in the backcountry.

The Juniper Trail proposal in Sand Flats is in line for archaeological clearance. It was suggested that TM personnel go along.

FOREST SERVICE- Zak Lowe is the new Autumn! He is in charge of volunteers and special use permits.

The mountains are 140% of normal this season so far with the 85" snow stake covered. Check with the Forest Service for current road closures on the Loop Road throughout the year. There will be a new event, a 250 mile running race on Oct 13-17. Go figure.

The Forest Service is in the first year of planning for its 300,000 acres within the Bears Ears National Monument. The political firestorm resulting from the designation has created mass chaos thus inhibiting any progress.

ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION- Zacharia reports that early phase design work has begun on the Spanish Valley bike path. Also the Utah Bike Summit is in March and people should attend.

MAINTENANCE- In 5-6 days Tyson Swazey has rebuilt Ahab. Rock ramps were returned to rollable terrain with jump options, 5 features were reworked, and paint markings were added there and on the Pothole Arch trail. More sign maintenance is needed on Pothole. The gate at the bot-

tom of Amasa Back needs work too. Videos of that spot can be seen on Facebook. Tyson spent another day on Pipedream removing large rocks with the grip hoist.

Horsethief West has been approved and work will begin this spring. The Utah Conservation Corp will be on the job for one day there and one day on Hidden Valley.

HIKING- Marc is interested in exploring a trailhead site in the Red Onion area, checking into a new hike possibility 3 miles north of the I-70 FLOY exit and another around Hatch Mesa.

LUNA - It has been a tough year to keep up with the track setting due to the heavy snow load, but the team is doing a pretty darn good job. There was an incident in Gold basin that totaled one of the snow machines and no one was hurt.

CLIMBING- Brett went out with Bill Stevens and Misty to find a site for counters in upper Negro Bill Canyon

EQUESTRIANS- No Report

BIKING- No Report

Respectfully submitted by Kim Schappert