

## Feb 8, 2022 | TrailMix

Attendees: Colin Topper, Sam Van Wetter, Jacques Hadler, Laura Harris, Paul Spencer, Justin Ricks, David Wilson, Jason Keith, Katie Stevens, Kirstin Peterson, Mike Baird, Tyson Swasey, Steve Schultz

### Notes

- Meeting called to order at 12:04
- Minutes not posted from 1/11 meeting, therefore could not be voted to approve
  - Will be posted and approved  $\frac{3}{8}$
- Citizens be heard - none
- **Katie (BLM)**
  - In process of pursuing grants for cattleguards
    - Representative from Telluride Adaptive is fulfilling a governor's grant for additional cattleguards
    - Many guards will need to be replaced eventually; Tyson reports there are 7 on Rodeo alone and will be the first to be updated
  - Reports that Georrey Freethey has received a cancer diagnosis. BLM has been discussing renaming a Trailhead in his honor; might be an urgent effort
    - Colin will reach out to Walt Dabney re: which TH would be most appropriate
- **Brian (FS)**
  - Below 100% snowpack for the first time this winter
  - Will be a rough summer for Geyser Pass road completion
  - Trans La Sal (formerly Squaw Springs) Trailhead parking lot is complete and getting use
  - Canyonlands Natural History Association is offering funding for improvements to Geyser Pass Trailheads. FS will install toilets, kiosks, and maps
  - Brumley Trails, picnic area will likely be closed due to fire damage
  - FS is experiencing a bad hiring year. Only 1 of 6 hired trail crew positions have backed out
    - Due to lack of housing. Some discussion of other agency approaches to housing issues
- **Tyson (Trail Mix)**
  - Publishing mud reports
  - Reengaging with the Adopt-A-Trail program which might become Adopt-A-Trail-System
    - Trail training day 2/26
  - Raptor Route connector - "Hawk's Glide" - will begin work in the Fall
    - Big volunteer need
  - Small projects ongoing: Maddie is working to hire responsible rec coordinator, other positions; seasonal maintenance; rebuilding OK Corral; Trail Mix committee coordination

- **Laura (Grand County Planning)**
  - Applying for mini-grant to fund Trail Ambassador Shed
- **Jacques (Grand County Commission rep)**
  - Sustainable Trails Committie is expanding Trail Ambassador roles
  - Kristin asked whether the Commission could help with Bittle Ln. disused connection at the NE corner of 191 & 400E.
    - Jacques will contact road committee
- **City Rep - absent**
  - Luke Wojciechowski has been assigned as representative
- **Justin (Vice chair)**
  - Asked after volunteer dates for February
    - Tyson will post on social media, website when they're scheduled. Only set date is 2/26 for Adopt-A-Trail retraining
- **Colin (Chair)**
  - Working on minutes & agenda posting requirements and learning quickly
- **Sam (Secretary)**
  - New to board, also learning!
- **Mike (Mountain biking)**
  - Kudos to Tyson and Trail Mix for mud reports
  - Wants to support maintenance days and asked if they could be scheduled monthly
    - Tyson says they're working on this and would like to hear which days/times regularly work well for the most people possible.
  - Suggested EKG for Geoff's Trailhead
- **Brett (Climbing & canyoneering) - absent, Colin presented report**
  - Has cut off bolts on Funnel Arch (AKA cable) but there's more work to be done there
- **Steve (Equestrian)**
  - Local equine event will be happening on the same weekend as Jeep Safari
  - Has been in contact with the Moab Museum re: creation of an Old Spanish Trail interpretive interactive exhibit.
    - Might be north of town beyond Mill Canyon
  - Katie suggested that members visit the Green River Gap, a trail for hikers & horses. BLM has installed new Trailhead signage
- **Jason (Trail running)**
  - New to the position and glad to be on the board
- **Kristin (Ski)**
  - Luna last groomed on Saturday. Low snow has made nordic the primary activity from the Geyser Pass Winter Trailhead at this point in the winter.
- **Discussion: Letter of Support for Pack Creek Bridge funding**
  - This letter was not posted to the agenda; some members and the public have not yet reviewed it. Will be attached to these minutes.
  - Kristin introduced a motion to approve letter, Laura seconded

- Unanimously approved, with Paul and Jacques abstaining but voicing support for the bridge project
- **Discussion:** Responsibilities for representatives
  - How much should get written into bylaws - attendance, volunteerism?
- **Discussion:** New trail proposal procedure document
  - Will be attached to next month's agenda and discussed for approval at that meeting
- Next meeting 3/8/22 will be hosted at the Grand Center, public health allowing
- Jacques introduced motion to adjourn, Tyson seconded
  - Meeting adjourned at 12:25

Action items

- January's minutes must be posted publicly
- Colin** - Walt Dabney discussion of appropriate trailhead for Geoff's honor
- Letter of support for Pack Creek Bridge must be posted
- New Trail Proposal Procedure must be fleshed out, distributed