

**Trail Mix Committee Minutes**  
**Tuesday, March 10, 2020**  
**11:00 at Grand Center 182 N 500 W, Moab, Utah**  
**APPROVED July 14 2020**

**Present:** Paul Spencer, Aaron Lindberg, Cory Shurtleff, Justin Ricks, Kya Marienfeld, Brian Murdock, Katie Stevens, Maddie Logowitz

**Absent:** Marc Thomas, Kirsten Petersen, Brett Sutteer, Stephen Schultz, Zacharia Levine, Denise Ricks, Keri Fransden, Scott Escott, Sharon Hogan, Tyson Swasey, Evan Clapper, Kirsten Peterson, Kim Schappert

**Guests:** Randall Fox

Quorum was not reached so no voting or motions were presented.

**Trail Mix Business:** The middle section of the Big Burrito was named Falcon Flow and opened to the public. The upper (partially Forest Service) section will be worked on this fall. The lower parking lot is planned on being done this summer.

Paul then asked Katie what would need to be done with making Sand Flats exempt from mineral extraction. She replied that there is no surface occupancy with no exception, and this offers much protection of area. She continued saying that there are salable minerals and locatable minerals, which would require different processes to remove. The salable minerals would need a change to the RNP - this would be done by going to the State Director and asking for an amendment. The locatable minerals would need a mineral withdrawal, which would be done through the Secretary of the Interior. Paul responded saying community is now united to push for changes.

Due to Coronavirus the Skinny Tire Festival was canceled. Justin was planning to cancel the half marathon as well.

A game of paperwork hot potato broke out between Paul, Katie, and Maddie about whose desk the ebike sign brochure had stalled out on.

Paul asked about the meeting between city, county, and BLM about ebikes. Cory responded saying that it could happen after the parking garage's fate had been decided.

Paul then concluded that Sand Flats was considering connecting the lower part of Fins n'Things to the practice loop of Slickrock for 2 wheeled travel (motorized allowed).

**County update:** A representative from county from County was absent, but Maddie had one item to report. She said that there was a locally used connector trail in the Kayenta Heights neighborhood that was on a lot that was empty but being built upon. She was going to approach owner to see if arrangement could be made to allow continued access.

Aaron said he reached out to state representative Mike Winder about HB 133. Though bill had died in committee, the Speaker was interested in bill. Mike was seeking any support for new version of bill for the next legislative session. Paul responded that Zacharia would be the county source for any letters of support.

**BLM update:** Katie was waiting for exact GPS coordinates for the Old Spanish Trail Silhouettes. The State Office of the BLM wanted to put Old Spanish Trail Stencils on the Mill Canyon pathway as well. Katie concluded that there was a no camping sign needed at head of the Hollywood Western Trail head.

**Forest Service update:** Brian reports 100% snow pack in mountains and seeing lots of recreational use. He then outlined upcoming projects. First was the widening of Geyser pass road. The Forest Service is looking into redoing parking lot and may put a snowmobile parking lower down on the road.

The next project is the paving of the southern half of the Loop road in fall 2021. This will affect access, events, shuttles, and tour companies. Brian said that trail work crews would be focused on the Squaw Springs Exit trail this year. Forest Service is having a meeting this spring on the 4th Plan revision and encouraged Trail Mix to be involved. He concluded his report saying that in October, the Forest Service would be doing its user experience review survey.

**Trail Report:** Maddie reports that the Falcon Flow had 1800 volunteer hours in 20 volunteer days and had lots of local support. She continued saying the Travel Council has printed ebike brochures to be distributed around Moab. Trail work and maintenance is constantly needed, and she plans to have trails painted when the weather turns warmer. She wants to start the first part of the Jackson Trail boardwalk this spring if weather permits; the design is complicated, but there is no deadline. The Red Onion trail and the Arth's extension are also on list for spring projects.

**Bike Report:** Aaron reports that the Falcon Flow has had good local reception. He also went down to Monticello and skied at the groomed trails at the forest. They have expanded their grooming and have a tiny house available to rent.

**Climbing report:** Brett was absent. Maddie did report that the Leave no Trace hotspot campaign will be in Indian Creek for education. She will be planning to attend.

**Trail Running:** Justin had nothing to report.

**Citizens to be Heard:** Randall Fox said that he was thinking about being the ebike representative for the Motorized Trail Mix committee and wanted to attend our meeting. He was filled in on some of our institutional history regarding development of our trail system. We informed him that we've been directing ebikes to use certain legal two wheel and 4-wheel motorized trail systems. Randall says that he sees that many ebikers are older who want to go out and continue being active.