

RED HILL COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES FROM JULY 18, 2002

Present: Dave Johnson, Davis Farrar, Jim Breasted, Chris Beebe, Charlie Kimmel, Scott Harris, Dorothy Morgan of the BLM, and David Hamilton of Roaring Fork Outdoor Volunteers

6:45 Meeting called to order

Minutes from previous meeting reviewed and accepted

Dave confirmed that the letters from Steve Avery and Dan Jervis were forwarded to the BLM in April

Chris asked for clarification, for the Council's record, of the events that led to the closure and reclamation of the Buffy trail. The Council had met to discuss what action should take regarding the trail, and decided to bring the trail to the attention of BLM and request direction from BLM. Scott Harris notified Dorothy Morgan of the Glenwood BLM Field Office, who requested that the trail be closed, and provided signage to be placed at the ends of the trail. Various members of the Council then placed the signs and reclaimed the trail.

BLM Update:

BLM now has a new "rec tech", Jeff Steck, who will be involved in management of trails, signs, and user compliance "on the ground."

BLM asked the Council for input regarding the vagrant campsites. Davis suggested the issue be addressed at the next meeting, Council supports BLM in efforts to remove the campsites.

The next Trail-Building workshop is October 4,5 & 6 in Indian Hills. BLM will send Jeff and may be able to help send Council members. Anyone interested should contact Dorothy and commit by September 1.

3-Poles Project:

Davis has discussed revegetation with Mark Fuller of the Independence Pass Foundation, Mark will review project and advise on strategy.

The route has been flagged and GPS'd. Council should review route if desired.

David Hamilton recommended 8-10% grade for the new trail, will review route with a clinometer. David also suggested to build the trail 3-4 feet wide where possible, but that terrain may limit the width to 2-3 feet in places. Jim suggested to provide widened areas for passing where possible in areas where the trail needs to be narrower than 3-4 feet.

David suggested pin-flagging the route the day before to avoid the flags running off unattended.

Potential equipment operators, BLM representatives, Council members, David Hamilton, Mark Fuller will meet on the site to review the reclamation project and define a strategy.

The equipment work will be done during the week prior to the volunteer day, and vegetation planted on the volunteer day (September 28th)

Dorothy suggested we hire a reclamation specialist to develop a plan, Council agreed that we would see what those volunteering input came up with, and hire a specialist if necessary.

David reported that RFOV has funding for food, etc. for volunteers, and that 55-70 volunteers would be needed to complete the project that day.

Dorothy reported that BLM would provide t-shirts.

Publicity:

BLM will include the announcement in the national news release for National Trails Day
Council will coordinate radio spots, newspaper article and radio interview, approximately 3 weeks ahead of the 28th.

RFOV will provide registration, flyer with contributor logos

Council agreed that the 3-Poles work day would be a great time to start a membership drive. Issue placed on the next agenda to see if we can get membership information put together by then.

Next meeting set for August 22

Agenda for next meeting:

3-Poles project detail-

RFOV Punch List by David Hamilton

Reclamation plan report

Vagrant Camping

Membership drive

8:30 Meeting adjourned