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Colorado's Recreational Trails Committee

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Meeting Minutes

Friday, April 1, 2022

Hybrid Meeting

Members present: Pamela Denahy, Jason Meyer, Jack Placchi, Janelle Kukuk

Members via Zoom: Heather Hormell, Scott Jones, Jill Ozarski, Meara McQuain

CPW Staff: Fletcher Jacobs, Tom Metsa, Pam O'Malley, Jeannie MacMurtrie, Felicia Lohnes, Ajah Eills, Randy Engle, Luke Svare, Josh Stoudt, Shannon Schaller

Others: Ex-Officio Tim Finger (BLM), Bill Jackson (USFS)

Guests: Dan Zimmerer, Roz McClellan

Call to Order: Janelle Kukuk called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m., opening with a roll call.

Agenda Amendments: None presented

Approval of Meeting Minutes from January 28, 2022

Note: Wolf Reintroduction date for the internal draft plan was stated as October 2022 and should be October 2023. Date corrected.

Motion to approve minutes – Scott Jones

Motion seconded – Jill Ozarski

Motion passed unanimously

Public Comment

Roz McClellan, Rocky Mountain Initiative, would like to see a Good Management program for non-motorized trails.

Robin Cascade, Great Old Broads, would like the program to consider revisions to the grant process to include wildlife input earlier in the process.

Director's Update – Fletcher Jacobs for Heather Dugan

- Will continue manage future meetings as hybrid with both in person and virtual participation
- Partners in Outdoors Conference will be in person
- Sweetwater State Park will be CPW's newest State Park. It is on Forest Service land, and going through NEPA process.
- Colorado Outdoor Equity Program grant application focused on creating opportunities for underserved youth and their families to get involved in recreational activities and experiencing Colorado's open spaces, state parks, public lands and other outdoor areas.
- \$1 million grant program for human/bear conflict mitigation
- Colorado Outdoor Regional Partnership funding is now available to support regional to advance the development of local and regional planning to inform a Statewide Conservation and Recreation Plan.

- Green OHV temporary cards will no longer be mailed, email notification will be used instead.
- Keep Colorado Wild Pass will be in place by January 1, 2023, the recommended cost is \$29.00.

State Trails Program Update – Fletcher Jacobs

- Partners in Outdoor Colorado Conference held a 3-hour workshop the day before the conference. The public workshop with the Forest Service, included shared stewardship with volunteers, Non-motorized Good Management crews and criteria for a potential pilot, and technological solutions to address trail management issues.
- Trail crew hours meeting the goal for the Governor’s ‘WIG’, over 29,000 hours on the ground trail work.

Action Item – OHV Funding Recommendations

There are three new Good Management crews. The BLM Tres Rios Field Office, BLM Royal Gorge Field Office and the USFS Clear Creek Ranger District.

Pikes Peak Ranger District was recommended to be removed from the Good Management Program. Staff will meet with them to establish a plan to help the District return to Good Management status.

Recommended funding 60 grants for a total award of \$6,236,360.00.

Motion to approve 2023 OHV funding recommendations – Heather Hormell

Seconded by Pam Denahy

Motion passed unanimously

2023 Non-Motorized Trail Grant Cycles Information Item: Fletcher Jacobs

- Conversation: Need a recommendation to end pilot and updated STC Policy A-104 to continue the use of Construction, Maintenance, and Planning/Support categories. Need to continue doing Planning grants, even though less request this cycle. Need to do a better job of describing the Support portion of the category.
- STC consensus to determine the pilot a success and request and update to PWC Policy A-104.
- Staff and STC members also discussed if improvements could be made to the applications themselves. STC asked staff to research the potential for an online application. Staff will look into this but will need to spend some money to develop a final product.

USFS Updates - William Jackson

- Large scale nationwide hiring event has started. Need to hire 1,200 and want to increase recreation employees by about 600 for the coming summer.
- E-Bikes final guidance from USFS, they are now classified as ‘Motorized Vehicles’. Will entertain Class 1, 2, and 3 on non-motorized trails but will need to do a NEPA process locally for e-bikes to be allowed.

BLM Updates – Tim Finger

- Offices will move to the Federal Center soon
- New BLM Secretary and Director
- Planning how E-bikes are used on BLM land.

Public Comment

Roz McCellan, Rocky Mountain Initiative, stressed that the Good Management is a crucial part of the

program for Motorized Grants. Would like to ensure wildlife concerns continue to be heard including through the comments of AWMs and DWMs.

Regional Trail Coordinator Updates

- Randy Engle
- Josh Stoudt
- Luke Svare

Round Table

- Happy to hear the RTC's reports. There's a great desire for local OHV clubs and trail entities to meet and greet the RTC's. Maybe they can be panelist and the next Partner's Conference.
- Committee is looking forward to the next field trip in September
- Janelle reported that the Rio Grande National Forest videos will be introduced over the San Luis Valley hotels, stores, rental agencies, etc. OHV ethics and etiquette are being promoted.
- OHV Workshop dates will be posted soon.
- The link to Power Line Trails information that Jack Placchi mentioned is [HB22-1104 Powerline Trails](#)

Upcoming meetings:

- April 18, 2022; State Trails/USFS Region 2 Trails Workshop (Vail, CO)
- June 17, 2022; State Trails Committee Meeting. (Hybrid)

Meeting Adjourned by Janelle Kukuk at 2:00 p.m.