

**Friends of Eagles Nest Wilderness
Planning Meeting
January 25th, 2018
Dillon / Holy Cross Ranger District (Video Conference Call)**

Attendees:

FENW Board: Bill Betz, Ken Harper, Dan Siebert, Tim Drescher, Frank Gutmann, Kate Demorest, Chris Turner, Maryann Gaug

Guests: Laurie & Jim Alexander, John Taylor

USFS: Cindy Ebert, Mike Beach

Introductions:

Individual introductions of attendees went around the tables

Review / Approve Minutes:

Bill made a motion to approve the December meeting minutes, Tim seconded. ***Motion passed to approve the November Minutes.***

Treasurer's Report

The projected bank balance as of 1/25/18 is \$35,426. Reference the January Financial Report.

FENW received thirteen thousand in dues (five thousand), grants and donations. Spent five thousand finishing the year at \$35,426

Ken will be working on 2018 budget so please send him requests (i.e. signage, trail work ideas, billboards, outreach, etc.) Tim encouraged discussion on this topic through the boss email.

Bill made a motion to approve the January Treasurer's Report, Tim seconded. ***Motion passed to approve the January treasurer's report.***

Old Business

Discussed Maryann's letter of experience, willingness and dedication to FENW. Tim made a motion for immediate membership to the board and which was seconded by Bill. Unanimous favor. Welcome back Maryann!"Thanks I think"

Discussed the welcome note & summary of experience; Maryann wrote a very thorough example. Discussed the expectations of board members moving forward. Asked for thoughts on the matter and Maryann felt it went well and covered everything you should be asking. Tim makes a motion to adopt welcome note & summary experience questions implementation. Ken second, none opposed. ***Motion passes to approve welcome notes & summary of experience document. Bill will upload the document to our website.***

ENW trailhead boxes:

Reiterated FENW to posting signage commitment. (Mike B) has a meeting on 2/12 to find out if proposal is accepted. Tim asked if they expect request for signage (Mike & Cindy said yes, for signage and other incidental stuff). Frank put together what he felt would make a decent sign, his intention is a sign that could be combined with the registration sign that would be intended to be a non-threatening message. Frank said he would send out this information to the boss email for discussion.

Website, social media & newsletter update:

Tim mentioned that when the Continental Divide bill came out that he posted information on the FENW website for awareness and that he wants the public to know the FENW is committed to advocating for this bill. Bill discussed that the newsletter might be delayed; Kerry Donovan was supposed to write an essay for the newsletter but we have some lack of communication on the matter and this line item is not completed. If anyone has any material for the newsletter, it would be greatly appreciated. Maryann noticed on social media that there was misinformation spreading regarding recent wilderness legislation. Tim had also seen misinformation and thought it could be great feedback for the bill originators and that we should all do our part to squash any misleading statements (i.e. There won't be any removal of mechanized or motorized access). Cindy reinforced that employees can't/won't take a public position on topics.

USFS wilderness update:

Cindy: A request from Great Old Broads for next September (they do broad walks) to highlight this bill. They requested a special use permit to do guided hikes in the national forest. They are asking them to coordinate a one-day volunteer project. In the past, they have done 4-8 projects in one day and Cindy thinks we should draw down that number. From digging dirt, to planting trees, she will be looking at FENW for project ideas. Sept 9th-13; (looking for project on the 10th) they will be out at the Windy Point campsite near State bridge. The group would like to do hikes around the proposed wilderness areas as they did something similar in southern Colorado to highlight a different area. The yearly USFS Wilderness volunteer workshop in Denver will be 3/8-9 and they would love to have some reps from FENW. It is a time for non-profit organizations that support wilderness to get together and once she gets more details, she will forward on the info. Cindy also discussed that they will be getting two wilderness rangers this summer. They are funded through an anonymous donor (for the last three years the White River District has been receiving anonymous donations in the 100k amount) and once the donation is received they get together and decided where to utilize this funding (projects, housing, rangers). The budget is looking rough for seasonal work so they will be using these funds for seasonal staffing. Received a 120K donation but unfortunately you can't depend on it as there is no way to contact the donor. Tim was curious if this was public info or if we need to keep that info private. Bill thought this would be a great idea for discussion at the retreat. Frank had the idea that we ask the donor to place these funds in an endowment to reap a more productive financial reward.

Mike B: Similar situation on the Eagle County side for crew size. Cindy & mike put a grant application together for two rangers to do solitude monitoring and trail assessments. Hopefully they will hear within the next week or two regarding those positions. Tim asked about FENW assisting with the solitude study similar to Missouri lakes. Mike discussed mapping social trails in Summit County as a potential project idea. Booth lake trail counters were out there this summer: between end of June and beginning of November we had 20K people which is comparable to the most popular fourteeners and maroon bells area. Writing a report/recommendation to see if we need management action and there could be some opportunities for FENW to help with public education & outreach. There is already congestion at the trailhead as hotels are dropping guests off when parking fills up. Search & Rescue (S&R) had a fairly easy last year and just had a helicopter rescue near Holy Cross. S&R is looking into using drones in Eagle County (they have the authority to do so according to MOU). 2018 is the 50th anniversary of the wild river act and national trails act, which is part of Cindy & mikes Job. The FS is hinting at an event to honor this time. Two elk trail is a national rec trail and we have two rivers that fit the definition for wild & scenic river. Will discuss opportunities as the time arise; Tim mentioned some groups (Eagle River Watershed Council) and how they were instrumental in achieving these designations and Mike will follow up with them. Status of deep creek: Working on taking mineral rights out of the corridor and creating instream flow recommendations, which would guarantee certain river flow throughout the year. Discussed the amount of caves in the area and the uniqueness of the geology. Maryann had a question for Cindy & mike about the revision of the forest service plan and the current age of it (15 years) and when there would be an update. Cindy will keep the group

posted if any updates but both Cindy & Mike mentioned that our management plans aren't that out of date in the grand scheme of things.

Grants:

Huge News! Received that Summit foundation grant totaling 9K. We still have \$5400 left to make up for Rocky Mountain Youth Corps to come through and do deadfall cleaning. Cindy mentioned they had requested two more weeks of clearing. We have two to three weeks through another grant source, so we are looking to add more money because we have lots of trees to remove. She spoke with trail specialist Tyler and they thought they could work with that for one week. Using the remaining portion of the summit foundation grant they will purchase the lumber for the lily pad punch in . Maryann would like to propose that we take Colorado Gives, Gillian and Annmarie's donations (4400 total) plus money in our checking account and fund the second week. Cindy wondered if we should instead use the money for other projects (tool maintenance). Ken mentioned that we only spent 5K last year and it might be necessary to donate to youth core. Bill motioned, Ken Second all in favor. ***Motion passed for FENW to fund the remaining balance.***

Tim thought it would be a great idea to continue our relationship with the summit foundation. There is potential that we could move towards partnerships with epic promise & VVF.

Mike thought it would be good to start the discussion on grant applications early so we can be more competitive for opportunities; especially if we can come up with a plan. Ken thought this would be a good topic for the retreat. Cindy thought it would be a good idea if we put together a one-pager on grant due dates to focus our attention.

Stewardship:

Working with outfitter guides to hopefully get more animal support for projects in the summer

Volunteer Ranger update:

(Ken) on the eagle county side if we get any more volunteer rangers, we will need shirts. (budget notice) Now that we have crosscut certified volunteer rangers, we probably should get our cross cuts maintained and sharpened. Ken asked about sharpening and maintenance for this year for FS saws. The sharpener they use in Cali is phasing out and will do it this year but this will likely be the last. If we want the sharpener to work for us, we need to send out ASAP but money is tight. FS is in a tight budget position and not sure if they will sharpen. Chris mentioned that he might be able to get a deal for us. Forest Service employees will be going to training on sharpening, as the thought is to move this in house. Frank inquired about how many saws we had and made motion that FENW fund the fee for sharpening the equipment and second from Bill. Tim thinks we should get a price first before we approve motion.

Retreat:

March 17th will be the date of the retreat. Will look into George booking Eagle Nest HOA if that date works for Stuart Dodd and Tim is recommending a timeframe of 1-8 for the event.

New Business:

Review workshop topics: From review of the board packet materials:

- Tim would like to explore the name change idea
- advocacy
- business sponsors
- annual meeting
- monthly meeting day
- relationship with USFS
- other groups

-member definition

Tim & Bill discussed divvying up action items and working beforehand. For example, Bill took bylaws and would refine and distribute before hand. John did not feel like there was much focus on noxious weeds and mentioned there was not even billboards for noxious weed and would like FENW to take a stronger stance. They used to go out on the weekends on the east side of Vail where they would spray weeds and hikers would ask what mosquitos they were going after (since they had tanks on their backs) which led to communication on noxious weeds. He didn't feel like that people coming back and reporting and sending out one person to spray was an effective means to negate this issue. People out doing monitoring should click off the seeds heads and the stems but might need education from FENW. A discussion on thistles ensued. How can FENW help the noxious weed program? Where can volunteers be best used? Cindy will get that info to present at retreat so we can made an educated decision. Discussed identification cards that you can carry with you in the backcountry to help identify noxious weeds.

Maryann brought up education about (smith ranches); could we hand out materials for education, and schools for senior classes about wilderness?

25th Anniversary of FENW:

We should keep it on our radar to have a celebration of FENW for the 25 years it has been in existence.

Meeting day:

Potential moving the FENW planning meeting to the second Thursday of each month to avoid more holidays. Bill moves to change meeting date starting next month; Tim seconds. ***Motion passed to move meeting date to second Thursday of every month.***

Discussed FENW paying for dinner since we have meetings during meal times. Might provoke interest for attendance. **Side bar for further discussion.** Bill's experience is that you use a donation jar and FENW could pay the remainder of the tab.

Newsletter:

(Bill) We have a list of 250 core names that will receive a hard copy newsletter in the mail We lack 80-90 address and will try to get their mailing address through email. We will put together a hard copy newsletter and send it out. Maryann recommended doing this after the retreat so we can let them know what we have coming down the pipes. Chris might be able to assist in printing.

Master Spreadsheet Membership list: (Bill & Maryann) Completed

Who is responsible of thank you emails /snail mail for donors? Bill believe it falls to the secretary and Ken & Dan will need to coordinate it with each other (Ken & Dan agree). Ken was curious if we should send out email or letters (maybe donations hard copy due emails). Ken will let Dan know when something needs to be sent out and Dan will take care of it. Please CC Tim on all correspondence in welcoming new members / donors.

Advocacy:

Bennet & Polis will be introducing the CDRWCHLA act

Discussed: Bikes in Wilderness act passed natural resource house committee. Tim encouraged us all to be vocal about this to our friends, family, representatives and social media

Feb 8th is the next meeting and social hour

Frank mentioned he had materials that might be beneficial to the BOI (sticky notes, markers, pads, etc.) Thank you Frank!

Reference:

<http://www.greatoldbroads.org/>

Action:

The group will send out budget ideas

FENW Card for Currie to let him know we are thinking about him

Cindy & Mike keep Tim updated if they need assistance with signage (Kate reminded Tim that there is scheduled for this work)

Cindy will let us know at the retreat how FENW could assist with noxious weeds

Frank will send out his trail signage for board review

Maryann, Bill, Tim come up with a draft for misinformation (Might be good to create a infographic)

Cindy forward on info for the Volunteer Workshop in Denver

Kate will talk with Doozy (sp?) to set up some projects that we could assist the old broads with

Bill will follow up with George about booking the event

All be active with workshop topics (please use boss email for ideas)

Chris will look into assisting with printing the newsletter

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- **Push the Wilderness Stewardship Performance** topic to another meeting agenda
- **Last months minutes from 1/25/18 approved**
- **Treasures report** - see report handout (Ken can you send soft copy out?)
 - Reviewed expenses for month (includes reimbursements to Ken)
 - No budget yet to date
 - Still need to receive budget requests
 - Approved treasurers reports
- **10 VFW applicants** received to date - need more shirts
 - **ACTION ITEM: Mike B, Mike M and Cindy**
 - Figure out how many shirts are needed, and options to provide official looking shirts - with FS shirts, its challenging to get the right sizes
 - Option: use Columbia shirts, with VFW and USFS patches
- **New Board Members**
 - Bill moved to add in Laurie and Jim Alexander to BOD
 - Laurie and Jim Alexander - voted in

- **Bylaw changes - Bill**

- Change so that members don't vote on board members and officers, just board members vote
- At retreat decided that there is no distinguishing factors between members who have paid dues or made donations
- Tim moved, Frank seconded to accept these bylaws - passed

- **Tracking membership**

- Discussion on if it matters who are members and exact date that they became members
- Tracking this for the secretary is really a tough task, not worth the work
- It is desirable to reach out to those who have donated in past and ask if they want to donate again (mail chimp can personalize email)
 - Suggested and agreed to split out the email list into 2 list, delinquents and current year donators and add a flyer to remind delinquents to donate again
- Those who have given addresses in past - about 200 people - will receive the HCN
- When should next HCN be sent out? Do we want to send another, do we want to send out in one in Fall before CO Gives Day? **Was there a decision on this or did we decide to wait to monitor the results of the Spring HCN? [No decision – we'll see how much money, how many volunteers it brings in.]**
- How much will the HCN cost? Can Chris print it? If yes, then really cheap. If not then it is \$750 at Fed Ex in Stapleton - cheaper than Copy Copy in Silverthorne - about \$900 total.
- Will it include Frank's payment options? All is info on the website.
- Deadline Tuesday 4/17 to get all content to Bill for HCN
- Schedule for mailing - Fed Ex will take one day and will fold and staple. Then need to add tabs, fold and reminder inserts
- Bill suggests that solitude/pensive/reflective content is missing from the HCN - could Tim add that perspective to his article? (Tim's blog has pictures that can be used)

- **Website/Social Media - Laurie**

- Laurie reviewed near term priorities for SM and suggests that a redesign of the website be done in conjunction with the name change and rebranding effort in 2019 (also along with 25th FENW anniversary)
 - Cindy will reach out to FDR contract about how they built their website and maintain it.

- Suggest that before 2019 we work to keep all communications consistent with existing logo and name.
- All communication should point people to www.fenw.org - as the main source of info
- **ACTION ITEM: Laurie**
 - Old flyer that was distributed needs to be reworked and refreshed, take phone numbers off and highlight www.fenw.org
- **ACTION ITEM: Bill can you do this?**
 - Need to add 'how did you hear about us' to the VWRs application [done]
- **eNewsletter - Bill**
 - May - EFTA migratory birds, Susan (?) [Bonfield] on habitat and bird protections
 - June - Driven Wild by [Paul Sutter] CU professor
- **Noxious Weeds - Jim**
 - Jim learning about what people have done in past in Colorado, met with John Taylor, about past FENW projects.
 - Currie brought up Pull for Colorado - which has had a great turn out in past
 - Need to understand where we have problems and what to do about it - before coming up with a strategy
 - VWR - part of training is teaching to identify so they can report back, but then nothing done
 - Entry way to Wilderness areas - how far do we go? Pulling Colorado did this?
 - Summit Co wants to give us their old sprayers (2), Cindy will work with Steve and maybe we can work under their applicators license. Need to check in with Steve to know if we should take these? Should we turn these over to the FS? Decided that Jim should see if still available and get the sprayers now. (4/17/18: they are available)
- **USFS Updates - Mike B**
 - Llamas - deposit was paid, beginning of May the \$1525.00 remaining balance needs to be paid
 - Bill and Mike working on grant to pay for llamas - \$1800 total then another couple hundred for feed - put in for \$2100, will find out decision on May 15th
 - Currie - fund raisers opportunity with llamas? Kids and all like llamas!
 - Jim brought up Chris' idea on Go-fund Me and should join forces with another group with common goal

- 10 free registrations boxes were received from Pagosa
 - Crew starts May 15th - Volunteers and interns - to install
 - Posting registration boxes - if want to do it earlier than VWR. Cindy and Kate talking about it. Mike will send out proposed dates for the project.
 - Working on press release In conjunction with FS Press Release. FS Rangers need to decide how big of deal the registration requirement is - need to find a balance. Mike and Ken will share the language of PR at the training.
 - Trail Head Hosting program - Mike and Ken include as part of training
- **USFS Updates - Cindy**
 - 6 FS people - 3 focusing on solitude assessment, 3 interns - most we've had in a decade! Starts after Memorial Day.
 - FENW Display - Not discussed today, will wait for MaryAnn. (Frank wants to use old kiosk we have) Bo's memorial might use the kiosk. Bill will discuss Memorial with Shutze family next month.
 - Cindy [Bill] suggested that the first pull-out up Ute Pass Rd would be a beautiful place for a memorial. Need to check with CDOT first. (who doing this?) [Bill]
 - FENW will continue on with Deluge Trail
 - Trail Ambassador program - Mike B - kind of like a THH program, some trails closed for animal migration, need to get a handle on use when these trails are closed. Some on non-wilderness trails too.
- **Master Tool Shed Caretaker - Frank!**
- **Mike Mayer - VWR status**
 - 40% VWR did not complete their 4 days probably because there were several younger, working people and they dropped out because of time and other issues
 - Mike sent out email to date, 100% of those who returned email will return as VWR
 - FENW and FDRD have joint trail work day in July - July 7th? [June 16 & 17 I think]
 - Ken and Mike will review supplies they have - hats, patches, etc.
 - cost \$60 for each new VWR - shirt, hat and manual. See above on shirt options.
 - Should we close the application window for new VWRs? Need more help on committee.
 - **ACTION ITEM: Mike M, Ken, Cindy**

- Cindy is willing to sit in on planning meeting early May.
- Takes FS one month to get shirts in.
- Cutoff date to accept new applicants is April 20th - but will not advertise. Bill will reply to those who apply after the 20th to let them know about other volunteer opportunities like Trail Projects etc.
- **ACTION ITEM: VWR Committee**
 - Cap acceptance of new applicants this year - but early fall start planning for 2019 expansion.
 - **Bob [Theodore]?? coming back - 30 hikes!** Mike will try to recruit an assistant chair of this committee.
 - Cindy, Mike M and Ken will meet to figure out best next steps for this assistant chair.
- **Grants - Bill, Mike B**
 - Bill and Mike worked on grants for 5 projects
- **Trail Projects**
 - Kate scheduled 8 trail maintenance projects for this summer! 30 volunteers needed for the 5 long trips - which uses the Llamas. Bill suggested that the board commit to 2 each of these projects. 2 projects are overnight.
 - Need strategy for the Trail Head projects
 - Tim will do the flyer for the trail heads - from retreat action item and use Word of mouth recruitment to post flyers.
 - **ACTION ITEM:** Frank volunteered to assist Kate with the Trail Projects - Tim will follow-up with Kate
- **Rec Guide - Dillon Ranger District Rec Guide**
 - In past given \$500 to be in the publication
 - Currie moved to do this again, Frank seconded it, motion passed
 - **ACTION ITEM:** **Ken to send the \$500?**
- **Wilderness Expansions**
 - Do we include the new Wilderness areas under FENW?
 - Consensus is that we support taking and will vote on this when Bill passes.
- **Gore Range name change**

- No action needed from FENW
- **Adequate thank you to Stuart Dodd**
 - **ACTION ITEM:** Currie will work to get a comp weekend at River Run and gift cert - Currie will get that out as soon as possible [Tim suggested that each board member make a donation to IPWA]
- **Redesign the logo**
 - Kate got quote of \$6/700 from Kind Designer
 - Want to change the name first, table for now
 - Target 2019 along with the 25th anniversary

FENW Planning Meeting -May 2018

Attendees: Chris, Frank, Jim, Laurie, Cindy, Mike M, Bill, Tim, Mike B, Ken, Dave Owens

- Approved minutes from 4/12/18 - Jim moved to approve, Bill seconded
- Treasurers Report - Ken
- Reviewed Income Statement
- Expenses
 - \$1,550 for llama balance
 - Schuette Memorial \$6,380
 - RMYC \$14,400
- Need FENW physical address - for legal docs, CO Sec of State docs, Tax return for IRS, CO Gives. Currie's address is being used now and he might move in the next few years.
 - Ideas? Use the Dillon Ranger District's address - doubt it would work, Cindy can check need to know by May 15th.
 - Decision to continue to use Currie's for now - gives us time to check with USFS
 - Action Item: Cindy determine if FENW could use the DRD's physical address in future
 - \$500 check for Rec Guide - was this paid?
 - HCN - Bill
 - Thanks to all and Chris for printing and covering cost for printing!!!
 - 250+ sent out, but no update on effectiveness yet
 - Total cost ~\$150
 - Are there other opportunities to distribute out to community, i.e coffee shops, local businesses
 - Chris indicated he can print more as needed

- Marketing Communications: Bill, Laurie
- eNewsletters - Bill
- Eaglet - brought in 5 new volunteers
- Susan Bonfield (featured in the May eNewsletter) received the Wings Across America award
- Orphan Boy Cabin story will be featured in the June eNewsletter
- Other topic for eNewsletter: Roger Brown - who convinced Gerald Ford to sign the Wilderness Bill - would be a huge interest in Vail
- Marketing Calendar - Laurie
- Eaglet eNewsletter will go out soon to educate people on the new free required self-registration for overnight visits in Eagles Nest Wilderness (following the USFS PR) and promote National Trails Day June 2nd
- To promote trail projects a FB event will be created two weeks prior to date and Instagram and FB updates made after the project is complete. Hoping to engage the volunteers with sharing their pictures and experiences (at the very least ask them to Follow FENW on FB and Instagram)
- Noxious Weeds - Jim
- Noxious Weeds = Invasive Plants (not pot ;-)
- Jim has ideas for long term - but is concentrating on what we can do now
- Can help USFS most by building our own knowledge of where the weeds are
- Use that for grant targets in the Fall
- Steve at the FS has 6 guys for sprayers and a few more contractors
- Best to go with what Steve's doing and be coordinated
- Like to get a map to get the vectors of where the weeds are
- Jim is meeting with some Vail folks with interest in Noxious Weeds
- Use volunteers to get pictures - pictures with the GIS coordinates, can reach out via email to the FENW contacts to request help
- How to get the WVRa involved? - Mike thinks that getting those who are returning rangers would work best
- Action Item: Jim, Mike, Ken: work up info to provide to returning volunteers
- Like to have a weeds day later in summer
- Steve says that getting a picture of trails without weeds would be helpful too! How to know that and get volunteers to do?
- Three types:
 - Eliminate
 - Highest priority, get rid of them completely by a specific date
 - Contain - Second priority, make sure they don't spread any further than where they are
 - Suppress - Third priority, like contain don't allow spreading

- Measure as much as we can in next few months
- Communicate to volunteers and THH
- Communicate to sawyers too
- Email account - weeds@fenw.org
- Action Item: Bill create a new email address
- Action Item: Mike B send Jim a list of trails that enter into the Wilderness Areas
- Possibility to apply for grants for weed mitigation if can prove where work is needed
- Work with the Denver Botanic Gardens on grants - I.e. Russian Olives model by latitude
- Download of USFS GIS DB - Steve trying to get Jim access
- What GIS program can be used? Survey 123? ARC? ARC is what USFS uses
- Action Item: USFS to find a format to deliver GIS data (points and shape files) and extract data for the three wilderness areas
- Frank asked if we should we prioritize Cataract Lake this year? Jim noted that Steve is targeting for this year
- Stewardship Trips - Kate
- First project is National Trails Day with FDRD, Kate is working with Doozie, to coordinate and provide morning refreshments on Salt Lake Trail
- Pick up llamas in Silverton later this month and they will be grazing in Minturn
- Kate has gotten interest from a few people for the overnight trips. There is a 15 person limit and need early notice. Kate will be leading the overnight trips and planning.
- VOC and Outward bound projects - can take volunteers but already have lots involved
- Need push for volunteers for Slate and Gore overnights
- Would like up to 15 volunteers
- Would like to have co-leaders with good leadership!!
- Action Item: Cindy can reserve an intern for each overnight and can fill with others as needed
- Cindy will know date for Lily Pad Lakes next week
- June 16 (only, no 17th) - Gateways, trail still TBD, pick a trail in need and needs work
- Requested Kate provide a list of people who attend (with emails) and have them send pictures for each trail project
- Wilderness Stewardship Performance - Mike B
- Stewardship Performance measurement
- 10 elements for each wilderness area to be rated, i.e. opts for solitude, condition of trails, noxious weeds etc
- Each wilderness area gets rated. A lot of work is determined based on these scores.
- Action Item: Mike will send out the info tomorrow and we can read through. Done. Cindy will send out briefing document

- USFS Updates - Mike B
- PR for overnight registration for Eagles Nest Wilderness has been released
- Due to road conditions, only 4 registration post on East side will be installed
- There will be 1 on 1 training for llama management and care
- Crews start going out next week
- Heard about graffiti on Booth Lake area that will be addressed
- Mike will be working with the Town of Vail Welcome Center Supervisor to fine-tune messaging on Booth Lake and other popular wilderness trails in East Vail and this may include having the Town of Vail community hosts educate hikers at the trailhead.
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- USFS - Cindy
- Working with Kate to create the soft crew? for sawyers - don't have to be VWR rangers
- They are mostly Forest people but there are a few spots for volunteers,
- Started to clear trails at Cataract Lake, where the training will be on May 22nd likely and start on south side with installing boxes
- After Memorial Day - 3 interns and 3 returning forest service rangers will get started
- Add line to form - Bill??? [I don't understand... line to form?] Not sure either!
- Be sure that we communicate the new registration program for Eagles Nest Wilderness as Free Required Self Registration - not permit, could be confused by the permits happening in Maroon Bells
- Can we put FENW info cards in with registration forms?
- Definition of where campfires are illegal will change and be by elevation, i.e. 11,000 ft
- Eagle Country Adopt a Trail - starting next week on Eagle side
- VWR Updates - Ken and Mike M
- 20 new VWRs to train this year on Eagle side – I think 20 is not correct... 20 total both sides? Ken, Mike - Please clarify.
- 35 returning VWRs, training starts in Eagle next week, Ken will order shirts for Eagle VWRs
- All the applicants that came through the website, have been emailed and phone interviewed
- There are 15 new VWRs on Summit side, 25 returning VWRs
- Refresher training is on May 15th - update on what's new with FS
- 4 wilderness hikes - need NFS trails list
- Asked for help with mentor hikes, plan thank you dinner, track hikes - Mike keep working on that Is there a particular thing that you need help with now, Mike?
- Grants - Took a loss on NWSA Grant for llamas
- llama fund raiser - Currie brought up an idea????

- Bill will try to understand why we didn't get it - will talk to Dave and NWSA
- Beau Schuette Mem updates - Bill
- Bill spoke with the Schuettes
- They like the grove of trees ideas on Mesa Cortina and Salt Lick trails, they would pay for it with sign - Frank work with them on this to figure out
- They like the idea of an endowment, that generates revenue back, i.e could fund the hiring of Rock Mountain Youth Corps crews....
- Talk about setting up an endowment - bring that conversation back - Ken and Bill
- New Business
- FENW Denver Meeting for recruitment - Jim
- Open house in Denver area - late June or early July, social but give an introduction on FENW
- Sign on Ute Pass - Bill
- Sign that labels the mountain peaks and other info
- Re-introduction of Beavers - Bill, more thought to wildlife, talk to CPW to have a rep to work with FENW
- Advocacy - Continental Divide Recreation Bill is getting steam in paper with support of local businesses
- Revisit Action Items from Retreat
- Tim: Flyer - work with Mike and someone with photoshop to finish up flyers, need volunteers on Summit side to post
- Action Item: Laurie (maybe Chris) help Tim with flyer photo editing
- Winter volunteer rangers - fall or winter patrols? Just be thinking about it - take off action item list for now
- Name change - Tim, Kate
- Thought maybe a competition to get crowdsource with prize to get new name
- Decided to keep as a Board decision
- The Board is still onboard with changing the FENW name in 2019 in conjunction with the 25th anniversary [no vote on this, though]
- Once the Board has decided on a name, will look to Kind for a proposal on a logo design [other options were discussed]
- Action Item: Laurie will define a timeline for the name changing and rebranding project
- Miscellaneous
- Dave Owens: Sierra Club - local group partner on a project with FENW (Wilderness, weeds, wolves, water). Dave attended a Jared Polis meet and greet. How about teaming up with an existing project - weeds?
- Action Item: Dave send Jim contact info for local Sierra Club for noxious weeds discussion
- Susie Kincade - known in Vail, wilderness workshop
- June 10th whats the buzz on bees

- Next meeting, move the meeting to the 21st? Tim will send out new date.

Friends of Eagles Nest Wilderness

Monthly Planning Meeting

June 21st , 2018 @ 5:30 pm MST

Dillon and Holy Cross Ranger District (Video Conference Call)

Roll Call / Introductions:

- Tim

Review / Add or Subtract Agenda Items:

- Board

Review / Approve Minutes from 5.10.2018:

- Bill moved to approved / seconded by Laurie /unanimous

Review / Approve Treasurer's Report:

- Ken - See Treasure Report (attach to final minutes)
- Bill moved to approved / seconded by Ken / unanimous

Volunteer Wilderness Ranger Updates

- Mike & Ken
 - (Ken)- Doing their volunteer patrols. Will be sending out a doodle pool to see interest in dates for deluge lake trail work (Thurs/Fri of next week). Once the date is set Bill will get it on our social media & website.
 - (Mike)- Had a good training session and working through mentor hikes currently
- Co-Leaders for Mike and Ken?
 - (Mike)- Jim Collins might be stepping up. Bill took the opportunity to thank all stakeholders who assisted in setup/coordination of the volunteer wilderness training
 - (Ken) - Nothing
 - Discussion on joint events with FDR (hikes, picnics, etc.)
 - Discussion on why some of the boxes were at the wilderness boundary rather than trailheads (registration is for backpacker mostly per Cindy)

Stewardship Trips / Trail Boss Updates

- Kate Demorest
 - Currie inquired about recognition of Brad who has been doing an awesome job. Discussion regarding getting him some praise for his hard work (gift cards, photos for our social media, recognize at end of year party, etc.)
 - (ask Kate for notes) Discussed the slate lakes trip (llama). Tim thought it would be a good idea to promote this on social media / inquired about flyers on the trailhead and Kate has knocked it out. Cindy & Kate hosted a class of 30 students and got them certified on cross cut. FS has 5 certified cross cut. Due to buffalo fire a project was suspended. Cindy discussed rehabbing the fire line in the fall (direct project with FENW & FS?)

USFS Updates

- Mike
 - Discussed the small fire above the GC trailhead. Fire escaped and they were able to locate the offender. Tigiwon & Piney Lake roads are open. Very Busy time of the year for FS
- Cindy
 - Buffalo fire is 100% contained but still working through hot spots. Chainsaws were used in the wilderness to fight fires. She appreciated that FENW kept their website and social media very up to date during this incident. Currie discussed the misconception that you couldn't use chainsaws and tankers during the incident. Currie will write up a letter/editorial to give an example how the FS brought in mechanical equipment (saws, tankers) into wilderness. RMYC out cutting and building a turnpike up Cataract. Inters are trained up which is a lot of work. Tim encouraged Curries letter
- Scott Fitzwilliams follow-up
 - He would have interest in possibly attending a board meeting. Tim was very appreciative and humbled by the call.

Grants

- Bill and Mike Beach Updates
 - No Updates

Beau Schuette Memorial updates

- Bill
 - Beau passed of sudden cardiac arrest and his parents wanted to do something in his memory. Focus is on two ideas: Grove a trees (he loved hiking out of Mesa Cortina) and the endowment which would generate some income every year thought is it could generate \$500-700 , perhaps for an event for the RMYC crews.

Noxious Weeds

- Jim Alexander

- Still in startup; working on rounding up maps and coordination with other front rangers. Considering having an open house to promote FENW & EN Wilderness

Website, Social Media & Newsletter Updates

- Bill & Laurie: General Updates
 - Website (Nothing)
 - Social Media: Thanked Bill for sharing photos (Send Laurie an email about if I can assist?)
 - Volunteers: Did we ask volunteers to join our FB page / follow our Instagram?
 - News Letter: Brought in 1k (Thank Chris Turner for making this all profit). Monthly newsletter is about a single topic and Bill decided to make the next letter about solitude. Driven wild author will write for august.
 - Laurie: Bill has been gathering lots of data about volunteers and he & Laurie are thinking about using the data to tailor newsletter to them. Bill can use these data to help new volunteers stay engaged.

New Business

- FENW Denver Meeting for Recruitment: Jim Alexander
 - Laurie & Jim are considering either an open house / happy hour at their place (7/13) to promote FENW to front rangers. Jim inquired about front rangers who are volunteers who could possibly speak at the event since they are noobs.
- Template for thanking donors: Dan (Newsletter donations sent?)
 - Thank you cards are current as of meeting
 - Will send out ideas over the next week for different cards
- (Send out email requesting your best FENW photo)

Summit Foundation Endowment Fund

- Ken, discussion on Endowment fund
 - Attach Endowment note from Bill
- Motion to proceed?
 - Tim makes motion to move 25K into endowment with TSF / Laurie second / Unanimous —> Ken will move forward with TSF

Advocacy

- Vail Pass Auxiliary Lane Project: <https://www.codot.gov/projects/I-70-West-Vail-Auxiliary-Lanes>
 - (Follow Link)- Fear of what this could do to our dwindling wildlife population.

- There is an event (Wildlife Pass Byway Happy Hour) / Summit county safe passages for wildlife: 4-7 6/28 @ Tenmile Tavern.

Name Change Ideas & Discussion

- Board discussion whether to move forward or not. Revisit the name? (Chris motioned / Tim Seconded / All in Favor / Will do a survey monkey?) we are moving forward to explore the idea of a possible name change. A committee will be assigned to create a plan to move this forward. Tim will lead the committee, Dan, Laurie, Currie, Ken

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Revisit Action Items from Previous Meeting

- Cindy determine if FENW could use the DRD's physical address in future
 - No updates
- Bill to create a new email address for all things weeds (weeds@fenw.org)
 - completed
- Mike B to send Jim a list of trails that enter into the Wilderness areas
 - completed
- Laurie will define a timeline for the name changing and rebranding project
 - Will work with Committee
- Dave send Jim contact info for local Sierra Club for noxious weeds discussion
 - Completed

Next Planning Meeting

- July 12th, 2018. Location TBD (Copper mountain establishment to meet in person?)

Action:

- Dan upload different card options for thank you's
- Tim: Sub-committee chair for name change & discussion with Dan, Laurie, Currie, Ken
- Bill: send Dan a high resolution image of FENW

Ken moves to adjourn / Tim second / Unanimous

Friends of Eagles Nest Wilderness

Monthly Planning Meeting

July 12th, 2018 @ 5:30 pm MST

Copper Mountain Metro District Community Room

Roll Call / Introductions:

- Tim Drescher, Dan Siebert, Bill Betz, Laurie & Jim Alexander, Cindy Ebert, Chris Turner, Mike Mayer, Ken Harper, Frank Gutmann, Kate Demorest, Mike Beach (Guests: Joan Betz, Bob Theodore, Joe Szasz, Dave Owens, Jack Holmes, Dave Brewster)

Review / Add or Subtract Agenda Items:

- Laurie: We should have a short discussion on how we go about annual meeting

Review / Approve Minutes from 6.21.2018:

- Laurie Motioned to approve & Tim Seconded / All in Favor

Review / Approve Treasurer's Report:

- Deposited \$1007 / Spent \$424 / General Fund total is \$30653.00 → See Treasures Report for more information. Discussion on Colorado Gives Day and appreciative vs. depreciative assets. Discussion on the Endowment Fund; Ken has the document needed to start the fund but there needs to be some corrections as it stated that our funds were dedicated to the Keystone Science Facility. Discussion on the Rocky Mountain Youth Corps and that the invoice is larger than the original approved amount (tabling discussion for the future). Bill makes motion to approve Treasures Report & Tim Seconds / Unanimous

Volunteer Wilderness Ranger Updates

- **Mike:** Had to leave early so no comment
- **Ken:** Business as usual. Improvements to the ranger spreadsheet that Bill created so we can track # of hikes has been very helpful. We are ahead of last year's total for ranger hikes. At this point in years past we are currently ahead in ranger hikes and citizen contacts. Ken gave a shot out to Joe for his assistance in relocating separated hikers. In appreciation of Joe's effort John and his group donated \$200 to the group.

Stewardship Trips / Trail Boss Updates

- Kate Demorest:
 - *Slate Lakes Overnight Trip (July 27th – 29th):* Kate sent out an email on this trip with basic info on the project. They will be also using wilderness crews and llamas for this trip (to carry tools, sign posts and possibly volunteer belongings). Discussed the care for Llamas. Kate's job during this project is leading and supervising the llamas while other rangers coordinate crews. The hike in will be 5-6 miles so we can ensure we are camping properly.
 - *Buffalo Fire MOP Up:* Trying to figure out some time for projects to remedy the Buffalo Fire. We are waiting until the fire is 100% out and we can assist in rehabbing the fire line. Possibly after work projects to tackle this.
 - *Lower Cataract Lake Loop project:* One of Cindy's crew had extra time while doing solitude monitoring and has done a lot of work in this area. Since we might not have to do this loop, we can focus on fire rehab. Kate inquired about how we could promote interest in trips and whether we have had luck with Summit/Vail Daily. Joe recommended that we consider Radio Free Minturn. Joe also mentioned the weekly activities section they post might be a good avenue also

USFS Updates

- Mike (HCRD)
 - Still deep in the busy season. The llamas have been a great help and Mike thanked FENW for assisting in purchasing. Most of their registrations boxes are up at this point and they have two more in ENW to put up. Their crews are also doing solitude monitoring and enjoying the work. Currently tentative, Mike discussed alternative funding sources that they might be considering; end of the year money they have left over instead of returning to treasure could possibly devote to projects
- Cindy (DRD)
 - Wilderness crews have been doing many trips for various projects (trail clearing, campfire removal, etc.) Crews will be heading to the connector trail at Salt Lick, which will assist in preventing Mountain Bikers from entering Wilderness. Working on getting locals involved in this project. Youth Corps will be moving to Mesa Cortina to build a bridge over willow creek to replace the logs that people use to cross. Two registration boxes left to install. Rangers have noted that they are seeing good compliance with people using overnight registrations. Stats will not be available until the end of the year. The season is moving very fast but they are happy with the presence they have been able to maintain.

Grants

- Chris Turner
 - REI does 5-25K a year in donations. FDRD got 10K in donations this year. Chris contacted REI and found that we are in a good position to get money but we need to have identified projects for 2019 to get into the application process. Chris has a conference call tomorrow to start laying the groundwork on this. Chris mentioned that if you have project ideas please send that info to him so he can start compiling it. Bill mentioned that if they require matching funds that we could possibly use some of the Schutee funds. Quick discussion on different items that might assist in showing our qualifications (educational opportunities, maintenance, weed removal, volunteer rangers, uniforms, swag, etc.) This would also help us determine what areas they are more likely to fund so we can direct our focus on receiving funds in the future

Noxious Weeds

- Jim Alexander:
 - Starting to get information on where significant weed populations are located. We can use this information to apply for grants. Wilderness workshop has a noxious weed program that he is researching, as does Denver Botanical Gardens. Tim mentioned Betty Ford Alpine Garden might be a good resource. Dave Owens showed different field manuals that could assist in identification on the field and that you can download these guides offline. The guides are broken down on priority of removal

Website, Social Media & Newsletter Updates

- General Updates
 - Bill: Will be transitioning the webmaster. Bill has been putting in some work for Chris on fundraising. Paul Sutter will be writing for the next upcoming newsletter
 - Laurie: Inquired if there was any feedback on the Volunteer Rangers Summary

New Business

- FENW Denver Get-Together July 15th: Discussed the upcoming event and have had some RSVPs

- Dan: Template card / letter for thanking donors
 - Sent to email: Feedback is greatly appreciated
- FENW table at the FOLBR Annual Meeting, Sunday July 29th, 11 am – 2 pm @ the Slate Creek Hall
 - They built the animal overpass that are nationally famous. FENW will have a table at this event if anyone can attend and assist in staffing the table. Discussions will include cell phone coverage, wildfire emergency plans, etc. Diverse interest and conversations at this event and it will be a great opportunity for FENW promotion
- Fundraising Meeting attended by Chris, Laurie, Jim, Joan and Bill (see board packet materials)
 - Chris: This started with the conversation last month on our budget and what balance we need to maintain. Discussions included what goes into marketing a non-profit. With the potential of a name change, we will have to throttle down on some items. In the near future though we can focus on flyers, print, radio, door hangers, etc. Discussion on sun screen & lip balm options that we could provide on volunteer ranger patrol
- Currie: Buffalo Mountain Fire Column (Not in attendance but might need to table this article for future)
- Annual Meeting Discussion: Tabling to August Meeting
- Volunteer Ranger Appreciation Party: Discussion on where/when to hold the event? How many people? What is Plan B? Ken will form a committee to figure this out

Summit Foundation Endowment Fund

- See treasures report.

Name Change Committee

- Committee Members: Tim, Ken, Currie, Laurie, Dan
 - Met before this planning meeting to work through a implementation plan

Advocacy

- Vail Pass Wildlife Safe Passages Project
 - Laurie & Tim attended the Vail Pass Wildlife Safe Passages Project Meeting. They have identified a few areas along the interstate where they could place different over/under passes where they could create wildlife corridors for animals crossing the roads. They are working on raising funds because if they can raise 50% they will have more success with CDOT funding the remaining 50%. Tied in with the potential upgrades of I-70 WB on east side of Vail Pass
- Next week at the Brush Creek Pavilion Wilderness Workshop is hosting Public land in Peril

Next Planning Meeting

- August 13th, 2018. Dillon & Holy Cross Ranger Districts (Video Conference Call)

Action Items:

- Chris will start an excel list for projects
 - If you have any project ideas please send them to Chris
- Dan create a contact for Rocky Mountain Sunscreen
- Ken will start a Volunteer Ranger Party Committee. He will work with Shrine Pass Cabin owners to lock in the date. Joe will assist with developing a plan B

Board Packet Materials

Fundraising strategy meeting notes:

Notes by Joan Betz (transcribed by Bill Betz) of meeting 6 July 2018

Attending: Chris Turner, Laurie Alexander, Jim Alexander, Joan Betz, Bill Betz

Main agenda: fundraising efforts by Chris

Chris described several plans, both tactical and strategic, to boost FENW fundraising efforts.

REI: their award of \$10K energized Chris, and he wants to apply next year. It requires filling out an application to apply, and that passes muster, we get the application. Range is \$5K-20K. We need a project in this range. One idea: Buffalo fire mitigation, perhaps tied with Schuette donation (e.g., matching funds). *Chris also noted that we have to be invited to apply for a REI grant and we discussed that we need to promote FENW to REI and help them be aware of what we do - I think Chris mentioned setting up a meeting and leaving behind some ideas AND a card/info - see discussion below.*

FENW website: have a distinct page for business sponsors. Give some advertising to our donors on this page (more than just listing their names and links). Bill will put together a draft of this. Also include partners - e.g., those orgs that send us volunteers for trail projects - e.g., Outward Bound, VOC, Wilderness Society.

Other web-related topics:

* Chris and Laurie talked about adding more metadescrptions (although Bill's reading suggested they aren't very helpful for getting us to come up on top of searches by people).

* Google Analytics can track IP addresses; it requires adding code. Bill did not volunteer. *Laurie suggests that this waits for new website, too much work to do it now and could be for a short time. Laurie will be sure that the free Google analytics is added in 2019 to hopefully new site.*

* Our ISP (InMotion Hosting) has an analysis page; Bill has used this in the past (e.g., documented bump in visits after Vail Daily article), but has not found it particularly useful. Bill will send the logon credentials to Chris & Laurie [done]. *Done and Laurie is on it.*

Chris intends to contact potential sponsors and donors, but needs some swag to leave with them.

1. 1 page cardstock (3.66 wide x 8" high), both sides. Reasons to give/partner (not just a plea, but reasons it will benefit them. Bill will make a draft. Laurie is happy to be on "edit" list!

2. Updated business cards, with a focus on fundraising (who will do this?)

Eventually, Chris would like FENW to host a donor-appreciation event.

These were the main topics Chris wanted covered, but several other items were discussed:

* We need new swag, e.g., revised pamphlet (probably 8 pages is too many), stickers, more car window stickers, lip balm, keychain, snowboard bottle opener, buff (neck scrunchy).

* tee shirts for the board and for VWRs

* email: officers need their own email account (e.g., pres@fenw.org for the president) [DONE: pres, secy, and treas@fenw.org, and each will be forwarded to Tim, Dan, and Ken, respectively]

* weeds: Jim discussed partnering (e.g., Sierra Club on Acorn Creek)

* tools: when Ken does a project on the west side, what is his source of tools? The stash in Silverthorne, or something closer to him? Do we need to raise funds for tools on the west side? Are hard hats needing attention?

* Annual meeting: combine with celebration of Volunteers. Find venue that allows EtOH (Laurie had to google this!). Need to have one person appointed chair. PWV charges Past-President with that task. Lets be sure that this is added to the next board meeting agenda at least set a date and decide who is leading this.

Buffalo Mountain Fire Response

A View From Afar

When the Buffalo Mountain Fire raged recently, I was with my elderly parents in the rain soaked Blue Ridge Mountains of North Carolina. I followed the crisis intently with great concern for many friends and colleagues whose lives and property were at risk. While nothing could replace the perspective of those of my neighbors who faced the wind driven flames bearing down on their homes and neighborhoods, I was struck by observations I would like to share.

I am in complete agreement, gratefully sharing awe and respect with other commentators in praise for our first responders who battled this emergency. Our County is truly blessed to have such incredible human and technological resources, properly organized and led in times of unprecedented threats of natural disasters.

Following news reports and social media while in North Carolina, I was gratified that all the various pieces came together, resulting in what is conceivably the best possible outcome to a dangerous and potentially destructive wildland fire. All levels of government, from Federal, Colorado, Summit County, and the Towns exhibited cooperation and coordination which resulted in this successful defense of lives and property.

Experts have noted how planning based on sound fire science prepared our fire prone forest for this inevitable emergency. Cutting firebreaks and slash removal by controlled burns a few years ago, and USFS regulations allowing for rapid threat identification and an effective decision making structure permitting use of chainsaws and air asset delivery of fire retardant in the Eagles Nest Wilderness are indicative of professional preparedness and necessary flexibility in the Wilderness Act of 1964.

Overall management of the Buffalo Fire was greatly assisted by the willingness of our emergency planners and managers to have periodic drills. This would be highly unlikely if our planners and fire managers did not have the confidence and support of our elected officials and populace.

Among the appreciated steps battling this new scourge of our beloved mountains was effective communication by White River National Forest Scott Fitzwilliams and Dillon District Ranger Bill Jackson. WRNF Supervisor Scott Fitzwilliams and DRD Ranger Bill Jackson's careful outreach to advocates such as Friends of the Eagles Nest Wilderness are but one indication of the value of partnerships the USFS places on our community.

We will be forever grateful. May God bless our professional first responders and the effectiveness of fire managers and emergency planners. Taking the opportunity to buy one of these fine Americans a cold one is also in order. Please do so at your earliest convenience.

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FENW Board Meeting, Thursday August 9th, 2018, 5:30pm

Attendees:

Tim Drescher, Mike Beach, Ken Harper, Chris Turner, Mike Mayrer, Dave Owens, Frank Gutmann, Kate DeMorest

Ken: motion to approve meeting minutes, Tim seconds motion, motion approved.

Ken: Treasurers Report - Approximately \$600 new in dues, A-Basin donated another \$7,000, however we're \$1,200 below last year, although we still have 5 months to collect. \$8,049 net fund to spend from.

Chris: expense for lip balm \$362.50

Tim: About \$1,000 was shaved off RMYC bill thanks to Tim's phone calls to RMYC explaining our budgetary constraints.

Frank: Moves to approves the treasurer's report, Chris seconds motion, motion approved.

Mike M: Volunteer Wilderness Ranger Updates - Volunteer ranger hikes through July 21 is about a 40% increase from last year. Last summer 11,000 contacts at this time, this summer approximately 15,000 contacts. FDRD trail hosting on 7/7/2018 – hosted at 22 trailheads – contacted 3,164 people in Summit Co. Increased two trailheads this year (22 up

from 20). Up 1,800 contacts from last year. Update on hiking credits: If you hike with two people you get credit for two hikes – Mike’s received favorable responses from this change in rules.

Mike B: Reminder - volunteer reporting needs to be submitted by October

Tim: The Eaglet – any word on what’s new there? Crickets...

Kate: Trails updates: Slate Lakes overnight trip was a success – please see trip report on FENW’s website. Need to talk to Axis Sports about doing after work project, Lily Pad Lakes clean up, other after work projects. Open to ideas. FS Fire Management Officer (FMO) Ali Richards is working to have fire crews rather than volunteers work to clean up the fireline from the Buffalo Fire. This could change but at this time we’re asked that we leave this project to fire professionals. Great Old Broads for Wilderness will be here Sept 9-13th – Kate sent out an email to the group about what we can do to help the GOBWs. Please respond if you can serve as a local hiking guide or if you have ideas where we can have some of the GOBs do project work. Will be coordinating with the FS for a complete list of work projects.

Mike B: USFS update – Rocky Mountain Regional Pack String is in town working on the Lower Piney - Packed out an abandoned hunting camp from Slate Mtn. Local Search and Rescue teams are increasingly asking for helicopter use in wilderness. Llamas are with us until Aug 31st. Gore Creek project with FENW to do trail work and clean-up coming up next weekend – help get the word out. Donny from Paragon Guides asked to borrow our llamas as they lost one and have one that’s lame – in exchange for helping out Paragon we will have two “free llamas” to use at a later date. Overall feeling on llamas? Llamas have been really helpful!

Tim: Suggests putting llamas as a budget line item for next year.

Mike B: VOC project on Deulge Trail 15-16th of September, two day trips, approximately 1.5 miles up the trail each day for work.

Chris: Marketing update – Looking into FENW website upgrades to make things more appealing for business sponsors. Lip balm will be delivered tomorrow – will divvy up among our remaining projects.

Jim: Not present – working on weed mapping and eradication technology.

Frank: Elzinga wants to hire contractors to eradicate weeds in the wilderness – is this something that we can float? Tim: Jim is working on grants for this...

Bill: Not present – newsletter will be by Jack Holmes – Homestake Reservoir essay.

Tim: potential bias of writing should be something we understand clearly and fact check – would like to make sure what we as a group attach our name to, endorse viewpoints of, and issues we take stances on, are factually based and soundly thought out.

Ken: Motion to fact check Holy Cross Wilderness Defense fund essay, Frank seconds, motion approved.

Mike B: Suggests the board **read the enabling legislation for the Holy Cross** Wilderness if not done so already.

<https://www.wilderness.net/NWPS/documents/publiclaws/PDF/96-560.pdf>

Laurie: Not present – encouraging us to submit pictures, Hashtag people! #FENW please, gathering was small but good.

Dan: Not present - is working on thank you notes, member photo contest

Dave: Knows John Fielder, asked him about submitting photos for our org, John said yes definitely, asked to have someone from FENW email him (this means you Dan!). Dave said he’s put Dan in contact with John Fielder via email.

Dave: Updates on FOLBR meeting from 7/29

Tim: Don’t need to vote for officers at our annual meeting but we can discuss that further. Frank thinks it might make sense for us to vote in officers at that time.

Tim: FENW endowment fund is a go. 25k currently in fund.

Name Change Committee: **Everyone please bring three names for consideration to next month's board meeting.**

Safe Passages: Project is ultimately a matter of funding and is pending based on such. Sales tax measure for transportation funding would still not be a save all, would likely need a large private donor which in turn could attract matching funds from CDOT, etc., etc.

Board Member Recruitment: Frank says let's get more ladies on the board as it's just Laurie and Kate.

Notes:

Bill is attempting to have quarterly meetings at the Copper Community Center. Frank: would ski season be a problem? Summit Foundation volunteering to help FENW plan our 25th anniversary. Tamara to help us with fundraising to contribute to the endowment fund.

Jared Polis in Vail in support of the CDWB – no one was able to attend.

Next board meeting will be Sept 13th via conference call

Chris will send 100 lip balms to EHX and keep 200 for use on the Summit side.

Frank: Who is picking up the mail? George keeps picking it up. If that becomes a problem, Frank will take up the cause.

Friends of Eagles Nest Wilderness (Augusta Molnar)

Monthly Planning Meeting

September 13th, 2018 @ 5:30 pm MST

Holy Cross / Dillon Ranger District (Video Conference Call)

Roll Call / Introductions:

- Tim

Review / Add or Subtract Agenda Items:

- Board
 - John Currie: Inquired whether it would be prudent to discuss wage freeze for federal employees. Should we write a letter to the editor? How do we express our concern that the FS pay is froze? If we chose to do that, we should focus on the importance of the FS with particular to FENW mission. (Currie will come up with a template)
 - Jim Alexander: National Wilderness Workshop (Gunnison in Oct)

Review / Approve Minutes from 8.9.2018:

- Tim
 - Laurie motion to approve, Tim Second: Motion passed to approve minutes

Review / Approve Treasurer's Report:

- Ken?
 - Ken is out of town so no treasure report for this meeting. Paragon guides used our Llamas and repaid \$300 dollars: Dan sent thank you notice to Paragon for payment.
- New donors, letters: Dan
 - Thank you sent out to Augusta Molnar. John Fielder will be providing 3-5 images for thank you cards and once he sends them over I will get thank you cards drafted. Will make a set for general thank you &

Colorado gives day thank you with tax-exempt message, and blank cards. When you receive, please share these on a google drive.

Volunteer Wilderness Ranger Updates

- Co-Leaders?
 - Both on vacation; no update
- VWR Monthly Summary Email: Laurie
 - Few glitches with stats but working through them. Haven't had many bounce back

Stewardship Trips / Trail Boss Updates

- Kate Demorest
 - Deluge Lake trail maintenance at Deluge Lakes this weekend. Not very good turnout for their last event at Gore Creek and summer work is winding down. They planned to work around Red Buffalo Pass but were stormed out so they worked lower down the Gore Creek drainage. VOC has a little over 20 people who've signed up to assist and they will split up between Deluge & Gore
- Great Old Broads events, recap?
 - Over the course of 4 days, they did hikes, guest talks, work trips and a speaker series at Windy Point Campground. They put some signage in and trail maintenance during their timeframe. One of their events was a letter writing session; writing letters to representatives to advocate for wilderness bills in the local area. Thank you to Kate, Mike and Cindy for your effort working with this group

USFS Updates

- Mike (HCRD)
 - Sat/Sun with VOC on Deluge Lake Trail; minor re-work of the trail and some rockwork. There is an active fire in Holy Cross Wilderness by Gerard Creek across from Red Cliff. Last night a helicopter was making water drops in the area to fight the fire. Working on a wilderness stewardship grant
- Cindy (DRD)
 - Lots going on through September. The wilderness crew is beginning to dwindle as interns move on to other opportunities (3 remaining crew volunteers). Wrapping up trailhead projects, paperwork, end of season reporting, etc. Youth Corps completed a few projects for them (Replaced a bridge on Mesa Cortina, punch in on lily pad trail)
 - Tim recommended a data entry project for wilderness backcountry overnight permit

Grants / Fundraising

- Lip balm swag status?
 - Chris dropped some off to Kate; Dan-follow up with Chris on this
- Grant applications
 - Missed some deadlines and will have to be more ready for them next year. Hard to find a good centralized location for grant information. MB: recommended National Wilderness Stewardship Grant / Cindy: recommended Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation & The Summit Foundation

Noxious Weeds

- Jim Alexander
 - Discussed a shop in Minnesota that produces plastic boutiques of noxious weeds to use for training purposes. If we get a grant this would be a great addition to the training program

Website, Social Media & Newsletter Updates

- Website & E-newsletter
 - Working through connecting with new webmaster
 - Discussed monthly newsletters and if we should continue down the current path. If we send out a hard copy, we should make sure that we are sending it out before Colorado Gives Day so we can promote donors.
- Jack Holmes water letter update
 - TD met with LB (ERWSD) about a potential reservoir expansion at Eagle Park Reservoir. We should encourage him to write an editorial or letter to the editor

New Business

- Forest Health Task Force, Tom Koehler
 - Kate: Tom contacted Kate about volunteering on the trips. Kate was unsure of who he is and what the forest health task force does, as their webpage has not been updated in a few years. Kate would like him to come present his ideas to the board so we can get a unanimous decision on his work. Kate & Cindy will work with him to see what projects he has in mind and how he wants to be involved with FENW
- Annual Party
 - Need to figure out logistics for this event; where, when, are we having board elections?
- 25th Anniversary
 - Potentially someone (Tamara) from The Summit Foundation will assist in raising funds for this event. LA is scheduled to meet with her next week
- Denver Convocation
 - Hosting a happy hour on the 9/20/18, set it up to host if people responded to the invitation
- VWR Celebration @ Jay's Cabin
 - Date set for 9/30/18. Laurie requested that we wait for Ken to return to discuss details. JC will bring some ice and drinks (beer, soda, etc.)

Summit Foundation Endowment Fund

- New Updates? Bill is the subject matter expert on this so no updates.

Advocacy

- MB discussed a \$300 dollar budget item they have that could be / should be used for assistance. MB will follow up on this
- DO discussed Writers on the Range and an article about how Mountain Bikes should be allowed in the wilderness. DO was frustrated by this and decided to take it upon himself to dispute this in the summit daily

Revisit Action Items from Previous Meeting

- Name change ideas!
 - TD discussed name change ideas; potentially bringing three ideas to the board. The committee will work on the why and how of the name change. Discussed using Vail Pass within the name but how that could cause confusion with the motorized group who utilizes Vail Pass. Tim is a fan of Eagle Summit Wilderness Alliance/Advocates but everything is on the table. LA discussed the timeline and if we shoot for the 25th anniversary that we still have some time.
 - Priorities established for the fall (In no order)
 - Annual Meeting / Party
 - Planning for the 25th

- Volunteer Celebration at Jays Cabin
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- Grant application season: researching and applying for grants
- Hard Copy Newsletter
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FENW Board Meeting Minutes

October 11, 2018

Copper Mountain Community Room

Attendees: Chris, Cindy, Tim, Ken, Currie, Laurie, Jim, Dave O, Frank, Mike M., Cindy M.

- Meeting minutes from September
 - Be sure to add info that Holmes article was unclear, and board decided not to publish his article
 - Ken moved to approve the minutes, Jim seconded
- Treasury Report – Ken
 - Balance \$50,922.00, General Operating: Balance \$6,948 Net Balance as of 9/30/18
 - Need to get access to a monthly or quarterly statement from Summit Foundation **ACTION ITEM: Ken will call Summit Foundation to see how to get access to statements**
 - John Schuette Memorial
 - Schuettes want to set up an endowment fund \$20,000 for FENW to manage its use, desire to recognize the service of young workers (~\$1000 per year)
 - Some ideas -
 - BBQ for Interns
 - Hire a seasonal intern
 - **ACTION ITEM: Need to figure out timing – Ken contact Bill and figure out**
 - Decide on thank you gift for Schuettes, once timing figured out for endowment setup
 - Currie moved to approved Treasury Report, Tim seconded
- VWR EOS
 - Successful EOS Party – extra food went to firefighters fighting a fire near Minturn
 - Saved the wine/beer for another event
 - Ken surveying VWRs if Sunday afternoon is a good day/time, most agreed
 - Next time, would like to organize a hike prior to event, could start event earlier
 - Would like to thank Chuck Ogilvy for donating his cabin
 - **ACTION ITEMS:**
 - **Add to Eaglet that the people that donated the use of Jay's Cabin also own Avalanche Ranch, promote as a good place to stay - Laurie**
 - **Recognize Avalanche Ranch as a biz sponsor on the website – Cindy M**
 - **ACTION ITEM: Need to double check the email list, Mike heard that some didn't get the email – Laurie/Mike M**
 - Still looking for co-leaders
- Volunteer Trail Projects - Kate
 - All projects are completed
- USFS – Cindy E
 - Most rangers are gone, some still around for hunting patrols and finishing up projects
 - Cindy mostly in office working on paperwork for Washington
 - Interviews for next year internships start in January (a few may return in 2019)
 - FS needs for Ranger Patrol reporting

- Need to revisit what is important to USFS
- Cindy M is putting this into a Data Base and will make it accessible to USFS

ACTION ITEM: Will meetup in winter to figure out requirements – Cindy, Mike B, Cindy M, Laurie

- Cindy E will coordinate with Mike B to schedule a FENW data entry party
- Grants
 - Jim met with Cindy, Mike and Steve Elzinga in Minturn prior to meeting to discuss weed strategy
 - Grants to supplement USFS spraying
 - Matching program to pull weeds, i.e.
 - USFS pushed back on Mapping weed location work
 - DU Interns – need to think through hosing cost as part of the grant
 - Jim is contacting:
 - Patagonia Denver
 - National Hiking Society – Building Projects, supply materials
 - Cliff Bar
 - RM Elks Program
 - National Wilderness Stewardship Alliance
 - Interns would hike and find where the weeds are
 - USFS suggest going off trail – Tim volunteered!!
 - Challenge with grants – need to know when we will be finished, but with weeds the projects never really finish
 - Need to state specific goals, i.e. what do we ignore, what do we go after
 - Need to think through timing of grants and hiring people
 - **ACTION ITEM: USFS identifying grant needs now through the next few months**
 - **Need to work with on FENW grants – meet once before the end of year**
 - **Committee: Cindy E, Mike B, Bill, Jim – schedule the committee meeting end of Nov early Dec**
- Website – Cindy M
 - Need to update the Ranger Patrol sign-up process because Google has locked down sharing of google calendar so need to get away from
 - Cindy needs people to test the process as she is fixing it (Mike M, Laurie volunteered)

New Biz

- Annual Meeting
 - What do we want to accomplish?
 - Follow the by-laws for annual items – meet the 501C requirements
 - Discuss officer roles
 - Elect next President (2020)
 - Speaker/Presenter?
 - Potluck
 - Could use the Copper Mtn meeting room
 - **ACTION ITEM: Tim will talk to Bill and resolve the planning around this meeting**
- 25th Anniversary
 - Tamara McClelland is providing some guidance
 - Laurie reviewed some ideas (see attached addendum docs)
 - Cindy suggested to look at the RM Youth Corp 25th anniversary video
 - Wilderness Challenge Concept
 - “events” raise a red flag for USFS, need to work closely with Cindy/Mike on this idea
 - The 25th Anniversary Committee will flesh out the ideas and bring back results to the board (Laurie, Tamara, Currie)
 - Laurie send out email to encourage committee participation from those outside the board
 - End goal is a big event and fund raiser
- HCN – Jim
 - Jim needs outlines to him ASAP so that we can get the HCN out in November

- ACTION ITEMS: MikeM and Ken get stories from volunteers that would be of interest in the newsletter
- Advocacy - Tim
 - Big Horn Cabin – surrounded by Holy Cross Wilderness
 - Cabin remodeled
 - Private property
 - Could be over used
 - Illegal campgrounds
 - Worried about it causing issues
- Name Change
 - Tim reviewed the objectives of why the name change (see doc addendum attached)
 - Committee will bring the Budget to next meeting for approval
 - Will vote on name at next meeting
- Jim moved to adjourn the meeting, Tim seconded

Friends of Eagles Nest Wilderness

Name Change Justification and Transition Plan – Part One

Why?

- Particularly in Summit County, Friends of Eagles Nest Wilderness and Friends of Dillon Ranger District often get mixed up and confused, even by the locals
- FENW outgrew its name many years ago, when they added stewardship and advocating for the additional Wilderness areas of Ptarmigan Peak and Holy Cross. We would prefer that our organizations name capture the three Wilderness areas that we intend to “be friends of”.
- There have been a number of legislative bills that been introduced by Colorado representatives in the US House and Senate that would have added additional acreage of Wilderness in Eagle and Summit Counties. Many believe that it isn't if, but when these bills are eventually passed at the Federal level. Some of the parcels of public land that are under consideration for additional Wilderness status do not border already existing Wilderness (Eagles Nest, Holy Cross, Ptarmigan) areas. If these remote parcels do get approved, they will have different names that define their respective geographic regions. FENW leadership has agreed that we will add our stewardship and outreach efforts to any new Wilderness areas that are designated in either Eagle or Summit counties.
- FENW activities, leadership and focus has established itself in two separate, but neighboring counties; currently our name does not reflect this.

How? (Legally)

- The most commonly used, and easiest way to make the name change official would be to use a “DBA” (Doing Business As) designation. Example being: Friends of Eagles Nest Wilderness, DBA (insert name). The only reason why the FENW name would continue to be used at that point would purely be for legality purposes. From a marketing and daily usage standpoint “Friends of Eagles Nest Wilderness” would cease to exist.
- The Secretary of State will need to be informed of the name change and we will need to file an “Articles of Amendment”
- We will need to notify the IRS of the name change on our next 990 or 990-EZ form
- USFS DUNS number from Dunn and Bradstreet for our cost share agreement and also SAM

Possible Names

- Eagle Summit Wilderness Advocates (ESWA)
- Eagle Summit Wilderness Alliance (ESWA)
- Vail Pass Wilderness Advocates (VPWA)
- Wilderness Advocates of Vail Summit (WAVS) / Vail Summit Wilderness Advocates
- Colorado Wilderness Volunteers
- Wilderness Eagle Summit Team Advocates (WEST)
- Vail Summit Wilderness Stewards (VSWS)
- The board of directors will need to come to a common agreement as to what the new name will be, and what we'd like to capture in our name

How? (Publicly)

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Review / Add or Subtract Agenda Items:

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Review / Approve Minutes from 10.11.2018:

- Tim
 - Motion by Tim & Seconded by Jim (unanimous)

Review / Approve Treasurer's Report:

- Ken (see treasure report Ken sent out)
 - Jim: Needs an annual budget for the National Forest Foundation
 - Currie motioned / Dan seconded (unanimous)

Proposal for management of FENW Endowment Fund

- Discussion: Committee, possible lawyer review. No concerns
 - Tim motion / Currie Seconded (Unanimous)

Name Change

- Tim: Discussion
 - More of stakeholders included (board, non-partisan, volunteers ,etc.)
 - More focus on the why
 - Potential for engaging more of our volunteer workforce in the discussion?
 - Board feels we've have completed most of this and that the board packet material looks thought out
 - Consider moving forward or away from the idea
 - Send out in the Eaglet to collect some data?
 - Tim will get poll data out to board
 - If we decide to change name we need to consider

- 25th
 - Website
 - Trail kiosks and signs with current FENW name
- Motion: (Tabled: December)

Volunteer Wilderness Ranger Updates

- Mike (No updates) / Absent
- Ken (No Updates)

Stewardship Trips / Trail Boss Updates

- Kate Demorest
 - No updates

USFS Updates

- Mike (HCRD)
 - Good Season. Thanks for the support on projects and with the llamas. EN/PP has funding for 2 people for campsite & solitude/education plans. Should be opportunity for FENW to participate. Long term planning for Holy Cross. He will have details from counters they had this summer
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Grants / Fundraising

- Grant applications
- NFF Grant, Jim
 - Looking at 15K range / Will work with Chris on this
 - Due 12/12/18
- Extreme Terrain Clean Trail Grant, Jim
 - Thank you Jim for your work on this

Noxious Weeds

- Jim Alexander
 - Referenced NFF Grant / Discussed focusing attention on Ptarmigan Peak Wilderness Areas, consider getting a biology master student to assist (potential risks discussed).

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- No updates

Hard Copy Newsletter

- Jim will possibly need assistance. Working through final edits

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 - January: Hold elections
- 25th Anniversary

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- Discussed Continental Divide Wilderness Act

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Friends of Eagles Nest Wilderness

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 - Tim: Addition of update on Kate Demorest

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- Ken
 - See Treasurer's Report
- Colorado Gives recap
 - Any things we could improve for the future?
 - Update our profile
 - Laurie mentioned that a personal phone call thanking for her donation really meant a lot
- Ken will invoice NFS for \$300 for services rendered
- Bill & Susy Gillilan sent a \$2,000 donation to FENW

Sustainable Skier

- Guest, Tom Koehler
 - See Sustainable Skier Summary
 - Where could SS assist in getting our message out to his platform?
 - Examples/Discussion of what type of resources we could give

Name Change

- Update from Committee meeting
 - See committee meeting summary
 - Will rework the document to include more stakeholders and also create a more inclusive document of the Pros & Cons of the decision
 - Mike Browning mentioned that he might be able to assist in documentation review & creation from a legal viewpoint

Volunteer Wilderness Ranger Updates

- Annual training date?
 - Date set for June 8th of 2019
- Mike M.
 - Discussion of limit of volunteers due to resources. Promote until we get full then reduce promotional efforts? Last year was our highest amount of volunteer
 - You can create manpower issues to run the operation if you get too many
- Cindy: Discussed looking through advertising timeline, manual revisions, etc. [can you flesh this out?]
 - Target committee meeting date of Feb to focus on future VWR programmatic plans (Bill will take the lead and Frank would like to assist with administration portions)
- Jim: Discussed reporting of noxious weeds by VWRs
- Chris Turner: potential for winter patrols with REI?
 - Mike Beach: Working with REI regarding sponsorship for winter field based projects
 - Bill B: Good discussion for meeting in Feb. [??]
- Tim: Kate will be resigning from the board. As a FS employee it is challenging to advocate for an organization. If she is unable to be our Trail Boss in 2019 who will be our replacement? What level of training would they need? If you don't have a trail boss MB mentioned that he could assist [We have since learned that Kate will be trail boss in 2019.]

USFS Updates

- Mike (HCRD)
 - Working through applications for seasonal rangers and interns. Hoping for a few different grants to assist with funding. Had trail counters out last year (Booth Creek 30,000 people for the year missing June / Mt. Holy Cross 5500, Missouri Lakes / Fancy Lake Loop 15,000 / Upper Piney 17,000 60-80% of these visits are on the weekend)

- Cindy (DRD)
 - Also beginning the process of reviewing applications for seasonal employees. Lots of applicants to review. Will be hiring a few WRs and have some seasonal interns.

Grants / Fundraising

- Grant applications
- NFF Grant status update and needs:
 - Jim: Submitted NFF grant for treating weeds and should hear back by march. Jim is already planning for another grant application. USDA is requesting info for confirmation of no criminals and ethnicity/origin of area. Jim is also looking at Trail Society, Elk Society, National Geographic Grants. If you have project ideas (estimated costs, what it is for, etc.) please send them to Jim (Spotty signal which made it difficult to document communication)

Website, Social Media & Newsletter Updates

- Cindy, Bill
 - Tim & Bill will be writing articles on successes of 2018 & moving forward into 2019 for the January eNewsletter.

Hard Copy Newsletter

- Feedback?
 - TD: Thank you to Jim for all of your effort.
 - Any feedback?
 - The address was backward when you opened it up [no, it was not]
 - Jim: Unless we have a bunch of highlighted articles we should reduce our pages and we could include a summer events calendar or a John Fielder picture

New (and unfinished) Business

- Annual Meeting scheduled for January 10th @ 1730
 - Mike will take the lead in locking down a venue in Copper Chapel
- JA brought up that we can fly a FENW flag over the capitol as a way to celebrate for our 25th

Advocacy

- John Fielder's campaign to stop a proposed gravel quarry near Ute Pass
 - Currie was able to attend and it was an open house format. Did not hear any support from attendees; concerns included reduced property values, traffic increase, etc.
 - Bill Betz moves that FENW supports the Lower Blue River Campaign of John Fielder and add it to our advocacy profile
 - Bill motion / Currie seconds (Unanimous)
 - As we move forward it will become more challenging to decide who we advocate for as there are many threats to our wilderness
 - Jim recommended that we could have different categories to promote all advocacies based off different metrics that would attract the advocate
 - Dave brought up a great anecdote: Focus on the 4 W : Water, Wolves, Wilderness & Weeds

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3. "Outside the Wilderness"
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 - b. Public relations-I am happy to help raise your organizations profile in the community.
 - c. Advocacy-I think the work I have done with the Continental Divide Coalition demonstrates my commitment to this issue.
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