

Mosquito Range Heritage Initiative
Board of Directors/Advisory Board Meeting
April 5, 2007

Attendees: Jim Mauch, John Carr, Al Amundsen, Cara Doyle, Greg, Sarah Gorecki, Greg Seabloom, Justin Spring, Dieter Erdman, Tim Balough, Kay Salazar, Linda Balough, Chris Prew, Sara Mayben, Bill Middlebrook, Steve Bonowski, Ginni Greer

MRHI Board Members not present: Sylvia Liles, Robert Porter

Meeting was called to order at 11:10am by Sara

Introductions of all present. Each person gave a brief description of their organization and its involvement with MRHI.

MRHI UPDATE

Jim Mauch discussed the creation of the MRHI board.

John Carr reported that he is completing the 501(c) (3) paperwork. MRHI now has an EIN, a PO Box, a checking account and a savings account.

GRANTS

State Trails Grant -- We received $\frac{1}{2}$ of the grant money up front.

National Park Service Grant -- We are somewhat overlapping the two. As required by the NPS grant, we will be holding open meetings with the public. Kay Salazar will help to coordinate the meetings and will provide maps.

Public Meetings - The first 2 meetings will be the same format. Have attendees draw trails on maps, including detailed information about the trail. The 3rd meeting should be late summer or September.

MRHI Survey -- We created an on-line survey to gather responses from the public on the use of trails in the area. We were looking for information on social trails, maintained trails, etc. We received 190 responses.

Summer Intern -- MRHI would like to hire a summer intern. Part of the responsibility will be to GPS the trails identified in the surveys and the public meetings.

End Product -- We still need to determine what the end product of all this work will be. An example is the map that Breckenridge has created.

14ER TRAIL ACCESS

There is still a lot of work that needs to be done before the trails are open to Lincoln, Democrat and Bross. Last year House Bill 1049 was passed.

Last summer, trail design was started on the peaks.

The Forest Service has acquired Cameron Peak.

Trust for Public Lands (TPL) has a section of land under contract on Democrat.

Action Item: Linda Balough, Cara Doyle -- Before we get requests about the status of the peaks, write a press release detailing what is happening. Linda already has a rough draft.

The Colorado Mountain Club (CMC) has a grant for signage. Colorado Fourteeners Initiative (CFI) will do the signs. There are plans for a kiosk at the trailhead, directional signs, closed for restoration, and danger: mine signs. The kiosk is planned for 2008.

ADOPT-A-PEAK

Through CFI, opportunities exist to adopt-a-peak. This would involve a group of about 10 people for 2 days doing light trail maintenance.

TRAINING

Trail work training is available through CFI and Colorado Outdoor Training Initiative (??). There are many opportunities to train crew leaders. One of them will be on Democrat through CFI.

GPS

We have plans to GPS trails in the MRHI area. We still need to decide what to collect, how to collect it, what comes out, the format, where we will store the data. Before an intern starts, we need to 1) identify trails - this will be done in conjunction with the public meetings, 2) the data we want them to gather, 3) a data dictionary for GPSing.

Action Item: Cara Doyle, John Carr, Sylvia Liles - Review what CFI uses and determine what we will do.

GPS Units - There are 2 in the county that we might be able to use. We might need to buy one or rent one. The unit we use needs to be able to handle arc pad and resource grade. Colorado Open Lands might be in a market to buy a unit.

Action Item: Schedule a meeting with Craig (GIS Mgr of Park County), Chris, John, Loretta.

INTERN

John Carr will 'manage' the intern. This will include creating a job description, schedule interviews and schedule work.

We need to decide what we want them to do. Their duties will include trail GPSing, reporting on the condition of trails.

CFI pays interns \$1000/month, gives them mileage reimbursement, \$200 reimbursement for training which includes CPR.

Action Item: John Carr - send out a recruitment notice for an intern.

LEGACY GRANT

Trust for Public Lands, Park County and MRHI have submitted proposals. By June, we will know if we need to do a formal application

COLORADO COLLABORATIVE CONSERVATION PROJECT

Have identified areas in the state that would be worked on—landscapes being saved. \$800 million has been set aside statewide for all of these areas.

SUMMER WORK DAYS

The work day schedule: May 19, June 9, July 14, August 11.

Possibilities: We can adopt some Forest Service trails - possibly the Limbergrove trail. Bulletin boards need to be put in, Sheep Mountain trail system, 12 mile lake trail, do education at Kite Lake

MRHI WEBSITE

Action Item: Tim Balough and Sylvia Liles - put a list of Volunteer opportunities on the website.

Respectfully submitted
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