**Aldo’s Broadband Steering Committee Meeting Aug. 12, 2024 Agenda**

Attendees: Marcia, Denise, Carol and Joanie

Retreat aka NM Broadwalk & Gila Wilderness Centennial - Sept 16-18, 2024

 Registration update – Carol will ask Sally if there have been any donations. Carol has access to registration details, including payment amount.

 Wait list status? None yet/may send notice again if any cancellations, will ask Sally to do it if needed

Marcia heard from Susan Ostlie that she may not be able to come, but Susan said that she would make sure the food got down here somehow. We discussed this and decided to ask Susan to let us know no later than August 31st if she is coming or not. If not, we will handle the food purchases down here rather than rely on an unknown from Albuquerque to bring it. We can use our soft funds if it cost more than what we estimated for registration.

Review broadwalk draft agenda relative to activity list – went over the agenda (see attached agenda)

Notes: Carol can sit at a table to greet folks as they arrive and let them know where to go in the campground.

- tea and coffee – will need to decide who is going to bring these items, along with cream and sugar

Help needed at broadwalk/ tasks – (see attached updated task list)

 Heat suppers/ cleanup etc. – hoping to have some Rio Grande Broads helping with this

 Backups – not yet decided

Denise will bring an electric water carafe for tea, and extra power strip for plug in items

Joanie needs to find receipt so she can get reimbursed for Sarah’s present

Review timetable/task grid – (see attached updated task list)

 Postcard advocacy – Joanie has been working on this and has some ideas

 - wolves

 - Mimbres Monument, Gila Bend, National Bills we want to support/object to – WEST ACT HR3397, HR764 Trust the Science

Discuss payment with Becky or Ysabel relative to Sally’s emailed info

- Carol will write the overall check for the entire cost, as per our usual way of handling the money, and then get reimbursed by Sally. Ysabel and Becky have always worked with us informally and we want to honor that.

When to get #s for service project to see if we need 2 groups or 2 shifts

 Communicate with NPS and Heart of Gila re numbers before end of Aug.

Assume 14 for service work with Heart of the Gila (Patrice wants to limit her group to 14), and 5-10 for service work with the Park Service

Review draft contact phone #s – looked at Marcia’s list of numbers and confirmed, Marcia will get phone number for Susan Ostlie

Next meeting date - prior to broadwalk (Sept. 9?) – Looks good for folks

Gila National Forest Final Forest Plan, draft ROD and FEIS –

Discuss coordination for those who have time to review part, relative to our 2020 comments & focus areas – Joanie has done extensive review of over half of the plan. She handed out a copy of our letter from 2020 and a list of sections/page numbers with the relevant topics we need to review.

- Denise is going to review the Grazing and Wilderness Sections, asking Marty to review the Wild and Scenic section- Marcia is going to review the GNF FEIS and Land Management Plan relative to our riparian comments

Local Coalition is reviewing / commenting etc. and we can sign-on as we previously did

 Suggestion to mention/ briefly discuss at broadwalk  (maybe what we commented on and how that turned out in the LMP, or? )

See attachments