**Aldo’s Broadband Steering Committee Meeting July 8, 2024 Meeting Notes**

Attendees: Marcia, Denise, Joanie, Carol

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

Opening registration for the 10 “working” Broads helping to plan and implement the Retreat – opened to 10 folks that are helping put on the retreat on July 7th.

- Need to add to the announcement 1) need to be a current member of the GOB to participate 2) Space is limited so sign up soon.

- need to ask Julie about donation link, it didn’t work for Carol when she signed up.

- Denise will nudge Carolyn to see if she is still planning to come and talk, and whether she will be camping overnight and sharing dinner with us.

- Denise will remind Sara that it is a 1.5 hour drive from Silver City up to the campground.

- ask Sara about talking about the National Office issues of concern, and maybe about her extensive networking with other conservation organizations.

Opening registration to our Broadband and Rio Grande Broadband – open on July 10th. Marcia will send a practice email tomorrow.

Carol’s ability to access and review the registration list – Carol will email Sally on the 12th when she is back and ask her about access.

Review timetable/task grid and our individual calendars – updated

Discuss activity list and draft an initial agenda

- Marcia will ask Diane Smith about doing a Sunrise Salutation on Wed morning.

- Marcia will ask RGV Broadband to talk about what they are doing

- Wilderness Trivia – Joanie will look for trivia questions related to Wilderness

- Joanie suggested we have quotes on small pieces of paper in a jar that can be passed around, with folks randomly picking one and reading it. For example, from Dave Foreman, Aldo, other conservationists

Next steps/ Do we need additional help for the retreat/ broadwalk? If so, in what specific areas?

- we need a designated first aid person. Denise will ask Lauri if she will do this.

- Denise will clarify use of the hot tub, and the freezer.

- set up a check in table – Carol said she would volunteer for that. Need name tags

- Marcia will get some post cards printed

Riparian - Grazing Monitoring Team – brief update on June activities

- talked about Bird Area monitoring, Mary’s conversation with Todd, and request for map from FS.

- Joanie requested that grazing reports be put on the google drive

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Any brief updates re next gate monitoring, Zoom session or anything else?

Gila River Festival Sponsorship

- form submitted, $150 donated

Gila National Forest Final Forest Plan and FEIS – FS hoping to release the final Forest Plan and FEIS for an objection period in late June or July.

- Joanie will find our original comments