Western Slope Great Old Broads Mini-Rendezvous at Top of the Pines

October 3-5, 2022

October 3

 “Engaging Members”

-All Broadbands report fewer active members since the Covid lock-down.

- Minimal to No tabling in the past year

Suggestions:

1. Call inactive members to re-engage.  Remind non-members that membership equals support for our Broadband.
2. National Office is conducting a survey of members.  Will share results when done.
3. Book Club during the winter months

“Leadership Team Building/Transitioning

1. Identify and cultivate potential leadsers according to their interests
2. Northern San Juans Broadband – Leadership Team of 7 members
3. Southern San Juans Broadband – Co-Leaders
4. No one leader model – each Broadband should do what works for them
5. Need for WALTS training to include how to step-down, transition out of Leadership role
6. National office to develop a framework for Leadership.  Provide incentives, prerequisites

for Leaders.

 Make hard choices about what issues to focus on, engage with.

October 4

“Engaging your audience”  Lisa Eckert – Grand Junction Broadband.

1. Provide an introduction
2. Alternate compelling and/or emotional story with facts
3. Relate the story/emotion back to the facts – tangibles vs. Intangibles
4. Have a theme with one3 goals and three objectives
5. Consider what you want your listener to “be able to know or do” after your presentation
6. Conclusion – make it a “big bow” on your presentation.

 “Advocacy Issues at Regional/State/National Level – Louise vanVonno facilitator – South San Juan Broadband

1. Wolf reintroduction – facilitated by CPW, Map available on CPW website re: possible release sites. Migrant wolves will be afforded more protections by law that reintroduced
2. Dolores River Canyon National conservation Area – Senator Bennett bill and Boebert introduced a companion bill (nearly identical) in the House – Sara will try to organize a group discussion to clarify what the proposal says specifically related to grazing.
3. Green Amendment – championed by Jennifer of 4-Corners Broadband.  An amendment to state constitution to ensure clean air, water, soil, etc for humans.  Introduced in New Mexico, and other states.  Not sure if it relates to Great Old Broads commitment to Wilderness protection

NOTE: from Chris J:  When commenting -especially during scoping period- demonstrate/elevate issues that reveal conflict between resources or activities on public lands (ex. bighorn sheep population health and domestic sheep grazing)

“Stewardship Peer Sharing” Chris – Grand Junction Broadband

Types or steps in stewardship

1. Inventory
2. Restore
3. Monitor
4. Protect

Landscapes

1. Forest
2. Riparian and Wetlands
3. Lakes and Streams
4. Fish and Wildlife
5. Invasive Species
6. Roads and Trails

South San Juan Broadband

-Crosscut sawing on trails, but trails that facilitate livestock movement

-grazing monitoring

-Big Horn Sheep monitoring

-called attention to degradation of a riparian area

Northern San Juan Broadband

-Big Horn Sheep rack cards distributed to outdoor shops, visitor centers, libraries and jeep rentals in Ouray County add CPW Office and Public Lands Office in Montrose to reach hunters and visitors respectively

-Riverwatch – Judith has found a potential trainee

-Raptor Monitoring, Butterfly Monitoring and Blue Bird Houses

-Updating outdated rare plant records

   “Navigating Changes in State and Local Agencies”

1. Develop relationships with changing staff
2. Create a “briefing statement” to be given to successor in position so they can understand the past relationship between agency and Broads
3. Have a “point person” in your Broadband to liaise with agency people
4. Forest Service field trips are an opportunity to meet agency individuals- better than meetings

“How Can We Engage With Our Indigenous Partners” – Sally Sharp – National Office

1. Just show up at Indigenous events
2. Build relationships
3. Different tribes/bands have different leadership structures
4. Don’t assume you know what is needed.  Ask what is wanted
5. Learn from mistakes and failures.  Don’t give up.
6. Establish a “gear library”
7. Offer activities and field trips
8. Diversity Book Club