Willamette Valley Broadband

Leadership Team Meeting Agenda

Thursday, May 2, 2024

3:00 pm Oak Creek Conservancy

Note taking rotation (until Marjorie returns hopefully]

• Debriefs & Reports:

 4/11 – Chachalu Field Trip – wait for debrief with group later?

 4/18 – Hike w/ Pat (cancelled)

 4/24 – Silver Falls Hike – Maya

 Earth Day Activities?

 Committees

 Advocacy – next advocacy night?

 Stewardship – (wait for discussion items below)

 Education – Broad Chats & Talks -

 Fun

BRATS

 Grazing – Marjorie (read report below)

 Forests – Chandra

 LSRD – Kelly

• Upcoming:

 5/3 - Jackson Frazier hike w/ Maya

 5/8 – 5/11 – PNW Leader Rendezvous - Cyndi, Laura, Chandra, Maya attending – agenda items to respond to

 5/19 – Mt Pisgah hike w/ Pat

 5/21 – Wilderness Monitoring training

 6/6 – Mary’s Peak

 6/7 – Book Broads – Brave the Wild River

 6/9- 6/12 - Owyhee Campout & Campaign

 Date TBD – Valley of the Giants with Ann Wichmann - Chandra

• Updates and Discussion

 Nancy’s Field Checking Report Below

Drift Creek monitoring w/ TKO (trail keepers of Oregon) – Update

 Membership – Beth

 Planning an event in Eugene

 Revisit survey/do another

 Broad Chat w/ Ruby (Wilderness and the American Spirit) To do in the fall

 Soft credit spending and merch selling – Maya

 Bandannas – Cyndi

 Publicity – Stand alone invites, social media

 Updates from National

 Broadwalks

 WALTS

 Conference

• Activity reports

• Next meeting – Thursday, June 13 at 2:00 – Where?

**Report from Nancy**

1) 42 Divide is still on hold therefore no need for our letter to see the light of day yet.

2) The Mid-Willamette Beaver Project asked Pat Fischer and I to write letters of support for the beaver monitoring project for a new grant. JP was pleased with the letters and said he would keep the GOB’s in mind for projects this summer.

3)  Cascadia Wildlands is planning a PNW Forest Plan rally at the Portland USFS office on June 12th. 13th, 14th.

unclear whether it is all three days or if it will be just one of those three.

4) Field Checking opportunities in the Detroit District.

Wildcats to go out to a project called Divide on May 3-5.

So far from what I can gather the Outlaw Ridge project is just a letter writing campaign.

I will not be able to go on the Divide field checking trip. I have recruited my nephew (the map guy) to make sense of the maps offered up on the Outlaw Ridge project. But he couldn’t get the detail needed to identify roads from the info offered up from the Wildcats. So that that is on pause till I hear from Madeline.

**Report from Marjorie**

Re the Grazing BRAT at Amy’s and in the Crooked River National Grasslands, we all had a great and educational time at the get-together 2 weekends ago.  We learned what to look for in the allotments we are targeting this Spring, Summer, and Fall, to document violations, (particularly in riparian areas) such as:

1) fences down,

2) heavy browsing/trampling on a creek and no or limited monitoring data collected by the USFS

3) are cows in the wrong place (especially in exclosures and creeks), per USFS Annual Operating Instructions and Annual Management Plans.

These will in turn be used to notify the USFS of the violations so they can theoretically fix them, and if no action, then they will be used as data for Advocates for the West to build lawsuits around these violations.