



**Emery County
Trail's Committee
March 5, 2024 8:00 AM**

Attendance: Les Wilberg, Les Thompson, Wayne Paul, Rod Player, Steven Jeffery, Ray Peterson, Wayne Ludington, Ed Geary, Scott Wheeler, Jim Jennings, AnnDee Mead, Myron Jeffs, Jaydon Mead, Camie Bell, Jordan Leonard, Keven Jensen

Welcome Chairman: Les Wilberg

1. Approval of Minutes: February 2024, motion made to approve by Wayne Paul, seconded by Les Thompson. **Motion Approved.**

2. Discuss Reports of the Following:

a. BLM- Jaydon reported work on the parking lot at New Joe's. Also new Spanish Trail signs have been put in, as well as a new OHV heritage kiosk at the corrals off HWY 6 to inform people of the app they can use for self-guided tours. Coming up this week will be some San Rafael Advisory meetings including a field trip, and a morning meeting. Spring season amps up in March and rangers will be returning. Trail cat days are planned for next week in conjunction with the state to put on some training, mostly for BLM staff. The Behind the Reef Trail and a few side trails will be worked on. Travel management plan will be releasing the alternatives and preliminary drafts to the public on Feb 2. Will continue to work with cooperating agencies to address some issues, including the interactive map. Working on a map that will better represent closures as well as trails that are open and will be opened in the different alternatives. Discussion on map quality for the public and some of the alternative plans reopening trails that are currently closed. Discussion on upcoming SUWA work and where they will be starting to work. Watermelon Crawl coming up soon in Green River as well as Green River Rocks and Easter weekend.

b. Forest Service Lots of snow up on the mountain, hoping to get access soon to shovel out parking lots and bathrooms. Avalanche danger has been extremely high, use caution and stay away from the high angles. Putting together a reproduction of a map from 1991 showing winter use for motorized/non areas. Now responding to comments on Little's Creek mountain bike trails project, no major issues. Looking to make a decision on that project soon. Also responding to and reviewing questions and comments about the Forest Plan Revision, most having to do with ROS. Otherwise just planning and hiring for the summer. Discussion on different trails that need to be groomed this summer.

c. State Parks

d. Committee Member If anyone is interested in helping out on National Trails Day, there will be a webinar put on by the American Trails Program next week to give ideas/support on how to participate.

Discussion on possible project ideas for dedicated hunters. Discussion on maps for the public and how to make/show routes in a more understandable way. Discussion on the separation of travel plans creating confusion and possible solutions.

e. Commission

f. Travel Bureau and Public Lands The travel board approved sending members to the Trails Conference next month. Anyone else interested in going is welcome to attend. Looking forward to a lot of events coming up, most of which will be happening on public lands. Events are listed online but the travel bureau will start compiling a list of upcoming events to Trails Committee meetings.

5. Adjourn. Thank you for coming and good job on the hard work done by Emery County Trails Committee.

Council - Les Wilberg, Rod Player, Steven Jeffery, Wayne Pahl, Les Thompson, Larry Johansen, Robin Hunt, Don Bennett, Terri Bennett
Staff – Keven Jensen, Jim Jennings, AnnDee Mead, Camie Bell

Next Trails Meeting: April 2, 2024

