



# MINUTES

## Emery County Trail's Committee

April 2, 2024 8:00 AM

**ATTENDANCE:** Les Wilberg, Les Thompson, Wayne Paul, Wade Allison, Dillon, Rod Player, Don Bennett, Terri Bennett, Jaydon Mead, Brad Walker, Ken McCaurther, Brian Curta, Julie Janus, Wayne Luddington, Ray Peterson, Kurt Price, Robin Hunt, Taren Powell, AnnDee Mead, Jim Jennings, Camie Bell, Jordan Leonard, Keven Jensen.

**Welcome Chairman:** Les Wilberg

- 1. Approval of Minutes:** March 2024 Motion made to approve by Rod, seconded by Wayne. Motion passed.
- 2. Discussion- Fix it Pass:** The pass is rough with lots of jams but the road is passable. Most jeeps should be able to travel it. If it's passable it should be left with minimal intervention. No complaints were received over Easter weekend.
- 3. Discuss Reports of the Following:**

**a. BLM-** Last month saw some maintenance on the Behind the Reef trail, a couple days of work left the trail looking good. Next week will take crews out to the Lost Springs area to work on a couple connector trails and dugways that have gotten washed out. Discussion on meeting time/place.

The Cleveland-Lloyd Dinosaur Quarry is open for the season, Thursday-Sunday 10-5. There is a new bone on display that has been added as well as some new interpretive signs.

Easter weekend was a bit slower than normal this year. Possible due to early Easter and cold weather. The next few weekends will likely be busy.

Green River Rocks was this weekend, Dirt Bike Rally is coming up, as well as the Swell Jamboree and MECCA Mountain Bike Festival and the Muzzleloader Spring Shoot, all of which are BLM-permitted events where members of the BLM will be monitoring and participating.

Discussion on Lost Springs maintenance work and work done/planned in the Good Water Trailhead area. Discussion on listing and prioritization of roads and trails that need to be worked on. Still working on travel plan EA, hoping to release for public comment in May. Public meetings and formal presentations will also be held. Discussion on climbing routes down by Mexican Mountain/Buckhorn area regarding a guidebook, damaged rock art, and establishing a single consolidated trail to some of the climbing/bouldering spots.

Discussion on the fixing of the dugway by Jesse's Twist to install better water control features.

Discussion on the Little Grand Canyon/San Rafael River area and the beaver situation there.

**b. Forest Service-**Introduction of FS employee and his hard work in the area. Conservation Days with the elementary schools is coming up for the last week of April/first week of May. Work on Little's Creek will begin soon as the snow is melting quickly. Applications for a motorized and non-motorized grant to do erosion control on some trails. Looking forward to working with Snow College again this year working on both motorized and non-motorized this year. Snow College has submitted a grant to be applied wholly towards non-motorized work next year. 13/13s will be starting May 19th and YCC kids will be starting at the end of May. Winter activities are wrapping up but occasionally snow has still been falling. Bathrooms at Joe's Valley are all open. Looking to update lots of signage throughout the forest. Gates will be opening

on the 15th, gates with wildlife closures (Ferron) will be opened when deemed appropriate. Working on planning summer trails crews and welcoming suggestions on work that needs to be done. Discussion on some places that need work.

Discussion on care being taken around Reader Canyon for essential sheep trails, and how to work with crews to communicate similar situations and working together with different groups and hobby disciplines.

**c. State Parks-** Interviews and offers for positions have been made to fill some spots, it will be good to be fully staffed again. Seasonal positions are currently fully staffed after having received a record number of applications. Millsite and Huntington Lakes are both open and getting booked very quickly. We have been working with the extension office on water efficient landscaping and irrigation projects and have been awarded a grant for use with those efforts, that grant will be used toward Huntington and Millsite. There is some funding set aside for irrigation projects and some has been planned to use at Huntington, hoping that works out to make some needed improvements there. Getting ready to fix the Huntington exit, currently have an issue of trailers dragging, hoping to get that fixed soon. Also working on getting gates open for the MECCA bike ride. Ready and staffed for Millsite Off Ice coming up.

**d. Committee Member-** More work has been done with Goblin Valley working on installing high lines and corrals. Discussion on possible upcoming trail maintenance within the climbing community. Also keeping track of the Travel Management Plan from the BLM and hoping to be able to accomplish common goals.

**e. Commission-**

**f. Travel Bureau and Public Lands-** Discussion on the progress on the Travel Bureau re-brand. As new literature and guides are prepared, participation from the trails committee would be welcome.

Conducting a UOT Fam Tour tomorrow and thanks to Brad and Julie for helping to facilitate this.

A note of appreciation from Green River event coordinator for the work everyone does to make events there possible.

**4. Adjourn.** Discussion on changing the order of the Trails Committee meetings to be able to hear more from the committee members. Trying this new format will take effect in the next meeting. Motion made to rearrange agenda, seconded. **Motion passed.**

**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: May 7, 2024

