



Emery County
Trail's Committee
November 4, 2024 8:00 AM



Attendance: Les Wilberg, Rod Player, Steven Jeffery, Wayne Pahl, Les Thompson, Larry Johansen, Robin Hunt, Don Bennett, Terri Bennett, Jim Jennings, AnnDee Mead, Brad Walker, Ken McArthur, Ed Geary, Julie Janus, Josh Clark, Ray Peterson, Jaydon Mead, Drew Sparfke, Kathy, Jordan Leonard, Kent Wilson, Keven Jensen.

Welcome Chairman: Les Wilberg

1. Approval of Minutes: October 2024. Motion made to approve by Terri, seconded by Les. **Motion passed.**

2. Discuss/approve/deny: 2025 Meeting Schedule. Passed by unanimous vote.

3. Discuss/approve/deny: Trails Committee By-laws. The address for the building will be fixed. Discussion on wording regarding filling vacancies, as well as delegating responsibilities/representation of user groups to members, and terms for starting/ending memberships. Discussion on meeting absences. Changes will be made sent out in an email, votes to approve will be done via email. Motion made to approve updated by-laws as discussed by Larry, seconded by Rod. **Motion passed.**

4. Committee Members

• **Discussion of projects/events/concerns-**

Terri reported the completion of the Little's Creek Trails, signage and kiosks are up, three trail heads are in, over 10 miles of trails are completed. Mountain bike trails require a lot of manual labor, and Wade and Josh have done a great job to get it all done within the year. Mountain bikers have started riding the trail, and the trails can also be enjoyed by hikers. Some additional projects that will take place in the future are informational/historical spots as well as a bridge toward the top.

Ed and Wade shared some history about Joe's Valley pertinent to the Little's Creek Bike Trail area and the 959 trail. The next trail over will be named after James Burns.

Fix It Pass needs improvement and machine work as well as some cleaning up. There is going to be a lot of breaking up of rocks and using that gravel to try to hold the road. Wade discussed collaborating with the FS on different aspects of the project. Discussion with Jaydon on BLM approval for the project.

Discussion on vandalism of the Rochester Panel, as well as ATV tracks and water damage in Kane Wash, and the removal of a mysterious metal figure near Three Peaks area. Discussion on air traffic in the area.

5. Discuss Reports of the Following:

a. BLM- Signs for the wilderness boundaries have been making good progress being installed- thanks in part to the WCC crew who have put in over 3,000 hours over the summer and will be done with the next week. These work crews have been monitored throughout the summer, have been great to work with, and have accomplished a lot that otherwise wouldn't have been possible. Looking forward to their return next year.

The TMP decision is getting close to completion, in the final stages of development.

A few successful events have gone on this last month that worked well with the BLM and saw no major issues.

Jurassic National Monument is closed for the season and a new building is being put in to increase involvement/experience for visitors. The building should be under construction next year.

All rangers apart from one will be going on furlough by the end of the month.

Discussion on keeping open areas usable.

b. Forest Service- Work coming up soon at Reeders Canyon and installing historical signage at Rock Canyon. Moving forward with a non-motorized grant. Campgrounds will stay open until snow hits. Some work is being done at the Ferron picnic grounds. Camping is now possible there and more work will be done in the future. Will be working on some lower trails as the snow comes in, and Wade will present on some completed projects/hours in January.

Discussion on CC trails near Joe's Valley and other locations that could be worked on during the winter.

Discussion on Reeder trails and timber operations.

Discussion on the Towhead, Spring Canyon and Mammoth bike trails.

c. State Parks- Millsite and Scofield have been "put to bed" for the season, Huntington remains open through the winter. Tried to get as much trail work/grooming in as possible before the snow hits to aid in the snow grooming. Worked on the snow cat shed and it will be picked up in the next week or two. Discussion on how the trail work is carried out.

Drew reported work done on trails within Goblin Valley including better informational signage. A running event is coming up this weekend. Doing a lot of work with a grant to improve the camping area from the BLM-Dingle Act including fire rings and blocking off certain areas. Backcountry horsemen will be coming to help with some equestrian areas. There have been a lot of rescues taking place this year- looking for some funding this fall to improve rescue resources. Also pursuing funding to do some work towards ADA compliance in the park.

d. Commission- Discussion on hang gliders passing through the area from Monroe Mountain to Price airport.

Discussion on upcoming RAC meeting- possibly postponed, potential comment period and invitation to participate. Discussion on timber situation and its effects on the land; as well as Sanpete county's involvement.

Discussion on inviting a timber representative to a public lands meeting.

There will be a BLM RAC meeting Nov 13 on a state level, they are meeting in Price and going out into The Swell. Public is invited to attend.

There is also a RAC for the San Rafael Swell area, planned for Nov 20 at Castle Dale City Hall.

e. Travel Bureau and Public Lands-

6. Adjourn.

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: January 7, 2025