

Sand Flats Recreation Area (SFRA)
Stewardship Committee Emergency Meeting Minutes
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January 12th, 2023 at 10 am

In Attendance:

Sand Flats:
Andrea Brand, Director (AB)

Stewardship Committee members:
Mike Kelso (MK)
Tom Dillon (TD)
Molly Taylor (MT)
Dale Parriott (DP)

Bureau of Land Management
Katie Stevens (KS)

Grand County Commission
Evan Clapper (EC)

Time Independent Reporter
Sophia Fisher (SF)

Call to Order

10:01 am

AB-Special meeting that was posted as an emergency meeting but is a follow up meeting to SFRA Stewardship committee meeting from December 8th, 2022. This was an Action Item that was tabled for more clarification.

Citizens to be Heard

No citizens to be heard

Action Item

“The Sand Flats Recreation Area (SFRA) Stewardship Committee supports a revision of the Bureau of Land Management's proposal to redesignate motorized use on all 4x4 roads in the SFRA including Hell's Revenge, Fins and Things, Porcupine 4x4, Porcupine Rim and X-roads as daytime use only and closed from 10 pm to 6 am to match campground quiet hours.”

Background:

AB- In July, 2022, GC Commission sent a letter to the BLM with some concerns about noise at Sand Flats in the campgrounds and nearby neighborhoods on the east side of town. BLM asked the SFRA Stewardship Committee to weigh in.

KS- Eplanning, we are in the information gathering, scoping period. Give us your ideas. We are happy that the SFRA Stewardship Committee is weighing in.

AB- SFRA Stewardship Committee is advisory to Sand Flats operations, the BLM and the GC Commission. It is made up of local citizens that represent both motorized and non-motorized user groups.

AB- MK makes a motion that we accept this statement. DP seconded it.

Discussion:

EC- Does this get submitted through Eplanning website?

KS- Committee can send a letter or email to me. This statement defines night use. Eplanning-statements are not posted and shared; only the BLM can see them.

EC- Was it intentionally ambiguous about 4x4 use. Do you want to be more specific?

KS- This does not include Slickrock.

EC- Slickrock is a motorized trail but it is 2 wheeled only.

KS- Do we want to make a declarative statement about Slickrock?

EC- My email said all motorized trails should be closed. If this body feels strongly that Slickrock should be open then it should be stated.

MK- Continuity is being adjusted for one group.

DP- Motorcycles have been on Slickrock since the beginning. Issue is the noise from the side by sides. Noise problems will be solved by these actions. Basically this is a state problem with a law that was made to help small communities up and down the Wasatch front. Our LE had been pushed into a corner. New Sheriff, new City police, maybe enforcement will change. The noise problem has to be addressed statewide. License plate on there is not really a license plate to go anywhere. It is really just there to go from your hotel to the trailhead. License plate is not legal the way it is being used. That needs to be addressed.

EC- But for this essentially Sand Flats is a giant campground. Are we going to apply quiet hours to all the trails?

AB- Reason Slickrock was left out was lack of complaints from campers and low volume of use a night. Whereas, Hell's Revenge and Fins have a lot of people using these areas at night. South Fins and Things was closed in 2015 because of the volume of noise complaints.

EC- Let's do a straw poll vote to see the will of this body. I think there should be no motorized use during quiet hours. This would add to consistently.

DP- I do not want something like this to be iron clad to eternity. Things can be adjusted as time goes on. If we are going to make a nighttime rule because this place we love is so popular then we have to include all trails.

MT- I agree that people need to go somewhere else to yahoo it up. We are in a city. Don't want to be setting up something for the whole county.

MK- I agree to include Slickrock in the list.

TD- Reason to keep Slickrock open is because of ebikes originally, but I support this now.

Changed to:

"The Sand Flats Recreation Area (SFRA) Stewardship Committee supports a revision of the Bureau of Land Management's proposal to redesignate motorized use on all trails in the SFRA including, but not limited to, the Slickrock Bike Trail, Hell's Revenge, Fins and Things, Porcupine 4x4, Porcupine Rim and X-roads as daytime use only and closed from 10 pm to 6 am to match campground quiet hours."

MT makes motion to support statement as presented, seconded by MK. Passes unanimously.

Adjourn