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## **GARFIELD COUNTY TRAILS**

### **April 20th, 2005**

### **MEETING MINUTES**

### **PANGUITCH COURT HOUSE**

#### **Welcome**

Margie Weppner, Bill Weppner, Edd Franz, Cindy Calbaum, Jean Seiler, Rod Syrett, Chris Brown, Tom Christensen, Donna Owens, Joe Rechsteiner, and Cydne Quitter were in attendance. Last meeting minutes were reviewed and questions answered.

Chris Brown asked when the Dumpsters in Panguitch were going to be moved and when the trail head would be started? Cydne indicated that process has begun in that the new dumpster location was being excavated. However, there were more pressing issues for the Garfield County Road Crews to focus on at this time, such as flooding & road damage.

#### **Calendar for Events - Participation**

Several upcoming events were discussed.

National Trails Day June 4th - Different projects were discussed including hiking/horseback riding the Varney Griffin Trail to see what kind of signing may be necessary and the condition of the trail. Nothing was decided.

Interagency Visitor Center Grand Opening June 11<sup>th</sup> - Bill Weppner agreed to put a booth together for the grand opening.

Jamboree Participation -

Kanab Poker Run April 23, 2005 There was not enough time to put anything together.

National ATV Jamboree in Fillmore June 21 - 25. This is a Millard County event and they didn't really want other County's participating.

Arapeen ATV Jamboree September 5 - 9. Cydne spoke to Mark Williams who indicated that they would be happy to put our Trails Brochure in their packets. They weren't sure if they were going to have an area for booths so would let us know if they did.

San Juan Safari September 22 - 24 in Blanding. Cydne spoke with Ben Black who indicated that he wasn't sure if they would have a booth area but would let us know. They were willing to put our brochure in their packets also. They do have sponsorship levels of \$75 / \$150 / \$250. It was determined to pay for a sponsorship of \$250 which would get our trails information on all of their flyers, website, web link etc.

Rocky Mountain Jamboree September 19 - 24 in Richfield. Cydne indicated last year we missed getting booth space so this year if we were going to have a booth we need to get the space reserved now. The committee agreed to have a booth at the Jamboree and Cydne will get a spot reserved.

There was some discussion in regards to other events such as Outdoor Recreations Shows much like the Doug Miller Outdoor Recreation Show in Salt Lake recently. Cydne indicated that Bruce Fullmer had expressed interest in the Travel Council and the Trails Committee working together to attend these shows and including shows in the Eastern U.S. in combination with other Utah Counties. The Committee agreed this would be beneficial and to work with Bruce to come up with a schedule of these shows in order to recruit people to attend.

### **Proposed Grant Submission Approvals**

The following grants were reviewed for submission to the Utah State OHV Fiscal Assistance:

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GSENM ATV Route Signing - (Grant \$10,000 Project Total \$20,000) Cydne explained this grant is for signing material to sign ATV trails on the Monument that would be consistent with the Garfield County Trails Map and the GSENM Transportation Plan. This signing would be ATV user oriented and not related to road issues. It would be submitted with support from the Garfield County Road Department, the Garfield County Commission, and the Garfield County Trails Committee. However, the GSENM determined they could not support it because our Interactive Map on the Garfield County Trails Web Page showed other routes that were not consistent with the Monument Transportation Plan even though this signing project was not including those routes.

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ATV Highway Crossing Signing - (Grant \$7,400 Project Total \$14,800) This grant is for signing material for approved ATV routes on the Garfield County Trails Map that cross or run along the side of UDOT Highways. UDOT, the Garfield County Road Department, and the Garfield County Trails Committee are partners in this project.

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Escalante ATV Trailhead - (Grant \$50,000 Project Total \$128,580) This grant is for material costs to construct an OHV Trailhead in Escalante similar to the one that will be built in Panguitch. Escalante City, the Garfield County Road Department, the GSENM, the Dixie National Forest, and the Garfield County Trails Committee are the partners in this project.

Donna Owens indicated that the Powell District of the Dixie submitted a Grant for OHV Law Enforcement Personnel Assistance and the Cedar District submitted one for ATV's to use in Law Enforcement.

### **Any Updates**

Cydne indicated the RC& D Committee would like a presentation from the Trails Committee on May 11<sup>th</sup> updating them on what we were able to accomplish with the RCA Grant we received from the Forest Service. She remind the Committee that the RCA Grant paid for our Web Page/Interactive Map and Brochure. She hoped the Interactive map would be updated by then. Cydne also mentioned that a Disclaimer was added to our Web Site due the controversy over trail use in our County. It basically informs the user of the road use controversy and to contact the appropriate agency for updated safety & road condition information prior to travel.

### **Other Business & Adjourn**

**NEXT MEETING DATE WILL BE MAY 25<sup>TH</sup> 2005 IN CANNONVILLE AT THE GSENM VISITOR CENTER 6:30 P.M.**