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**GARFIELD COUNTY TRAILS**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**March 10, 2004**  
**Interagency Office in Escalante**

**Welcome & Vote in New Members.** Bill Weppner, chairman, conducted the meeting. Margie Weppner, Secretary took notes. The committee voted in Chris Brown representing Ruby's Inn as a new member.

**Approval of By-law Amendment.** The committee proposed to allow a voting member as much flexibility to accept or abstain from voting so they would not feel there is a conflict of interest. Officers & Duties. Changes in the officers are the Secretary will be the Chair-elect for the upcoming year. The area representative will remain the same.

**Approval of Goals for 2004.** The 3 goals were approved by the committee for this year.

- 1) Increase membership & diversity.
- 2) Complete the mapping project for RCA grant.
- 3) Initiate and complete proposed signing projects.

Other goals for Trails Committee were discussed

- BLM and FS with Brian Bellew to work on a collaborative non-motorized trail project.
- Participate in national public land events involving trails. Develop specific objectives under this goal.
- Be involved in National Public Lands Day .

Tracy Esplin motioned and Clare Ramsey seconded motion..

**Association Membership Approvals.** At the February meeting members were asked to give input as to National Trail Associations that the Trails Committee could obtain membership to broaden the reach of the Trails Committee. Associations that were discussed are:

- Back Country Horseman of America.
- American Endurance Ride Conference is a nonprofit organization emphasizing historical trails.
- American Hiking Society is an advocacy organization and not a multiple trails association that sponsors National Trails Day in June.
- Inter Mountain Biking Assoc (IMBA) has grants and trail building workshops available.
- American Motorcycle Association (AMA) has trail construction and design sources available.
- Blue Ribbon Coalition.
- Tread Lightly.
- American Discovery Trail Society. One of the 16 National Millennium trails is in Utah
- ATVA
- USA-All.

The committee proposed for members to provide the associations criteria and membership information to Margie for the next meeting.

**Specific Trail Mapping Proposal.** Bruce Fullmer was to discuss a trail map printing proposal to the Trails Committee. He was not in attendance to present his proposal. The committee discussed the subject of printing maps of specific OHV Trails currently available and a motion was made not to expend the extra time, effort, & money at this time on printing specific OHV Trail maps that are currently available online. Time needs to be spent on completing the Interactive Map for the Web Page at which time individuals could print any trail map they choose. Motion passed unanimously. A comment to put GPS marks on electronic maps would be helpful.

**Linking to Garfield County Web page.** Cydne will be available to talk to individuals representing businesses linking to the Garfield County Trails web site.

**Project Proposals.** The following are specific projects that were suggested for the Committee to focus on:

- 4 wheel cattle guards purchased by FS need installation.
- National Trails Day Activity Jubilee Guard station and Cowpuncher guard station. Hiking and horse trail around Jacob's Lake
- Signing OHV trails. Need to ride on OHV before signing.
- Construct bridge on East Boulder Creek route for horse.
- Cindy Calbaum with the Dixie National Forest emphasized public input on various projects that are detailed on FS web page. Members can access Forest Service website <http://www.fs.fed.us/dxnf/projects/projects.shtml> and give comments e-mail.
- Kendal Farnsworth of Escalante State Park suggested help with historic equestrian/hiking trail through the State Park from Bailey's Wash that was once known as the Old Wood Trail.
- Bill Weppner proposed a project involving Committee members, Federal, State, and Local Agencies in cooperation with the schools in our County to go into the schools to educate the kids in regards to trail responsibility, understanding city & county ordinances, and the enforcement of ATV laws involving trails.

Members are to continue to bring project proposals to monthly meetings for Trail Committee consideration.

**Dixie Forest Plan OHV TWIG Meeting** Bill Weppner discussed the Dixie and Fish Lake forest plan revision for OHV suitability. He commented that the Fish Lake is a well managed for OHV use. There is a national directive to remove overland travel and trails that are mapped may be removed. TWIGS recommends that a defined management plan should be updated and available to user groups with emphasis on education, mapping, signing and law enforcement. The Trails Committee would like to address play areas near communities that would allow for open us and an outlet for those riders who desire this sort of space..

**Other Committee Business.**

- Cydne stated that a trail building training class will be held May 25 - 27. The Committee has been invited to send 1 or 2 people. Anyone interested should contact her.
- Cindy Calbaum would like the trail committee members to write a letter of support for the construction and improvement of trail heads in the South Creek and Barker area.
- Assignment for next meeting is to bring the details of specific trail organizations and associations for the Trails Committee to join.

**Due to other meeting conflicts the next Garfield County Trails Meeting is WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21<sup>TH</sup> , 2004 at 6:30PM in Panguitch at the County Courthouse Commission Chambers.**