

Garfield County Trails Committee Meeting Minutes
June 17, 2009

In Attendance: Craig Sorenson, Tom Christensen, Joe Rechsteiner, Vicki Wren, Bob Stevenson, Mark Saunto, Bob Clayton, Walt Gove, Howard Hutchison, Auggie Bernardo.

Minutes from the April 15th meeting were discussed and approved

Status of Projects that the committee voted to approve funding for in 2009:

Funding for all projects that the committee approved in February is forthcoming from the County Commission.

Several volunteer work projects were discussed:

1. Re-cairn the east and west ends of the Boulder Mail Trail: this would involve coordination with GSENM staff. A small team would hike the first several miles of the trail from each end, knocking over extraneous cairns and rebuilding the minimum number of useful cairns. *(Update: On June 26th, volunteers completed the re-cairning work on the east/Boulder end of the Mail Trail. The west end work still needs to be completed.)*
2. Cedar Wash Arch trail work: Project would construct a better, single path from the parking area on Cedar Wash road down to an overlook of the Cedar Wash Arch. This project would also eliminate extraneous social trails. Hand tools, trail routing and building would be required. It is probably the most intensive/involved of these projects.
3. Deer Creek Lake: Project would involve hiking to Deer Creek Lake and picking up trash around the lake and along the trail. A horse (whether private or one supplied by the Dixie NF will be made available for hauling out the garbage bags.)
4. Dixie National Forest ATV signing: Project would be coordinated by Auggie Bernardo and will involve placing route marker signs on routes open to ATVs on the Dixie NF.

Dates for these projects are not yet selected, but membership will be notified and everyone encouraged to participate. Committee members will be notified via email/website.

Brian Bremner updated attendees regarding Committee budget: Approximately \$6000.00 left to be spent. The money is listed in various categories - committee might be able to shift \$ from one category into another, but must justify any shifting of funds to the County Commissioners. Brian reports that the commission is amenable to this sort of thing, but they want the \$ to be spent in constructive, useful, collaborative ways.

Brian also updated the attending members on the progress toward getting accurate map information on to the Utah-Trails.com website. There has been some concern over which maps are on the website and that trail information is in agreement with BLM, USFS, and NPS management. Brian is working directly with the website host. Joe Rechsteiner reports that this is the information he needs to take back to his employees so they can make corrections to some inaccuracies that currently exist on the site. Members are encouraged to report inaccuracies via the "contact us" link on the website.

The next meeting will be on September 16, 2009 at 7:00PM at the Boulder Community Center. On the agenda will be consideration of grant proposals for the development of 2010's budget. All members are invited to develop and submit creative, constructive trail projects for the Committee to vote on at the October 2009 meeting.