

FENW Board Meeting Minutes
October 22, 2009

Attendees:

FENW: Cyndi Koop, Dave & Marilyn Raymond, George Resseguie, John Taylor, and Rick Warren

USFS: Cindy Ebbert

Special Guest: Bill Reed

New Board Member – Bill Reed has graciously agreed to join the Board and coordinate trail maintenance projects with the USFS and Jonathan Kriegel.

Meeting Minutes – Minutes from the September 21 meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report

- As of August 31, there is \$28,083 cash in the bank. Checks totaling \$1,453 were cashed in September.
- There was a significant change in the projected year-end balance, from \$8,710 to \$12,156. Causes for the change were primarily reduced anticipated expenses across several cost categories.
- The Treasurer's Report was approved.

Business Items

Membership

- Year-to-date, 86 members have contributed \$3,141 in dues; 10 are new members. One dues payment was received since the last BD meeting.

Annual Meeting

- It was agreed to combine the year-end recognition party for the Wilderness Volunteers with the Annual Meeting and hold the meeting at the Rec. Center in Frisco on Thursday, November 19. **UPDATE: MEETING DATE WAS CHANGED TO FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13 BECAUSE THAT IS THE ONLY DAY IN MID-NOVEMBER THAT THE FRISCO REC CTR IS AVAILABLE.**
- Meeting will be from 6-8 with the following agenda:
 - 6-6:30 – Meet & Greet
 - 6:30-7:00 – FENW Official Business
 - 7:00-7:30 – Speaker(s) on the topic of the Rocky Mountain Wilderness. Cindy E. will try to find a USFS speaker who can address what the Wilderness areas now look like after the MPBeetle has wreaked its havoc. We also could have information from the Hidden Gems folks, but would prefer something on the Wilderness post-beetle status/conditions.
 - 7:30-8:00 – Wrap-Up; could include slide shows from the region or from Alaska (Cyndi) or Africa (Rick).
- Currie, given his previous successes, will be asked to obtain food & drinks for the meeting, perhaps soup & sandwiches, beer, wine, water, etc. We're budgeting \$200-\$250 for the meeting.

Newsletter

- It was agreed to send a postcard announcement of the Annual Meeting particulars to FENW membership by the end of October. Dave R. will prepare the postcard; George R. will coordinate the mailing.
- The newsletter, including a dues reminder, will be mailed immediately after the Annual Meeting (Nov 13); Dave R. will prepare the newsletter with input from all BD members; George R. will coordinate the mailing.

Trail Projects

- All trail projects have been completed.

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Present Grant Funding/Expense Status

- The Summit Foundation (TSF) -- \$2,500 for weed mitigation will not be needed and will be returned. Rationale is that the USFS hired 2 weed specialists whose work in Summit County reduced the need for John Pickering's services; accordingly, John only sprayed for 9 days (equally split between Eagle and Summit Counties). Also, chemicals were provided by the USFS rather than FENW buying what was needed. Both the "new" manpower and the donation of chemicals were unanticipated when the grant request was prepared.
- NFF/Ski Area Contribution Fund -- Spending of \$7,678 for weed mitigation against a \$10,000 grant. The unspent funding (\$2,232) will be returned to the NFF with the same rationale explained for not using the grant funding from TSF. FENW has provided \$900 in matching funds.
- Towns -- Total of \$1,000 granted by the towns, of which \$250 has been received from Breckenridge. The remaining \$750 must be requested from Frisco (\$250) and Silverthorne (\$500). It was agreed to utilize the funding for the following; plans will be finalized by the end of November.
 - Year-end recognition party -- Estimate \$200-\$250
 - Wilderness Volunteer supplies -- Bill Reed will complete an inventory of what is on hand and advise Cyndi K. who will determine what is needed.
 - Volunteer Name Tags -- Rick W. will research and advise of a preferred tag design.
 - Jackets/Fleece/Long-Sleeve T Shirts -- Much discussion regarding providing these types of clothing items to returning volunteers as appreciation. We will determine next steps after the Annual Meeting.
 - Long-sleeve Volunteers' Shirts -- Cindy E. advised that the USFS has a sizable inventory of shirts that are issued to volunteers each summer. FENW cannot order any shirts that would include the USFS Volunteer's Patch; accordingly, it was decided to abandon plans to purchase a different shirt.
- Black Hills Parks & Recreation -- The \$500 grant will be used to purchase a GPS-enabled camera (George).
- Pulling for Colorado -- Reimbursement request of \$457 against a grant authorization of \$500 was submitted in late August; awaiting receipt.

Fall Grant Cycle

- TSF and Towns -- Grant requests totaling \$3,000 (\$2,000 to TSF and \$250 for each of the 4 towns) were submitted. All of the requested funding will be used for trail signage.
- Colorado State Trails -- It was agreed not to write a grant request for 2010. The present tool & equipment inventory will be replenished by year-end 2009, and the USFS has provided a building in the Dillon Compound to house tool & equipment items which will provide more room in the existing tool shed. Also, there are possibilities that the USFS will move to a new compound in the near future and it was agreed to wait a year to see how those plans progress. Because the State Trails grant cycle is on an annual basis, there is minimal risk that we would never be able to seek future funding for tools & equipment.
- NFF/Ski Area Fund -- Grant requests due in November/December time frame. Grant focus again will be on weed mitigation, and John T. will prepare a grant request for between \$9,000 and \$10,000. The grant also will expand the area of treatment to include the Holy Cross (HC) Wilderness area since the spread of weeds both to and from the HC area affects the Eagles Nest Wilderness areas. FENW will be asked to provide \$1,000 in matching funding. **Board Motions: Authorize spending \$1,000 on the noxious weed mitigation program in 2010 to include supporting the 2010 Pulling for Colorado event; also approve expansion of the weed mitigation programs to include the Holy Cross Wilderness area.**
- Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation -- Grant request typically is due by February 1 (2010). Request to the RMEF will be prepared if NFF/Ski Area funding is not available.

Wilderness Volunteers -- Summit

A year-end report is being finalized and will be provided to the USFS by the end of November (several BD).

Wilderness Volunteers -- Eagle

A year-end recognition party has been held. Feedback from the party will be provided by Ken at an upcoming BD meeting.

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Noxious Weed Treatment Projects

- A comparison of the 2007-2009 programs disclosed the following information, all indicating the projects are a continuing success in mitigating weeds:
 - Spray days are down from 13.5 in 2007 to 9 in 2009.
 - Total spray contract cost is down from \$11,875 to \$7678.
 - Volunteer hours have increased from 336 to 1190
 - Use of backpack sprayers has increased from 0 hrs. to 63 hrs.
- The 2010 program will require 6-10 spray days, with a cost per day of \$800, consistent with previous years.

Tools & Equipment

- Tom Brennon and a FDRD crew cleaned, oiled, and sharpened most of the tool inventory earlier this month. Tom also provided a list of items for purchase and wrote a list of instructions for tool maintenance.
- Final tool shed improvements are planned from Oct 23, including moving some of the non-tool items to a new storage building (the "outhouse") at the Dillon USFS compound. **Update: completed on Oct 23.**
- Discussed the possible purchase of infra-red trail counters; will await feedback from Cindy E.

Advocacy

- A Community Collaboration Award has been established and Marilyn R. will gather information in order to nominate the recent Angler Mountain Ranch trail project. A key aspect of the project was the involvement of the developer, non-profits, and the USFS making it a unique collaborative effort.
- Rick W. asked that FENW provide a "letter to the editor" supporting the Hidden Gems initiative. The BD agreed unanimously to have our Scottish traveler President Currie Craven prepare something after he returns from his trip in late October.

Website – No discussion.

Next Meeting – Will be the Annual Meeting on November 13 at 6:00 at the Frisco Rec. Center.

George Resseguie, Secretary/Treasurer

FENW Board Meeting Minutes
September 21, 2009

Attendees:

FENW: Ken Harper, Dave & Marilyn Raymond, George Resseguie, and John Taylor

Meeting Minutes – Minutes from the August 20 meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report

- As of August 31, there is \$29,037 cash in the bank. Checks totaling \$1,535 were cashed in August.
- There were minor changes to the prior forecast. Year-end cash balance is projected at \$8,710.
- We received the \$500 grant funding from the USFS (Black Hills Parks & Recreation). The monies will be used to purchase a GPS-enabled camera.
- The Treasurer's Report was approved.

Business Items

Membership

- Year-to-date, 84 members have contributed \$3,101 in dues; 10 are new members. No dues payments have been received since the last BD meeting.
- The next newsletter will be published in mid-October. The newsletter will include a dues reminder and the timing for the Annual Meeting. Dave R. will prepare the newsletter.
- A reminder notice also will be sent just prior to the Annual Meeting planned for November 12.

Annual Meeting

- It was agreed to combine the year-end recognition party for the Wilderness Volunteers with the Annual Meeting.
- The meeting will be scheduled for November 12 and will be held, preferably, at the Copper Mountain Chapel. The Frisco Rec Center will be the back-up site. All of the Eagle County volunteers will be invited.
- Meeting agenda, logistics, etc. will be firmed up at the October BD meeting.

Trail Projects

- All trail projects have been completed.

Present Grant Funding/Expense Status

- The Summit Foundation (TSF) -- \$2,500 for weed mitigation will not be needed and will be returned. Rationale is that the USFS hired 2 weed specialists whose work in Summit County reduced the need for John Pickering's services; accordingly, John only sprayed for 8 days (equally split between Eagle and Summit Counties). Also, chemicals were provided by the USFS rather than FENW buying what was needed. Both the "new" manpower and the donation of chemicals were unanticipated when the grant request was prepared.
- NFF/Ski Area Contribution Fund – Spending of \$7,678 for weed mitigation against a \$10,000 grant. The unspent funding (\$2,232) will be returned to the NFF with the same rationale explained for not using the grant funding from TSF.
- Towns – Total of \$1,000 granted by the towns, of which \$250 has been received from Breckenridge. The remaining \$750 must be requested from Frisco (\$250) and Silverthorne (\$500). It was agreed to utilize the funding for the purchase of volunteers' shirts, maps, and expenses associated with the year-end recognition event for the Wilderness Volunteers. George will contact Cindy Ebbert (USFS) to determine how to proceed with the purchase of 35-40 shirts as a first priority; timing is mid-October when Cindy returns from vacation. If necessary, the towns will be approached to allow unspent funding to be carried over to 2010.
- Black Hills Parks & Recreation – The \$500 grant will be used to purchase a GPS-enabled camera (George).
- Pulling for Colorado – Reimbursement request of \$457 against a grant authorization of \$500 was submitted in late August; awaiting receipt.

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Fall Grant Cycle

- TSF and Towns – Grant requests are due by September 25. Focus of the grant requests will be trail signage, USFS decals, carconite posts, etc; projected grant request amounts are \$2,000 to TSF and \$250 to the towns. Marilyn will write the grant requests.
- Colorado State Trails – Grant request is due by November 1. Projected grant amounts are \$3,000 for a new tool shed and \$1,000 per year for 3 years for new tool purchases. There also is a possibility that leftover grant funding from the 2007 grant may be carried forward. George R. will prepare the grant request.
- NFF/Ski Area Fund – Grant requests due in November/December time frame. Grant focus again will be on weed mitigation; funding amounts are TBD. John T. will write the grant request.
- Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation – Grant request typically due by February 1 (2010). Request to the RMEF will be prepared if NFF/Ski Area funding is not available.

Wilderness Volunteers – Summit

- There was no report.

Wilderness Volunteers – Eagle

- Ken is the lead for the Eagle Program. Ken's e-mail is kenh10@comcast.net; phone is 970-390-1341.
- Main focus this summer has been volunteer patrols; 75% of the hikes are in the Eagles Nest Wilderness and 25% are in the Holy Cross Wilderness. Ken will provide further details regarding volunteer hours, actions taken, and so on.
- Ken and Anne Esson also are focusing on weed mitigation projects.
- Volunteer year-end recognition event will be held by the end of September.

Noxious Weed Treatment Projects

- Program totals for 2009 included 1,110 hours of volunteer time, 76 hours of additional time for spraying weeds, and 80 gallons of chemicals were used.
- John Pickering completed his work in 8 days versus 10 as planned. Concentrations of weeds were reduced from prior years indicated the success of our mitigation efforts.

Tools & Equipment

- Colorado State Parks has asked for our data to be reformatted on their layouts; plan to resubmit this week. There is \$2,139 of remaining funding available.

Advocacy

- Hidden Gems
 - This week, John T. is meeting with Jan Cutts (USFS) and representatives from Acorn Creek to discuss a proposal to have Wilderness abut private lands. At issue is how fire mitigation will be handled.
 - Ken stated that an article in a Vail newspaper indicated that Summit County mountain bikers and motorized vehicle riders are going to oppose some or the entire Hidden Gems proposal. Currie will follow-up.
- Lower Blue Forest Health Project – FENW has been asked to provide comments by October 20 regarding the proposal. Currie will provide George with points to be included in the response.

Website – BD agreed to defer any discussion until Rick returns from his trip.

Next Meeting – Scheduled for Thursday, October 22 at 5:30 at the Dillon Ranger District office.

George Resseguie, Secretary/Treasurer

FENW Board Meeting Minutes
August 20, 2009

Attendees:

FENW: Currie Craven, Ken Harper, Dave & Marilyn Raymond, George Resseguie, and John Taylor
USFS: Cindy Ebbert

Meeting Minutes – Minutes from the July 29 meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report

- As of July 30, there is \$30,531 cash in the bank. There was limited activity since the last BD meeting.
- For the August forecast, it was agreed to increase the expected expenses by \$1,427 for signage purchased from Wood Product Signs.
- We are awaiting the \$500 grant funding from the USFS (Ralph Swain). The monies will be used to purchase a GPS-enabled camera. Update: George R. to submit reimbursement request to the Black Hills Parks & Forests Assn.
- The Treasurer's Report was approved.

Business Items

Membership

- Year-to-date, 84 members have contributed \$3,101 in dues; 10 are new members.
- An up-to-date membership listing now is available. George R. will update for rejected e-mail addresses.
- Brochure will be updated with new pictures; timing TBD. (George R.)
- The next newsletter, that will include a membership dues reminder, will be mailed by the end of October. The timing is before the Annual Meeting which will be held in early November.

Annual Meeting

Agreed to tentatively schedule for the first or second week in November. Plans will be firmed up at the next BD meeting.

Trail Projects

- Trail Project for August 22 will be trail construction at Angler Mountain Ranch (AMR) to connect a trail to the Ptarmigan Wilderness. The work, although not in the Wilderness, will significantly reduce the possibility of social trails originating from the AMR housing development causing havoc and harm to the National Forest and, ultimately, the Wilderness.
- No other projects are planned in 2009.

Fall Grant Cycle

- The Summit Foundation (TSF) and Towns – Grant requests are due by September 25. Focus of the grant requests will be trail signage, USFS decals, carconite posts, etc; projected grant amounts are \$2,000 to \$3,000 to TSF and \$100-\$200 to the towns. Marilyn will write the grant requests.
- Colorado State Trails – Grant request is due by November 1. Projected grant amounts are \$3,000 for a new tool shed and \$1,000 per year for 3 years for new tool purchases. There also is a possibility that leftover grant funding from the 2007 grant may be carried forward. George R. will prepare the grant request.
- NFF/Ski Area Fund – Grant requests due in November/December time frame. Grant focus again will be on weed mitigation; funding amounts are TBD. John T. will write the grant request.
- Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation – Grant request typically due by February 1 (2010). Request to the RMEF will be prepared if NFF/Ski Area funding is not available.
- Eagle County – Grant possibilities will be discussed at the next BD meeting.

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Wilderness Volunteers – Summit

- Bill Reed is now the contact person for the program.
- Hiking reports were being provided to Rick W., but no details were available for review by the BD; also, there have been minor “quirks” with the reporting process – further information/discussion is needed when Rick returns from an extended trip out of the country.
- Dave R. received delivery of 500 “Dogs on Leash” handouts for use by WV. The handouts encourage compliance with rules and regulations regarding dogs in Wilderness areas. Handouts were provided to Ken for use in Eagle County.

Wilderness Volunteers – Eagle

- Ken is the lead for the Eagle Program. Ken’s e-mail is kenh10@comcast.net; phone is 970-390-1341.
- Main focus this summer has been volunteer patrols; 75% of the hikes are in the Eagles Nest Wilderness and 25% are in the Holy Cross Wilderness.
- Ken and Anne Esson also are focusing on weed mitigation projects.
- Ken is going to investigate possible use of a hut(s) in the Vail Pass area for a joint year-end party for volunteers from Summit and Eagles Counties. *Board Motion: Authorize Ken to spend up to \$500 to reserve a hut for a year-end party on September 22; funding will be shared by Summit & Eagle WV Programs.* Update: no huts were available; Ken/Dave/George researching alternative sites.

Noxious Weed Treatment Projects

- Pulling for Colorado (P4C) event in July was a significant success with 120 volunteers participating. A reimbursement request (\$452.75) has been submitted to the P4C organization.
- John T. will attend a State Weed Meeting in Meeker the first week in September; among other things, he will inquire regarding availability of Federal stimulus funding for weed mitigation.
- John Pickering has completed his work which required 8 days instead of 10, as planned. He worked 50/50 in Summit and Eagle Counties and reported favorable evidence of weed reduction from previous years’ spraying.
- There was discussion about FENW hosting a Weed Forum in the County to include representatives from Towns, USFS, Summit County, non-profits, HOAs, etc. to discuss weed mitigation strategies. BD agreed to discuss further at the September BD meeting.
- There also was discussion regarding the BD’s support for expanding weed mitigation programs beyond the Eagles Nest Wilderness. John T. will consider expanding Pickering’s efforts in 2010 to possibly include the Holy Cross Wilderness area and, with 3 Wilderness areas in Eagle County, there are obvious challenges. Further discussion is planned at future BD meetings.

Tools & Equipment

- Colorado State Parks is reviewing the tool project status report. FENW is due to receive \$5,361; further reimbursements will be based on submitted invoices. There is \$2,139 of remaining funding available.
- Next tool shed updates will include additional shelving in the original tool shed and installation of a door on the new tool storage building; also duffel bags have been purchased to hold the work helmets.
- The Tool Group – Cindy E., Scott Fussell (FDRD), Maggie Gaddis (FDRD) and George R. will meet in early September to finalize the 2009 tool buy.

Advocacy

- Noxious Weeds – Currie will pursue an outreach to Summit County, towns, HOA’s, etc. regarding weed awareness. As a first step, he will draft a letter to the editor (SDN) and review with John T.

Website – BD agreed to defer any discussion until Rick returns from his trip.

Next Meeting – Scheduled for Thursday, September 17 at 5:00 at the Dillon Ranger District office.

George Resseguie, Secretary/Treasurer

FENW Board Meeting Minutes
July 29, 2009

Attendees:

FENW: Currie Craven, Dave Raymond, George Resseguie, and Rick Warren
USFS: Cindy Ebbert

Meeting Minutes – Minutes from the June 30 meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report

- As of June 30, there is \$30,398 cash in the bank. There was limited activity since the last BD meeting.
- For the July forecast, it was agreed to increase the expected dues amount from \$3,500 to \$4,000 and to add \$500 for the anticipated grant award from the USFS (Ralph Swain). For expenses, there has been only \$3,330 spent year-to-date, but significant spending is expected by the end of September. Also, the next forecast for WV Summit and WV Eagle will include projected monies for year-end parties.
- We are awaiting the \$500 grant funding from the USFS (Ralph Swain). The monies will be used to purchase a GPS-enabled camera.
- The Treasurer's Report was approved.

Business Items

Membership

- Year-to-date, 81 members have contributed \$3,061 in dues.
- Dave R. provided new pictures for the next brochure version expected during September.
- An up-to-date membership listing will be available during the week of August 3, including a listing of e-mails.
- The next newsletter, that will include a membership dues reminder, will be mailed by the end of October. The timing is before the Annual Meeting which will be held in early November.

Trail Projects

- Weekend project to build a turnpike over a very wet section on the Buffalo Cabin/Gore connector trail was a success. Eleven volunteers and 3 USFS folks participated. Thanks to Jonathan K. for organizing everything. Dave will provide details to the Summit Daily for a Thank-You article for the volunteers.
- One more trail project is being planned for August 22; options include:
 - Campfire ring rehab a several lakes;
 - Eaglesmere Trail Reconstruction;
 - Meadow Creek Trail Bridge repair; or
 - Work on trail construction at Angler Mountain Ranch (AMR) to connect a trail to the Ptarmigan Wilderness. The work, although not in the Wilderness, will significantly reduce the possibility of social trails originating from the AMR housing development causing havoc and harm to the National Forest and, ultimately, the Wilderness.
 - Cindy E. will provide input by the end of next week to pick one or more of the options.

Fall Grant Cycle

- Grant requests will be due to The Summit Foundation (TSF) and the towns on September 25. Two options will be considered – request the same funding as in 2009 (weed mitigation from TSF and Wilderness Volunteer training from the towns) or request funding for signage from TSF and the towns. The BD will finalize the strategy at the next BD meeting.
- George R. will prepare a grant request to Colorado State Trails for funding for a new tool shed and ongoing tool maintenance/purchases. The request needs to be submitted no later than November 1.
- George R. will talk with John T. regarding grant requests for noxious weed mitigation from TSF/towns, the NFF/Ski Area Contribution Fund, and the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation.
- George R. will see what Ken Harper's plans are for Eagle County.

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Wilderness Volunteers – Summit

- No update was provided, but BD members were aware that Ranger patrols were being performed.
- Rick Warren and Helen Barker have agreed to be contact people for the volunteers until August 16 when Bill Reed and Joan Hutchinson are scheduled to take over.
- Dave R. is awaiting delivery of 500 “Dogs on Leash” handouts for use by WV. The handouts encourage compliance with rules and regulations regarding dogs in Wilderness areas.

Wilderness Volunteers – Eagle

- Ken is the lead for the Eagle Program. Ken’s e-mail is kenh10@comcast.net; phone is 970-390-1341.
- No report was provided.

Noxious Weed Treatment Projects

- John Pickering is due to arrive in late July or early August, but timing is not finalized. John T. is gathering GPS points from the USFS to locate areas for treatment.
- Hal Pearce (USFS) is expected to come over to meet with John T. and others regarding the weed mitigation treatment program; timing TBD.

Tools & Equipment

- Tool inventory will be conducted the week of August 3.
- Tool storage racks have been installed in the tool shed. Len Shipman (FENW member) designed the racks and he and George R. installed them last week. Next week, they will build additional shelving in the tool shed and install a door on the new tool storage building.
- Next purchase will be a couple of wheelbarrows and some draw knives.
- The Tool Group – Cindy E., Scott Fussell (FDRD), Maggie Gaddis (FDRD) and George R. will meet in late August to finalize the 2009 tool buy.

CrossCut Saw Utilization Policy

- At the last BD meeting, Cindy E. reported on new USFS requirements for saw utilization: (1) both people on the saw must be certified; and 2) one USFS person must be on the saw; 2 certified volunteers cannot use the saw.
- Currie will contact Ralph Swain (USFS) to discuss possibly allowing a local waiver for certain scenarios such as allowing 2 non-USFS volunteers who are certified to be allow to use a saw, etc. Currie also will determine the status of the rewrite of the national policy.
- Use of the saws for the remainder of the season is not critical because almost all of the downed trees have been cleared from trails; key help was provided by a team from the Rocky Mountain Youth Corps.

Advocacy

- Noxious Weeds – Currie suggested a FENW communication to the Ski Areas, HOAs, and other activities regarding the importance of a robust noxious weed mitigation program. This must be discussed with John T.; timing is TBD
- Green Mountain Reservoir – Stimulus funding will become available for the area, but will be focused primarily on the area right around the reservoir. No funding is expected for the nearby Wilderness areas.
- Hidden Gems Proposal – There were several discussion items: (1) the area of most significant dispute is the Ptarmigan Peaks Forest; no one is 100% convinced the Proposal is right; (2) there is concern that the mountain biking “community” has not been represented in the discussion – they are active users of trails in all the forest areas and should have input, and (3) the USFS has met with Lisa Smith and is providing their comments/guidance as the review process moves forward. The USFS, however, considers this a citizens’ initiative and will provide feedback only. FENW plans no action at this time.

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Board Members

- After discussion, it was agreed there are 7 BD members: Currie (President), Dave and Marilyn R. (Vice Presidents), George R. (Secretary/Treasurer/Tool Program Coordinator), Rick Warren (Webmaster), Ken Harper (Eagle County Coordinator), and John T. (At Large – Weed Coordinator).
- It also was agreed that more new BD members are needed. Currie will contact Lisa Smith (Hidden Gems Proposal Coordinator) to determine any interest, and hopefully Cyndi K. will rejoin the BD when she returns from Alaska. No further names were mentioned.

Website

Rick Warren installed a number of updates to the website. Anyone having other changes needs to have them to Rick before August 10.

Next Meeting is tentatively scheduled on August 20 at 5:30 at the DRD office. Timing change is likely because of vacation & travel plans. George R. will finalize the meeting time in early August.

George Resseguie, Secretary/Treasurer

FENW Board Meeting Minutes
June 30, 2009

Attendees:

FENW: Currie Craven, Ken Harper, Dave & Marilyn Raymond, George Resseguie, and John Taylor
USFS: Cindy Ebbert

Meeting Minutes – Minutes from May 28 meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report

- As of May 31, have \$30,489 cash in the bank. There was limited activity since the last BD meeting.
- For the June forecast, eliminate projected \$2,500 revenue from a John Fielder event in the fall. The revised, expected year-end balance is forecast at \$7,787 which is \$1,213 less than the original year-end goal of \$9,000. All agreed, however, that the projected balance is acceptable.
- The Treasurer's Report was approved.

Business Items

Membership

- Year-to-date, 73 members have contributed \$2,690 in dues.
- A revised FENW brochure was completed June 2; added changes will be incorporated in time for a new version to be available by the Summit County Weed Pull on July 11 (George); 200 copies will be ordered.
- Ken Harper received 25 brochures for Eagle County.
- Added effort will be made to display the brochures around the County.

Grants

- Cindy provided details for a \$500 grant award from the USFS. The funds will be provided by Ralph Swain's office.
- Because the funds must be utilized for campsite inventory initiatives, it was decided to purchase a GPS-enabled camera. Further details are TBD.
- No further grant-related initiatives are planned until the fall.

Trail Projects

- The June 6 National Trails Day Project with FDRD was successful. Lots of volunteers participated.
- Dave will provide details to the Summit Daily to thank the FENW volunteers who helped with the June 28 Gateways project. Attendance was down compared to past years, in part because of a Sunday schedule.
- Two other trail projects scheduled for 2009 as follows:
 - July 25 -- South Willow Creek Trail install signs, trail maintenance, and campsite rehab.
 - August 22 -- Campfire ring rehab a several lakes or Eaglesmere Trail Reconstruction.

Wilderness Volunteers – Summit

- No update was provided, but BD members were aware that Ranger patrols were being performed.
- Rick Warren and Helen Barker have agreed to be contact people for the volunteers until August 16 when Bill Reed and Joan Hutchinson are scheduled to take over.
- Dave will purchase order 500 "Dogs on Leash" handouts for use by WV. The handouts encourage compliance with rules and regulations regarding dogs in Wilderness areas.
- USFS will provide a listing of trails they would like patrolled over the July 4 weekend.

Wilderness Volunteers – Eagle

- Ken is the lead for the Eagle Program. Ken's e-mail is kenh10@comcast.net; phone is 970-390-1341.
- The same core group as last year is participating; many hikes & lots of activity; will plan to have articles in the local paper(s).
- Planning to organize a trail project in later July; further details TBD.
- All agreed to plan a joint fall meeting (Summit/Eagle); further details TBD.

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June 30, 2009

Noxious Weed Treatment Projects

- Planning, site surveying, etc. is progressing for the July 11 P4C event. (John Taylor). *Update: event was a big success with lots of volunteers.*
- John Pickering is planning to arrive the 3rd week of July, but timing is not finalized. John T. is gathering GPS points from the USFS to locate areas for treatment.

Tools & Equipment

- Tool inventorying will begin in July/August; based on prior experience, all tools have been accounted for.
- Will plan to write another grant in the fall for ongoing tool purchases and the construction of another tool shed; George to coordinate.
- USFS will be approached about providing access to an unused building at the Dillon site; *Update: Ken Waugh has given the go-ahead for use of the building.*
- Next purchase will be a couple of wheelbarrows and some draw knives.

CrossCut Saw Utilization

- Cindy E. reported on new USFS requirements for saw utilization:
 - Both people on the saw must be certified
 - One USFS person must be on the saw; 2 certified volunteers cannot use the saw.
- Typically, a saw has been used by one certified volunteer and on non-certified volunteer under the supervision of the USFS; this scenario is no longer acceptable.
- Cindy will follow-up to determine possible waivers or exemptions from the new rules; details will be forthcoming. She also will follow-up on the use of bow saws.

Advocacy

- Salt Lick Area
 - There have been continuing reports of illegal use of the Salt Lick area which the USFS is aware of. USFS will consider revising their patrol schedule to include visits later in the day when most of the activity appears to occur.
 - A letter to the Summit Daily complained about the situation; Currie will attempt to contact the writer to determine any further actions on the part of FENW

Website

No discussion, but all BD members are asked to look at the website and advise Rick Warren of changes necessary.

Next Meeting is July 23 at 5:30 at the DRD office; meeting later rescheduled for July 29.

George Resseguie, Secretary/Treasurer

FENW Board Meeting Minutes
May 28, 2009

Wilderness Volunteers – Summit

- All training has been completed and the program is ready for the summer season.
- Rick Warren and Helen Barker have agreed to be contact people for the volunteers until August 16.

Wilderness Volunteers – Eagle

- Ken is the lead for the Eagle Program. Ken's e-mail is kenh10@comcast.net; phone is 970-390-1341.
- Training was completed on May 16 with 19 returnees and 3 new volunteers. There was no need to update the existing Volunteer Manual; any needed changes identified during the summer will be incorporated after the 2009 season is completed. The group is very comfortable with the reporting process
- There was discussion about having a volunteer (Julie King) prepare a condensed guide that volunteers could carry into the field in their packs. The Eagle group will evaluate what's needed over the summer and a decision will be made in the fall regarding next steps.

Noxious Weed Treatment Project

- Planning is progressing for the July 11 event. (John Taylor)

Tools & Equipment

- Tool Group (FENW, FDRD, and USFS) met on April 15 and developed a buy list for 2009. George will price out the list and plan to have everything on hand for the June 6 trail project.
- Spending to date totals \$569 of the \$3,917 available until December 31. Possible additional spending items will be a new shed, power auger and wheelbarrows. George will research.
- The Tool Group will meet again in July/August to determine future purchases, as applicable.

Advocacy

- No report at the meeting.

Website

Dave asked all BD meeting to review the FENW website in detail and send suggested changes to Rick. All agreed that is important for the website information to be up-to-date in order to provide a positive experience for site visitors.

Board Members

Ken agreed to join the Board. BD members identified several other candidates who will be approached before the June meeting.

Next Meeting is June 25 at 5:30 at the DRD office.

George Resseguie, Secretary/Treasurer

FENW Board Meeting Minutes
April 15, 2009

Attendees:

FENW: Cyndi, Currie, George, Dave R., Marilyn, Rick, and John T.
USFS: Cindy Ebbert and Sam Massman (Eagle/Holy Cross RD)
FDRD: Maggie Gaddis, and Scott Fussell

Meeting Minutes – Minutes from March 24 meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report

- Presently have \$28,103 cash deposited, which includes \$10,000 check from the NFF.
- Key preliminary budget items are noxious weeds (\$13,000), tools & equipment (\$3,900), \$1,000 each for WV programs in Summit and Eagle Counties, and \$750 for trail projects. Our goal is to have \$9,000 in the bank at the end of 2009.
- USFS has requested funding for new signage, possibly 15 trail signs and 2 Wilderness portal signs. *Board Motion: Spend up to \$1,500 to purchase trail signs as specified and designed by the USFS (FENW volunteers will install the signs).* Update: Estimate received (April 27) from Wood Product Signs (Parlin, CO) for \$1,309; WPS will invoice when signs are shipped – probably in June.
- The Treasurer's Report was approved.

Business Items

Membership

- There has been nominal dues activity so far in 2009 with \$435 received year-to-date – we have 6 new members.
- The April newsletter will include dues reminder notices. Last year, we received \$2,720 during the month we mailed the newsletter.
- George, with input from BD members, will update the FENW brochure – complete by May 31. Get 250 copies printed.

National Trails Day Project – June 6

- Currie and Jonathan Kriegel will coordinate FENW's involvement in the joint project with FDRD.
- Cindy E. & FDRD will walk the Acorn Creek trail to determine where to focus the volunteers' effort. Primary workload is anticipated to address/improve drainage problems
- Expect about 35-50 people, including a group of Girl Scouts, for the day which begins at 8:00 at the DRD office. Group will leave at 9:00 for Acorn Creek and expect to complete work by 1:30.
- FDRD will handle advertising and marketing; FENW will participate in obtaining food (light breakfast and tailgate party).

Other Trail Projects

- Jonathan will lead the other FENW trail projects; Currie will coordinate for the BD.
- Three other trail projects scheduled for 2009 as follows:
 - June 28 (Sunday) -- Gateways: (1) Lily Pad Lake Trail maintenance, (2) Ptarmigan Trail maintenance, (3) Apply sealant to kiosks, and (4) Eaglesmere Trail -- remove old ranch fence and post near the trailhead.
 - July 25 -- South Willow Creek Trail install signs, trail maintenance, and campsite rehab.
 - August 22 -- Campfire ring rehab a several lakes or Eaglesmere Trail Reconstruction.
- FDRD calendar has been updated.

Wilderness Volunteers – Summit

- All training has been completed and the program is ready for the summer season.
- Rick and Helen Barker have agreed to be contact people for the volunteers until August 16; additional people will be needed after that date for the program. Names are TBD.

Wilderness Volunteers – Eagle

- Ken Harper will be the lead for the Eagle Program. Ken's e-mail is kenh10@comcast.net; phone if 970-390-1341.
- Sam Massman (USFS) commented on the status of wilderness requirements in Eagle/Holy Cross
 - Maintenance efforts (USFS/volunteers) are self-sustaining right now.
 - Focus will be on WV Ranger patrols as there is a lot of local enthusiasm to be part of the WV program, and Sam will maximize the program efforts this summer.
 - WV training will be conducted on May 16 at the Ranger District Office.
 - It was suggested to have cross-county volunteer partnering efforts and figure out a way to communicate between the two groups. Next steps TBD.
 - Efforts are needed to address noxious weed mitigation; Anne Esson and John T. will follow-up.
- Consider having a season-ending party including WVs from both Summit & Eagle Counties; further discussion TBD.
- FENW will need a signed JHA agreement for the USFS; Ken will need a signed volunteer agreement. Next steps TBD.

Noxious Weed Treatment Project

- Planning ongoing for the July 11 event.

Tools & Equipment

- Tool Group (FENW, FDRD, and USFS) met on April 15 and developed a buy list for 2009. George will price out the list and plan to have everything on hand for the June 6 trail project.
- Three GPS units (e-trex legend HCX) have been purchased; John T. has the units.
- Tool maintenance and clean-up "party" will be planned for June 5; Maggie to coordinate. Update: Scott F. looked at the tools and advised they are in good shape; consequently, any maintenance will be handled during the summer on an as-needed basis.

Advocacy

- Currie working with a Green Mountain Reservoir Task Force.
- Unfortunately, there will be little disciplinary action regarding the snowmobile fiasco at Elliot Ridge that resulted from unsafe operating practices. USFS is considering improved signage in the area, but winter weather conditions are very challenging to sign visibility.

Board Insurance

BD members asked to investigate what is available for discussion at the next meeting. Update: Lots of input from various people. Conclusion: we do not need it (see attachment to these minutes).

Next Meeting is May 28 at 5:30 at the DRD office.

George Resseguie, Secretary/Treasurer

FENW Board Meeting Minutes
March 24, 2009

Attendees:

FENW: Cyndi, Currie, George, Dave R., and Marilyn.
USFS: Cindy Ebbert

Meeting Minutes – Minutes from February 17 meeting were approved, with a minor change.

Treasurer's Report

- Presently have \$18,107 cash deposited, which does not include a \$10,000 check from the NFF.
- Key preliminary budget items are noxious weeds (\$13,000), tools & equipment (\$3,900), \$1,000 for WV programs in Summit and Eagle Counties, and \$750 for trail projects. Our goal is to have \$9,000 in the bank at the end of 2009.
- The Treasurer's Report was approved.

Business Items

Membership

- There has been nominal dues activity so far in 2009 with just \$185 received year-to-date. There are, however, 4 new members.
- The next newsletter (to be mailed in April) will include dues reminder notices. Last year, we received \$2,720 during the month we mailed the newsletter.

Summit County Grants

- In 2009, we have received grant funding from the NFF/Ski Area Conservation Fund, The Summit Foundation, Towns of Breckenridge, Frisco, & Silverthorne, and Pulling for Colorado. BD agreed not to pursue any further grants until the fall.

Trail Projects

- Jonathan Kriegel again will lead the FENW trail projects; Currie will coordinate for the BD.
- Four trail projects scheduled for 2009 as follows:
 - June 6 -- Acorn Creek trail maintenance with FDRD on National Trails Day
 - June 28 (Sunday) -- Gateways: (1) Lily Pad Lake Trail maintenance, (2) Ptarmigan Trail maintenance, (3) Apply sealant to kiosks, and (4) Eaglesmere Trail -- remove old ranch fence and post near the trailhead.
 - July 25 -- South Willow Creek Trail install signs, trail maintenance, and campsite rehab.
 - August 22 -- Campfire ring rehab a several lakes or Eaglesmere Trail Reconstruction.
 - George will update the FDRD calendar.
- A manager from The Pine Lodge, A Rock Resort, has inquired about teaming up with FENW for a "clean-up" project involving lodge guests. Currie will follow-up with Eagle County and the Resort.

Wilderness Volunteers – Summit

- Goal is to have no more than 30 volunteer rangers; presently there are 23. As in 2008, there will be no formal advertising/recruiting process; instead, will rely on present volunteers finding others to participate.
- All returning rangers have been contacted; returning ranger training is at Cyndi's house on either April 3, 16, or 21, and will take about an hour.
- A Google calendar will replace the login to the FDRD old website.
- All ranger patrol forms are linked to the summitwv@fenw.org; Warren Hancock will process the data.
- Training will be on May 2 with FDRD. Cyndi will coordinate the training session, with help from Helen Barker and Rick Warren. FENW will provide brown bag lunches.
- BD agreed there needs to be a Board contact person for the program to handle unforeseen issues. Further discussion is needed.

Wilderness Volunteers – Eagle

- Ken Harper will be the lead for the Eagle Program. Ken's e-mail is kenh10@comcast.net; phone if 970-390-1341.
- Other objectives for 2009 include:
 - Goal is to have 25 volunteer rangers.
 - There will be no formal advertising; will rely on "word of mouth" communication from present rangers to attract new members.
 - Training will be compressed so as not to take an entire day; also, the USFS Holy Cross team will again be relied upon for administrative support.
 - A key focus will be noxious weed mitigation; John T. will follow-up with Ken and others.
 - Eagle "team" will liaison with the FENW BD and assume responsibility for the organization.
 - Julie King has agreed to maintain the Training Manual and Sara Hall will handle data input.
- George will coordinate financial support with Ken.

Noxious Weed Treatment Project

- Received \$500 from Pulling for Colorado organization; event scheduled for July 11.

Tools & Equipment

- Remaining State Trail funding of \$3,900 is available in 2009. Consideration will be given to constructing a second tool shed; further details are TBD. (Update – Tool Group will meet on April 15 to determine 2009 requirements).
- There is a need to purchase GPS units and organize/conduct an appropriate training program. Suggestion is to buy 5 units; George to follow-up with John T. (Update – John Taylor to buy 3 e-trex legend HCX)

Training

- Crosscut saw training from the USFS likely will not have any openings for non Crew Leader people; FDRD plans, hopefully, to have one or two of their crew leaders attend.
- FDRD will not host the VOC crew leader training program this year and intends to rework their program. FENW will not have any crew leaders.

Other Projects

- FDRD Annual Party (March 31) – FENW will have a display table.

Next Meeting is April 15 at 6:00 (note the time) at the DRD office.

George Resseguie, Secretary/Treasurer

FENW Board Meeting Minutes
February 17, 2009

Attendees:

FENW: Cyndi, Currie, George, Dave R., and Rick
USFS: Ken Waugh
Eagle County: Ken Harper

Meeting Minutes – Minutes from December 8 meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report

- For the FY 2008, receipts totaled \$26,276; when added to \$8,410 Jan 1 balance, total funding for 2008 totaled \$34,686. Expenses for 2008 totaled \$18,661. Balance on hand at Dec, 31, 2008 totaled \$16,025.
- A preliminary 2009 budget totaling \$29,493 was reviewed, with key focus on noxious weeds (\$12,500), tools & equipment (\$3,918), WV programs in Eagle and Summit Counties (\$1,000 each), trail projects (\$750), and unrestricted funds (\$9,365). Budget will be finalized by the end of February and approved at the March BD meeting.
- The Treasurer's Report was approved.

Business Items

Membership

- The 2008 membership efforts were tremendous, thanks to Dave, Marilyn, and Cyndi. For the year, dues totaling \$5,923 were received, an increase of \$3,223 (120%) over 2007!!!
- A total of 158 memberships have been recorded during the year; we also recognized 4 corporate memberships. There were 19 new members added in 2008.

Summit County Grants

- The Summit Foundation again has provided generous support to FENW with a \$2,500 grant award for 2009.
- Grant awards have been received from Breckenridge (\$250), Frisco (\$250) and Silverthorne (\$500). Dillon did not award any grant monies to FENW for 2009.
- George will follow-up with Cindy Ebbert to determine status of USFS \$500 grant for US Forest Service projects.

Noxious Weed Treatment Projects

- Updates:
 - On January 14, 2009 FENW received \$10,000 from NFF Ski Conservation Fund.
 - Given the funding from NFF, it was decided not to request funding from the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation. George will advise RMEF of our continued focus on weed mitigation and the positive benefits to the local elk population.
- Pulling for Colorado – The BD has authorized \$500 for the project in 2009.

Trail Projects

- Jonathan Kriegel again will lead the FENW trail projects; Currie will coordinate for the BD.
- There will be 4 trail projects in 2009, one of which is a National Trails Day joint project w/FDRD at Acorn Creek on June 6.
- Currie will follow-up with Cindy Ebbert to plan the other 3 projects.
- The Rocky Mountain Youth Corps (RMYC) will be active in Summit County in 2009, with 6 weeks of projects including Acorn Creek (1 wk), Maryland Creek Ranch trail construction (3 wks.), and Angler Mountain Ranch trail construction (2 wks.). There may be opportunities for FENW to participate with the RMYC on these projects.

Wilderness Volunteers – Summit

- Goal is to have no more than 30 volunteer rangers; presently there are 25. As in 2008, there will be no formal advertising/recruiting process; instead, will rely on present volunteers finding others to participate.
- Training will be on May 2 with FDRD. Cyndi will coordinate the training session, with help from Helen Barker and Rick Warren.
- Cyndi will not lead the program during the summer season. Bill Reed and Joan Hutchinson have offered to mentor new rangers; however, 2 additional mentors will be needed.
- There will be a roster of emergency contacts established; further details are TBD.
- There continue to be problems with on-line reporting of data that are to be used by the USFS. Ken Waugh indicated the information is very important for the USFS planning and budgeting process.
- Present plans call for FENW to utilize its own reporting formats to gather data. Warren Hanoock, with assistance from Rick Warren, will consolidate the data and provide regular reports to the USFS and FDRD. However, further discussion is needed with the USFS and FDRD; timing is TBD.

Wilderness Volunteers – Eagle

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 - A key focus will be noxious weed mitigation; John T. will follow-up with Ken and others.
 - Eagle "team" will liaison with the FENW BD and assume responsibility for the organization.
 - Julie King has agreed to maintain the Training Manual and Sara Hall will handle data input.
 - George will coordinate financial support with Ken.

Other Projects

- The USFS has hired a seasonal employee whose objective will be to inventory all campsites in the DRD during the 2009 season. After completing the inventory, a work program will be developed for rehabbing and, time permitting, work will begin this season.
- FENW may consider dedicated one trail project to campsite rehabbing.

Tools & Equipment

- Remaining State Trail funding of \$3,918 is available in 2009. Consideration will be given to constructing a second tool shed; further details are TBD.
- There is a need to purchase GPS units and organize/conduct an appropriate training program. Suggestion is to buy 5 units; George to follow-up with John T.

Requests for Comments

- Lower Blue Fuels Reduction Project – Currie will handle; comments due March 4.
- Angler Mountain Ranch Trail Construction Project – George will coordinate with John T. to prepare a response. Comments due no later than March 10.

New Friends of the Lower Blue Executive Director

- Myrth McDonald has replaced Karn S. and will be invited to attend an upcoming FENW BD meeting. Currie will coordinate.

Next Board Meeting is tentatively scheduled for March 17 at 5:30. Location is TBD, but hopefully we will meet at the Dillon Ranger District Office. George will confirm with Cindy Ebbert the week of February 23.

George Resseguie, Secretary/Treasurer

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