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FENW Board Meeting Minutes
September 27, 2007

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Attendees

BD - Currie, Cyndi, George, and Vince

Others - Rick Newton & Cindy Ebbert (USFS); Lisa Smith (White River Wilderness Coalition)

Meeting Minutes

- Minutes from August 23 meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report (George)

- Cash position is consistent with last month.
- NFF/Ski Area funding for noxious weed grant have been received (\$8,049); one invoice paid, the second will be paid next week.
- Cost for the tool & equipment purchases and construction of the tool shed (about \$6,300) are covered by an advance from State Trails (\$7,500).

Business Items

Discussion of Hidden Gems Wilderness Proposal (Lisa Smith)

- Overview details for "The Hidden Gems Wilderness Campaign" were presented and discussed. The campaign's objective is to add further Wilderness acreage to the overall White River National Forest; this discussion covered only areas in Summit County.
- Objectives are to meet with local advocacy groups to garner support for the campaign; Lisa requested FENW support and participation to publicize the campaign and to meet with various advocacy groups that recreate in the Wilderness areas.
- Keys raised were the need to involve all groups in the dialogue and to place added focus on the need to maintain areas "red zones" that are accessible for fire mitigation actions.
- **Board Motion:** *It was agreed to support the draft initiative "Summit County Area Wilderness Proposal" presented by the White River Wilderness Coalition going forward including meeting with other groups, gathering data, and identifying/resolving issues such as fire mitigation and other user concerns in Summit County.*

Feedback from Wilderness Volunteer Group Meeting (Currie/Vince)

- Networking opportunities with several other "Friends" groups was terrific, and some best practices were identified. Of interest, no other "Friends" group had a paid Executive Director position.

Board Involvement; Potential New Members (All)

- Discussed present dilemma regarding number of Board Members. Currie will draft a letter to all FENW members soliciting volunteers and provide for Board comments by early October.
- Also, further discussion will consider redefining/restructuring the roles and responsibilities of the Board, possibly identifying subcommittee positions, key "jobs", and so on. Timing TBD.

John Fielder Eagle County Benefit (Currie)

Battle Mountain High School provided a list of requirements (i.e. having insurance, hiring a maintenance person) that could be problematic. Currie will follow-up with the school.

Annual Meeting (All)

- We will target the week of November 5 for the annual meeting; George to follow-up with the Frisco Rec. Center to reserve a time.

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Future Projects, Grant Discussion, Topics, Strategies (All)

- General discussion of USFS needs for 2008; agreed on the following strategy:
 - Continue with a Gateway and 3 trail projects as in 2007.
 - Experiment with a mid-week project in response to volunteers' feedback.
 - Consider utilizing an Adopt-A-Trail approach for some wilderness trails (this requires the adopting activity to perform 3 trail maintenance projects each season).
 - Training focus – crew leaders & sawyers – is critical to the USFS; FENW grant/funding strategies should include sawyer training.
 - Rocky Mountain Youth Corps will be available in the County for 4-6 weeks; FENW could coordinate a project with them.
 - Signage replacement is needed for various types/sizes of signs.
- Based on the discussion, the following grant strategy was determined:
 - **NFF/Ski Contribution Fund** – apply for grant funding (amount TBD) for noxious weed treatment. Received funding for \$8,049 in 2007 and may request a similar level of funding in 2008. This is a high impact project with lots of “on-the-ground” actions and is a high priority objective for the USFS. We may consider using FENW trained volunteers to apply USFS-approved herbicides which provides a significant opportunity for cost efficiencies. George will talk to John Taylor about preparing a grant request; submission timing is no later than October 26.
 - **Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation (RMEF)** – apply for grant funding (amount TBD) for noxious weed treatment. Received \$2,000 in funding in 2006 and managed a successful treatment program in the areas (primarily Slate Creek) considered key elk habitat by the RMEF. Apply for a similar grant in their next cycle – George will talk to John T about preparing a grant; timing is TBD.
 - **State Trails** – Apply for a grant for general support of trail maintenance and the Wilderness Volunteer program. Included will be requests for signage, sawyer training, and uniforms. Responsibility for preparing the grant request is TBD; submission timing is approximately November 1.

FDRD/FENW Lodging Proposal/Status (Currie)

- FDRD and the Summit Chamber met with local lodging activities on September 21; the Chamber will contact other lodging activities to discuss the program.
- Questions/issues discussed included: (1) has the program been coordinated with the NFF and The Summit Foundation; (2) should the funding go only to one or two local non-profits instead of being distributed more widely in the County; and (3) should the focus of the program be expanded to include other areas of need (i.e. health care, housing, day care)?
- FENW is not part of the present proposal, but we have been invited to participate; further details are forthcoming.

Participation at NFF/Ski Contribution Fund Meeting on October 2 (All)

- Currie, George, Vince and John Taylor (if he is available) will attend the all-day meeting. FENW will make a presentation regarding the successful noxious weed treatment program; John Taylor has prepared a presentation to use at the meeting.

Special Thank-You's (Currie)

- It was agreed to recognize Cyndi Koop, Kurt Steuer, and John Taylor for their exceptional work. Currie will obtain gift certificates.

Next Meeting

The next BD meeting will be on October 25 at 5:30 at the Dillon Ranger District office.

FENW Board Meeting Minutes
August 23, 2007

Attendees

BD –Currie, Cyndi, and George
Others – Cindy Ebbert (USFS)

Meeting Minutes

- No minutes were prepared for the August 2 meeting.

Treasurer's Report

- Cash on hand totaled \$14756.31 at August 23.
- Funding from NFF/Ski Area program has been requested to pay for weed treatment invoice (\$4,681.47); NFF has committed to send funds.
- USFS Hunter Patrol billing for 2008 finalized at \$1,838.31, a reduction from the commitment of \$2,900; invoice received and will be paid by the end of August.
- Liquid assets projected (after commitments) totaled \$6,683.40, an increase of \$942 from last month (primarily because of the reduced hunter patrol commitment).

Business Items

Grant Reports

- Submissions to The Summit Foundation & Towns for 2008 Funding – It was agreed not to submit grant requests this year because we have not yet spent funding provided last year and are in the process of working with the TSF and towns to reallocate the funding provided (see below). Possibly, FENW will provide letters of explanation; further details TBD.
 - The Summit Foundation Grant Funding for 2007 – Approximately \$2,500 remaining of \$3,050 grant supporting the Wilderness Volunteer Program. Cyndi has identified about \$1,300 in added spending for supplies and equipment (including 3 GPS units) in Summit County. Currie will discuss with Lee Zimmerman (TSF) the possibility of reallocating the remaining \$1,200 to Eagle County for the WV program benefiting the Eagles Nest Wilderness.
 - Towns (Breckenridge/Frisco/Silverthorne) Grant Funding for 2007 – FENW letter sent to Towns on August 9 requesting approval to spend unused funding (\$580) for new crosscut saw(s) rather than trail crew leader/sawyer training. Silverthorne has approved (\$180); waiting responses from Breckenridge and Frisco.
- 2008 Strategy – Separate meeting required to formalize strategy for grant requests to NFF/Ski Area Conservation Fund, State Trails, Vail Valley, and other possible granting organizations. Most grant applications will be due around the end of October/first of November. Goal is to have a strategy finished and grant writing assignments finalized in September; Currie to schedule the meeting.
- NFF/Ski Area Program for 2008 – NFF (Mary Mitsos) is organizing a meeting on October 2 at the Summit County Senior Center. Agenda will include presentations by each non-profit that received a grant for 2007, a discussion of best practices, and a presentation/discussion of the program for 2008. Further details are pending; meeting announcements will be sent out from the NFF in the next couple of weeks.

Tools & Equipment Status

- Tool shed is complete (still needs paint) and tool inventory will be moved to the shed next week. Tools will be available to be signed out at the shed rather than by phone-call to George for delivery.
- George will work to organize a "photo op" involving the shed, volunteers, possibly selected saws named for towns, etc. Further details TBD.
- Spending to date totals \$4843 (of \$15,000); advance of \$7,500 requested from State Trails (update – State Trails will mail the check on August 24).
- Continuing tool purchases will focus on building complement of trail maintenance tools; efforts will be made to work with local stores, but likely will have to place most orders with Forestry Suppliers (or similar companies) in order to buy tools manufactured to USFS specifications.
- Key next step is to identify sources to sharpen saws and other tools. USFS has a terrific person for the saws and probably will be our preferred option. George to develop a list of maintenance sources for the other tools.

Noxious Weed Update

- John Taylor and Wayne Nelson (USFS) have agreed on a spraying strategy using volunteers and "back pack" sprayers along trails and on small concentrations of weeds in the wilderness. Milestone chemical will be used.
- Commercial spraying companies (e.g. John Pickering) will continue to be hired to handle large concentrations of weeds.

Wilderness Volunteer/Steward Update

- Some problems noted with data entry and collection; Cyndi to work with FDRD to review and analyze data submitted to date.
- Next year's WV training program will include more concentrated, specific training for FENW volunteers regarding data entry/reporting.
- Wrap-up meeting planned for Sept 19 at the Eagles Nest Community Center (6:30). Cyndi to lead the meeting.

Trail Projects Update

- Jonathan Kriegel will lead the September 15 program and will handle the PSA; George to update VOutdoors website with details.
- Per Cindy E., work will be performed on the Mesa Cortina Trail rather than the Meadow Creek Trail, to continue trail maintenance work begun by FENW volunteers in August.
- There will one overall thank-you advertisement in the Summit Daily at the end of the trail season thanking all FENW volunteers, our sponsors, etc.

Eagle County Update

- John Fielder has agreed to participate in a benefit this fall in Eagle County; Currie will work with Eagle County volunteers to firm up plans and support the event. Specific location and event date are TBD.
- Currie has discussed next steps with Michael Arnett regarding organizational requirements, funding needs, and so on. Seems to be a lot of energy for the endeavor.
- ***Board Motion – FENW will continue support Wilderness Volunteer Program in Eagle County for 2008 and 2009 with financial resources and organizational leadership. The FENW involvement pertains to efforts in the Eagle County portion of the Eagles Nest Wilderness and other wilderness areas in Eagle County administered by the Holy Cross/Eagle Ranger District.***

Other Items

- Copy Copy Sale Opportunities – Everyone is encouraged to take advantage of the sale: 10% of regular prices now through Oct. 15; ½ price sale for Sept 13-19.
- CDLT Event (Sept 6) – Currie/Cyndi to organize a FENW display booth; members encouraged to attend the event.
- Brochures – George will update in time for the CDLT event.
- Beth Boyst Going Away Gift – *Board Motion: Approve \$50 gift for Beth; Currie to purchase an appropriate gift.*
- USFS Trail at Maryland Creek Ranch – Comments have been requested regarding establishing a second trail at the new Maryland Creek Ranch development. Brief discussion; no issues. Currie to provide any feedback to USFS.
- Angler Mountain Ranch Development – The developer will establish a public trail that is intended to provide an access to the Ptarmigan trail at the east side of the property. Brief discussion; no issues.
- Annual Meeting – No date established.

Next Meeting

The next BD meeting will be on September 27 at 5:30 at the Dillon Ranger District office.

4 8/23 meeting

Friends of the Eagles Nest Wilderness
GRANT ANALYSIS -- TSF AND TOWNS

Grant Request	Amount	Total	Amount Received			
			Wilderness Vol Program	Trail Crew & Sawyer Training	Trail Maint. Equip.	Develop Data Entry WVP
The Summit Foundation	5,000	3050	3050			
Breckenridge	200	200		200		
Dillon	100	0				
Frisco	200	200		200		
Silverthorne	200	200		200		
Total Grant Requests/Received	5,700	3,650	3,050	600	0	0
Actual Costs Incurred to Date						
Cyndi Koop sawyer training (#2254)		20		20		
Volunteer Wilderness Training Checks -- 2251, 2252, 2253, 2256- 2259,		571	571			
Total Actual Costs Incurred		591	571	20	0	0
Actual (O)/U Request		3,059	2,479	580	0	0
Possible Actions w/TSF and Towns						
-- Reapply funding to other projects: Rebuild bridge on Meadow Creek trail (JT suggestion)		2079	1879	200		
-- Return funding						
-- Ask for carry-over to next year						
-- Provide funding to FDRD for Wilderness Volunteer Training		980	600	380		
-- Other						
Total Possible Actions		3059	2479	580	0	0

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Wilderness cards

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Wrap-up (6:30)

9/19 @ Raven Community Center

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GRANT ANALYSIS

Valley

	TSF	Towns	RMEF	NFF	TSF	Towns	NFF& Ski Areas	Colorado State Tr.
Funding Agency								
Date Awarded	12/20/05	12/20/05	2006	4/16/06	12/27/06	12/27/06	3/26/07	7/9/07
Spending Period End	12/30/06	12/31/06	2008	4/15/07	12/31/07	12/31/07	2/29/08	12/31/09
Amount Awarded	2500.00	300.00	2000.00	4000.00	3050.00	600.00	8049.00	15000.00
Amount Received	2500.00	300.00						
Received O/(U) Awarded	0.00	0.00						
Memo: Match Required	0%	0%			0%	0%	25%	100%
Category of Award								
Noxious Weeds	2500.00	300.00	2000.00	4000.00			8049.00	
Wilderness Volunteers					3050.00			
Training						600.00		
Tools & Equipment								15000.00

NFF
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State
Trails
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* Keep in mind Trail Crew Leaders *

State Trails

- ① RMYC will input their own grant
- ② Hine Volunteer Co-ordination for VOC project

Input from USFS

- What should we do?
- They will give guidance

NFF Ski Area

we will meet by 9/15

- BY
- USFS

- Need maps for weeds -
certain standards for uses
INFRA data base

Addendum to Contract
About Wilderness, LLC and Friends of the Eagles Nest Wilderness
for volunteer and program coordination
of the Wilderness Volunteer Program in Eagle County
Eagles Nest and Holy Cross Wilderness areas

The purpose of this addendum to the contract signed on April 19, 2007 is to describe the work that About Wilderness LLC (AWLLC) will perform for Friends of the Eagles Nest Wilderness (FENW) from June 11 through October 19 for the Eagle County Wilderness Volunteer (WV) Program.

Summit

Task	Time
program coordination (1.25 hours per week from June 11 through Sept. 30)	20.0
teach GPS class and update returning 7 volunteers who missed June 2 training	12.0
end of season party with volunteers including minutes	6.0
end of season wrap-up with USFS including minutes and CD for USFS and FENW	10.0
campsite inventory data entry and create maps and tables electronically for USFS use, volunteer use, and reports to FENW's funders	10.0
contingency	2.0
Total estimated hours	60.0

Cyndi

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The above includes sending copies of forms to Jeff at Holy Cross RD (hiking patrol and campsite inventories), Brian at Eagle RD (weeds), and Cyndi Koop for hiking patrol data entry and so she can tally up volunteer hours for reports and John Taylor (weeds).

The above does not include hours to enter data from hiking patrol or noxious weed forms. I understand Cyndi Koop will enter data from hiking patrol forms and keep track of volunteer hours from noxious weed forms.

- will give to John T.

Estimated hours to complete the above tasks is 60 hours. The hours above are only an estimate and actual hours may vary by task. Rate of work is \$25 per hour. Total estimated cost of continuation of WV program coordination is \$1,500.

Total coordination salary is not to exceed \$1,500 without written consent from FENW.

The hourly rate of \$25 includes computer and software use, paper, ink, any travel, and long distance phone calls. The rate does not include postage.

AWLLC will provide weekly updates to Currie Craven.

This contract may be modified only in writing or by email with agreement by both parties. If new ideas come up after the contract is signed, they should be added by mutual agreement (via email acceptable).

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Summit

- John can deal w/ Maryanne for weeds & map preparation

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The work consists of:

Task (dates to be provided in a detailed project plan)	Time
meet/talk with Beth Boyst to finalize the 2007 WV program. Update 2006 project plan for use in 2007	1.0
Update recruitment materials and application form and obtain Beth's approval. Update FENW's website with the Eagle County dates and application form.	1.0
Recruit volunteers – applications due May 12 – via methods described in proposal	6.0
Meet with Jeff Thompson after he starts work May 14 to review training agenda and details of WV program, including scheduling and report submission. Complete 2007 project plan. Create a new manual scheduling system which may be posted on FENW's website (previous one did not work well in 2006).	7.0
Receive and review applications (due May 12) from returning and prospective WVs. Provide information to Jeff and Beth. Contact each volunteer to confirm commitment.	2.0
Update training materials and training day agenda.	6.0
Order training materials and handouts. Copies will be made at Copy Copy in either Frisco or Avon. Final collation of all handouts. Upload hiking patrol, campsite inventory forms, and contact information to FENW's website for WVs to download.	4.0
Teach Wilderness Volunteer training day. Instruction will be per agreement with Jeff and Beth.	10.0
Teach and mentor volunteers in the field in special topics such as campsite inventory, GPS, and/or visitor contact per agreement with Jeff and Beth.	11.0
Coordinate volunteers, answer questions, maintain the scheduling system, coordinate with Jeff Thompson	9.0
Total estimated hours	57.0
Other tasks typically provided but pending funding:	
Data entry and map creation for campsite inventories	TBD
Provide hiking patrol forms to Cyndi Koop for data entry and report creation or do the work if Cyndi is unavailable.	TBD
Coordinate/attend the volunteer party/feedback session and provide written minutes	TBD
Season wrap-up and prep for 2008 season with USFS	TBD

Who will be the contact w/ Beth leaving? How do we keep the momentum?

Wilderness Volunteer Recruitment and Training Materials

Quantities are based on Beth Boyst's estimate of 15 new volunteers and 15 returning volunteers. For contingency, material estimates include 5 additional new volunteers. The actual quantity ordered will be based on applications received by May 12.

Qty needed	Qty on hand (1)	Order qty	Item	Approx Cost* add'l materials
50	0	50	recruitment brochures and flyers	\$20.00
100	50	50	dog leashes to hand out (3 per volunteer or volunteer couple)	\$50.00
20	10	10	Vail/Frisco Trails Illustrated maps (5)	\$0.00
20	10	10	Holy Cross/Ruedi Trails Illustrated maps(5)	\$0.00
5	5	0	Eagle/Avon Trails Illustrated maps (5)	\$0.00
0	9	0	weatherproof pens	\$0.00
20	2	18	weatherproof notebooks	TBD
20	4	16	noxious weed books (6)	\$0.00
20	3	17	Rocky Mountain LNT skills booklets	\$60.00
175	25	150	LNT tags	\$40.00
20	10	0 (2)	folders for training manuals	\$5.00
20	4	16	sets of tabs for training manuals (was Cindy Ebbert's suggestion for 2006)	\$20.00
20	0	20	copies of training manual (3) (will vary depending on actual number of pages)	\$150.00
15	0	15	copies of training manual updates for returning volunteers (will vary depending on actual number of pages)	\$50.00
20	8	12	baseball caps (4)	\$150.00
			Estimated Total to be ordered	\$545.00

* Approximate cost may not include shipping and handling. When possible, materials will be ordered at bulk costs or through a store like Wilderness Sports where FENW can obtain a discount.

(1) **Note:** Cyndi Koop and I discussed inventory on hand and she told me what she needed and what I could use for Eagle County. Quantity on hand is the number that Cyndi said Eagle County WV program could use.

(2) **Note:** I purchased 12 folders last year and may still have 10 extra so the additional folders may not need to be purchased.

(3) **Note:** Cyndi Koop and Vince White-Petteruti have copies of the training manuals from 2005 and 2006 respectively.

(4) **Note:** Last year FENW purchased 60 baseball caps in a joint order with the USFS and received a good quantity discount. I'll check with Cam Meyer and Guff Van Vooren to see if a large order can be placed jointly for 2007 (if it's not too late).

FENW Board Meeting Minutes
June 21, 2007

Attendees

BD –Currie, Cyndi, George, and Vince
Others – Cindy Ebbert (USFS)

Meeting Minutes

- Minutes from the April 26 meeting were approved. (No meeting was held in May).

Treasurer's Report

- John Taylor has stepped down from the BD; George R. will be acting Treasurer for the foreseeable future.
- Cash on hand at June 13 totaled \$15,003.86; funding available after commitments for projects (e.g. noxious weeds, etc.), totaled \$4960.

Business Items

Status of State Trails Equipment Grant (George R.)

- Awaiting signed contract from State Trails (\$15,000).
- Per VOC information received from Cindy Ebbert, all tools except for McLeod rakes are available in the Denver area; tools will be obtained after funding approved.
- A couple of volunteers have been contacted to help build the tool shed in the USFS site in Dillon. Materials have been inventoried and the kit appears to be complete.
- Further work needed to design the tool management process. VOC form for signing out the tools may be used; next steps TBD.
- Estimated date to have the program up and running is mid-July.

Trails Projects – Status & Updates (Cindy Ebbert)

- Gateways project is scheduled for June 23; focus will be on trail clearance on North Willow Creek. Bob Winsett from The Summit Foundation (TSF) will be at the Dillon Ranger Station for photographs to be used in an upcoming TSF communication. (Update – Very successful day clearing downed trees; lots of volunteers & USFS participation.)
- Mesa Cortina turnpike project (August) with the Rocky Mountain Youth Corps will be deferred and replaced with a work day to remove downed trees in the Meadow Creek drainage or handle Mesa Cortina trail maintenance/erosion control.
- FENW could consider writing a grant to support the Mesa Cortina turnpike reconstruction – further discussion needed at next BD meeting.

Hunter Patrol (Cindy Ebbert)

- Proposed "Modification to Challenge Cost Share Agreement" presented that indicated a carryover of \$1661.69 from 2006 for funds not spent.
- FENW 2007 budget includes a commitment of \$2,900 for the Hunter Patrol, and USFS estimates expenses of \$3,500 (4 people/day for 8 days at \$110/day). Considering the carryover amount, the amount needed to fund the patrols would be \$1,838.
- Further discussion to finalize funding levels is required within the USFS; Cindy will advise.

Status of Eagle County Efforts (Currie)

- Wilderness Volunteer Program progressing – 20 volunteers are participating.
- Plans for the John Fielder event this summer have been cancelled; next steps TBD.
- Beth Boyst is leaving for a USFS job on the west coast; her replacement has not been identified. She has been a key to the start-up efforts and we need to ensure the coordination process with FENW/About Wilderness LLC (AWLLC) will continue. Currie suggested a meeting with the new District Ranger (Brian Lloyd) to ensure our momentum is maintained; timing TBD.
- BD discussed contract proposal from AWLLC for an additional 60 hours (\$1500) for the Eagle County Wilderness Volunteer Program. Cyndi K. suggested changes to specify roles for data collection and reporting – Cyndi will handle data collection and pass the data on noxious weeds to John T. and hiking patrols to George R. for necessary reporting. ***Board Motion: Approve AWLLC contract for 60 hours as specified on Contract Addendum provided by AWLLC, with changes suggested by Cyndi K.***

Noxious Weeds (All)

- John Taylor will continue leading efforts related to noxious weed treatment.
- The Maryland Creek commitment for \$750 to spray private land may not materialize as the current Maryland Creek contractor disputes claims of weeds on the private side. John will meet with Maryland Creek personnel to confirm whether weeds are present.
- John requests \$500 for weed treatment on Scotty Moser's property in Slate Creek. Mr. Moser has been a long-time supporter of Wilderness initiatives. ***Board Motion: Approve spending up to \$500 for spraying Mr. Moser's property line for noxious weeds.***

Grants from Towns – Status and Next Steps (George R.)

- No FENW Trail Crew Leaders signed up to participate in training programs and only one person attended Sawyer training. Because the towns provided funding for this type of training, it was agreed to advise the Towns either that their funding was not used and return the monies, or offer an alternative use for the funds (e.g. use the funding for support of tree clearing projects in the Wilderness).
- George R. will review the grant details for the Towns and The Summit Foundation and provide status, reporting requirements/timing, etc.

USFS Volunteer Agreement (Cindy Ebbert)

- This is a key procedure for anyone working in the wilderness and must be in place before any work begins to limit liability should an injury occur.
- FENW has blanket agreements for each volunteer at trail projects.
- Individual FENW members, however, should have an agreement with a specific job description to work by themselves or with the USFS. Further discussion/execution of individual agreements will be covered at next BD meeting.

Adopt-A-Trail Program (Cindy Ebbert)

BD reviewed proposed trail signage and offered suggested changes.

Website & Webmaster Responsibilities (George R.)

BD agreed to continue to rely on AWLLC to provide website support and will contract specific assignments, as needed. However, a longer term requirement is to identify a volunteer webmaster to maintain the website. Next steps TBD.

Fund-Raising/Possible Grant Requests (All)

- Currie will follow-up with Tom Jones, Sr. regarding next steps for the Patagonia/Wilderness Sports fund-raiser – Patagonia had agreed to provide \$750 in support.
- Season-ending feedback session with the Eagle County Wilderness Volunteers will focus on how to fund the ongoing program(s) in future years. Funding will be needed from Eagle County volunteers to ensure continued progress and success.
- Plans needed to prepare requests for TSF and the Towns which typically are due in August.

New Board Members (All)

- Board now consists for 5 members and there is an immediate need for new members.
- Vince WP agreed to survey FENW membership for interest in September. Also, all agreed to focus on new BD membership at the Annual Meeting.

Annual Meeting Timing (All)

Will defer the meeting to the fall – either September or October. Specific date will be determined at the next BD meeting.

Next Meeting

The next BD meeting will be on July 26 at 5:30 at the Dillon Ranger District office building.

FENW Board Meeting Minutes
April 26, 2007

Attendees

BD –Currie, Cyndi, George, and Kim

Others – Rick Newton (part of the meeting), Lisa Smith (Colorado Environmental Coalition) and Ken Waugh

Meeting Minutes

- Minutes from the March 22 meeting were approved with understanding the Wilderness Volunteers section would be revised (update – revision distributed 4/27).
- Minutes from the April 4 Grant Meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report

John is recovering from knee replacement surgery. His report, via e-mail, follows:

- "I need input from everyone of line item monies needed to run their programs. Please provide as much detail as possible. At this point round up to the nearest \$100. Examples- VWR- Summit, VWR- Eagle, Workday items like tail gate, advertising, web site maintenance, newsletters- how many, annual party. The main thing at this point is to get the words on paper and money if known, if not I will establish a number for openers."

Discussion with Lisa Smith

- Lisa represents the Colorado Environmental Coalition (CEC) which intends to work to introduce legislation in the US Congress to prioritize recognition of new wilderness areas.
- Scenario is to identify possible areas that involve waterways with uncomplicated water rights and favorable or neutral opinions from local ranchers, and then work with the Colorado congressional team to sponsor/introduce legislation.
- CEC is developing strategies for Eagle, Summit, Garfield, and Pitkin Counties.
- Timing is to have legislation developed by late summer and considered for introduction this fall.
- FENW participation is TBD at this time. Lisa will provide further details to Currie.

Old Business

Grant Updates: State Trails, NFF/SCP

- State Trails provided \$15,000 for purchase of tools and equipment (see details, below).
- NFF/SCP provided \$8,049 for treatment of noxious weeds, but did not approve any funding for the Wilderness Volunteer Program. (see details, below).
- The NFF has requested feedback from the non-profits who prepared grant applications; Vince is preparing a response letter – timing is mid-May.

Wilderness Stewards Programs: Summit/Eagle

Training session for Summit County scheduled for May 12 at Beaver Run; session for Eagle County is scheduled for June 2 at the Town Hall in Minturn.

Trail Projects

A third trail project has been added – Sept 15 on the Meadow Creek Trail; Vince and Jonathan Kriegel will coordinate further details with the USFS during the summer.

Noxious Weed Treatment

Another report from John via e-mail:

- “The weeds are under control. Before I went in I put out a letter to John Pickering and Wayne Nelson on the treatment areas. Got a response back from John that it looked good. I will follow up again. Maryann, had 140 hours of volunteer effort in the grant. A good portion of it was for pre treatment scouting which is not necessary as Wayne and I have determined. Wayne will also do the follow- up verification. I feel this project is under control.”

Travel Management/Roadless Areas

- Ken led general discussion regarding several trails and how USFS should address maintenance going forward.
- Also, discussed trail usage changes (additions/deletions of categories of user, e.g. hiking, horse), and certain possible decommissioning actions.
- Other trails will be discussed at upcoming BD meetings.

Fielder Benefit

- John F. has agreed to participate in a benefit; his preferred timing is June.
- Potential site is the local high school in Minturn.
- Lisa Smith offered to make a presentation at the benefit.
- Further details are TBD.

NFF Mid-Cap Grant

- Extended discussion regarding next steps. Agreed to pursue the grant with the assumption that the ideals discussed at the recent Strategy Meeting provided an adequate base to substantiate the rationale for the funding request (\$35,000 per year for two years).
- Grant applications must be at NFF office in Missoula, MT by May 18.
- George and Currie will discuss next steps with John by May 1.

Equipment Grant

- Next steps include the following:
 - Analyze grant request (\$25,000) versus awarded amount (\$15,000) to determine which tools and equipment to order.
 - Determine tool administration "best practices"
 - Prepare work plan for construction of tool storage shed at the USFS site in Dillon.
 - Identify volunteer staffing needs.
- George to meet with Ken/Cindy Ebbert to begin working on the program as soon as possible.

Website

- Agreed to extend timing expiration of Maryann's contract to update the website beyond Apr. 30.
- George agreed to provide grant details, but no funded amounts, to Maryann; Cyndi will provide information regarding the Trail Crew Leader training program.
- Agreed it is imperative to identify a webmaster; next steps TBD.

Newsletter

- Announcement Letter, a brief overview of projects requiring volunteers, will be distributed by Apr. 28.
- Next newsletter will be published by mid-May; George will coordinate.

New Business

Annual Meeting

George has reserved the Frisco Rec Center for May 24; all agreed this date needs to be moved into early June, with a target of the week of June 4.

Next Meeting

The next BD meeting will be on May 24 at 5:30 at the Dillon Ranger District office building.

FENW GRANT MEETING MINUTES

April 4, 2007

Attendees

BD: Currie, George, Kim, and Vince

Discussion Topics

The FENW Board met and discussed moving forward with our grant success from NFF and means to implement our goals to achieve Eagles Nest Wilderness and adjacent Wilderness protection efforts embarked upon last year. Funding was not what we expected, but we are committed to fulfilling our promise to our friend Beth.

John Taylor is volunteering to spearhead coordination of our weed program in Summit and Eagle County. We agreed to retain John Pickering. Through John's volunteer efforts, we actually hope to treat more acreage than originally proposed. Funds awarded for coordination will be used to meet expenses incurred.

The Board is requesting Maryann to submit a specific proposal to form the basis of an agreement between FENW and her to, as she put it in a recent email, "jump start" the WV program. In the absence of NFF grant monies, FENW will fund the Eagle County program. The proposed Fielder benefit will (hopefully) match the cash expended. Maryann's suggested \$2,270.00 is viewed as a ballpark figure, but again, the Board requests a specific proposal. CCSA recovery is anticipated. Some savings are proposed below. Please keep an open mind regarding these proposals. We do want this program to succeed, and ask all concerned to put their creative and frugal thinking caps on.

- The Board asks Beth for specifics regarding her expectations from this program, and her thoughts about implementing the program using limited funds.
- The Board requests feedback from Beth regarding her thoughts of scheduling Eagle training with Summit's on May 12. The two field days would still be scheduled in Eagle County.
- For this year (in hope of greater funding success in the future) the Board proposes forgoing electronic data entry for the basic and old fashioned (when we did social monitoring over ten years ago-pre computer era) forms. Cyndi Koop has volunteered to do the data entry work at the end of the field season.
- The proposal the Board is requesting from Maryann should detail the training and operational materials for review and possible downsizing to save money.
- Recruiting efforts should be detailed in Maryann's proposal, and will be funded. The Board expects fair compensation for Maryann will be included, and Board members may volunteer to assist with outreach.
- Wrap up funds for end of season party may be generated through the Fielder benefit, memberships, and donations solicited in Eagle County.

RE: contact information for Summit program, needs, and other details, Cyndi Koop is requested to provide her input.

Other matters discussed;

- FENW will submit the "Mid Cap" grant to NFF. Possibility of receiving \$70,000.00 (and an additional \$5,000.00 for various expenses) over two years for part time staff work. Due date, May 18. All will collaborate, Vince will spearhead.
- George will submit FENW projects schedule to: FDRD calendar, VOutdoors, Summit Seniors, *Summit Daily News*, and prepare PSA's.
- Kim will write an article about FENW summer projects for the *Summit Daily News*.
- George and Vince will complete the NFF Wilderness Stewardship grant final report.
- George will check the mailbox for hard copy confirmation of our successful State Trails grant for tools. Tool list must be adjusted for amount awarded. Ken Waugh will be consulted for storage options prior to tool purchase.
- Vince and George reported on a meeting with Guff and Ken to discuss suggestions to improve the NFF SCP grant process. Additional input from Beth and Rick Newton will be sought.

FENW Board Meeting Minutes
March 22, 2007

Attendees

BD –Currie, Cyndi, George, Kim, and Vince.
Others – Ken Waugh (USFS)

Meeting Minutes

- Minutes from February 22 meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report

No report.

Old Business

State Trails Grant Success

- Should receive formal notification from the State Trails folks the first week of April.
- Key next steps include:
 - Revise the grant proposal tooling & equipment "wish" list to reflect the reduced amount granted (\$15,000 vs. \$25,000 requested).
 - Place orders for the tooling.
 - Organize construction of the tool shed.
 - Develop tool management program.

NFF/Ski Areas Program

- Agreed to develop comments to NFF regarding the first grant cycle.
- Next cycle requires grant submissions in August; we should consider requesting a later submission date.
- Further steps are TBD.

Wilderness Volunteer (WV) Program

- Budget for the WV program includes grant funding from The Summit Foundation (\$3,050) and the Towns of Breckenridge, Frisco, and Silverthorne (\$600). Cyndi will develop an allocation of the funds for the components of the Program.
- Cyndi will handle Ranger Patrols and Campsite Surveys for Summit County only.
- Guff V. is preparing an article for the Summit Daily News announcing the 2007 program; the FENW website needs to be updated ASAP (see below).
- Training program will be May 12 at Beaver Run.
- Each BD member encouraged to provide 2 volunteers for the program.

Fielder and Eagle County

- John Fielder has agreed to participate in a fund-raiser in Eagle County.
- Currie will discuss w/John having information on the Holy Cross Wilderness in the presentation.
- Further steps are TBD pending NFF decision for our grant submission to fund efforts in Eagle County. (Update: NFF did not provide any funding for the WV program in Eagle County, but did provide funding for noxious weed treatment).

Collaboration – FENW/FDRD/USFS and Feedback from FDRD Annual Meeting

Vince agreed to host a joint event at his house on Apr. 27; Currie will provide information to FDRD at their next BD meeting (4/2).

New Business

New USFS Position

- Cindy Ebbert has been hired to fill the Wilderness Trails and Dispersed Recreation Manager position.
- There also will be one wilderness patrol person for the summer season who will focus solely on the patrols.

NFF SCP results, FDRD/FENW

- Results for funding specific to DRD have been announced and the FDRD received \$20,000 for their "on the ground" projects, but nothing for the WV Program.
- Results for funding specific to the WRNF (the FENW project) will be announced next week. Update: FENW received \$8,049 for noxious weed treatment in Eagles Nest and Holy Cross wilderness areas, but nothing for the Eagle County WV program.
- Funding for this grant cycle was cutoff on Feb 15; subsequent Ski Area dollars will be used in the August grant cycle.
- Further NFF focus is needed for education and monitoring efforts; it was agreed to strategize an approach with NFF and the ski areas. Next steps are TBD.

NFF Mid-Cap

- NFF/Ford Fund sponsoring capacity building for organizations 2-7 years old; will provide \$35,000 per year for 2 years.
- Currie and Vince will call Mary Mitsos at NFF to discuss FENW's participation, given our 12 year history. Update: call completed on 3/26; Currie/Vince will provide further details.

2007 Programs, hiring coordinator, weed contractors

Any decisions will be pending NFF decision (see above). Next steps are TBD.

Web Site Administration

- FENW website needs to be updated immediately. *Board Motion: Hire Maryann G. to update the website at a rate of \$25/hour.* Cyndi K. will provide specifics to BD members.
- Bill A. decision regarding taking over as webmaster is pending.

Newsletter

- George R. will provide listing of topics and writing assignments by Mar. 29.
- Articles will be provided to George by Apr. 5.
- Maryann G. may be utilized for layout; publish newsletter by Apr. 15.

Travel Management; Ken

General discussion regarding several trails and how USFS should address maintenance going forward; other trails will be discussed at upcoming BD meetings

Next Meeting

The next BD meeting will be on April 26 at 5:30 at the Dillon Ranger District office building.

FENW Board Meeting Minutes
February 22, 2007

Attendees

BD – Currie, Cyndi, George, John, and Vince.
Others – Ken Waugh (USFS)

Meeting Minutes

- Minutes from January 25 meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report

- Balance on hand at Feb. 25 totaled \$16,698.
- Balance Sheet at Feb. 24 totaled \$17,253 and reflected one outstanding liability (\$200).
- Another \$1700 in spending will be reporting per the CCSA agreement (will total \$5,000 for period through Apr 30, 2007).
- Inventory (\$610) will be used throughout Eagles Nest Wilderness (Summit/Eagle Counties).
- Next CCSA agreement is with Beth Boyst for review; next steps TBD.

Key Initiatives

Membership

- Per John T's records, now have over 150 members.
- In February, there were 20 renewals (\$1,310 in dues) and 7 new memberships (two from Eagle County; \$320 in dues). Each renewal/new membership is per person.

Fundraising

- A-Basin check is coming (about \$1,200).
- We are awaiting further information regarding the Wilderness Sports/Patagonia fundraiser.

Promotions (PR, Newsletter, Web, Web-hosting)

- *Newsletter* – will organize in March (George R.); need to finalize who will handle the layout to ensure this edition is of the same high quality as previous ones.
- *Thank-You Cards* – Currie C. will follow-up obtaining cards (e.g. from Thomas Mangelsen's gallery) to send to new/renewing members.

Wilderness Volunteer (WV) and Crew Leader Training Program

- Training program is planned either for May 5 or May 12.
- Currie C. confirmed that Beaver Run will host the session.
- Publicity will mention both FENW and FDRD as partners in the training; Guff V. (FDRD) will write the article(s).
- Joint reporting data, using a common format, will be maintained on the FDRD website, with appropriate links to the FENW website, as needed.
- FENW needs to identify volunteers for the training; each BD member should recruit two members to attend the session. Also, FENW will have a table at the upcoming FDRD Annual Meeting (Mar. 19) to assist in recruiting.
- FENW has funding available to this program through the recent TSF grant (\$3,050) and the grants from Breckenridge, Frisco, and Silverthorne (\$600). Cyndi K. was authorized to utilize Maryann Gaug at \$25/hr. Work in Summit County will be paid from the TST/Town grants; work in Eagle County will be paid from the NFF/Ski Area grant (if awarded).

Collaboration – FENW/FDRD/USFS

- DRD Plan Team (George, Vince, Ken, and Guff) continue to meet, as a follow-up to the Dec. 18 Communication Meeting; next meeting is March 13.
- Depending on overall grant funding for this cycle from State Trails, TSF, NFF/Ski Area Program, etc., the Team will begin strategizing for the next NFF/Ski Area cycle in August; next steps TBD.
- Vince W/P. will be asked to host a joint BD social at this house; next steps TBD.

Eagle County/Vail Valley Status

Key next step is the organization of the John Fielder Benefit. Benefit location is the local high school; further timing and participants are TBD at this time. Currie C. will continue to be the FENW BD leader for the event.

National Forest Foundation (NFF) Grant Requests

- NFF decisions expected next month; favorable decisions are expected.
- *Board Motion: Agreed to pay Maryann Gaug an additional \$100 for her work on the NFF/Ski Area grant requests.* Cyndi will buy a thank-you card and deliver the check to Maryann.
- Ken W. discussed a new program – “Kids in the Woods”, an education program about wilderness. Program funding will be similar to the CCSA arrangement. Timing is very constricted for any NFF request before the NFF/Ski Area Program August cycle; FENW may consider something at that time.

USFS

- DRD is close to a decision on hiring another staff member for the Wilderness Trails and Dispersed Recreation Manager position; person should be announced before the next FENW BD meeting. (Update: Cindy Ebbert was selected.)
- Ken W. will bring proposals for Travel Management Plan to the next BD meeting for discussion and determining next steps.

Trail Projects

No discussion

BD Strategy Meeting

Meeting will be at 9:00am on Friday, Feb 23 at Vince's house.

Next Meeting

The next BD meeting will be on March 22 at 5:30 at the Dillon Ranger District.

FENW Board Meeting Minutes
January 25, 2007

Attendees

BD – Bill, Currie, George, John, Kim and Vince.
Others – Ken Waugh (USFS) and Maryann Gaug

Meeting Minutes

- Minutes from November 30 meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report

- Balance on hand at Dec. 31 totaled \$13,400.
- Balance Sheet at Dec. 31 totaled \$15,519 and reflected no outstanding liabilities.
- Balance on hand at Jan. 25 totaled \$13,870 and Balance Sheet totaled \$15,789.

Key Initiatives

Membership

- At year-end, FENW had 132 members – 88 renewals and 44 new memberships.
- In January, there were seven renewals and five new memberships (two from Eagle County).

Wilderness Volunteer (WV) Training Program

- Training program is planned for May 12; meeting site is TBD.
- Training will be handled on a collaborative basis by the Training Team (Cyndi, Ken, with Guff/Lin from FDRD).
- Funding anticipated from a State Trails Grant; if grant is denied, agreed program will go forward with funding sources, such as FENW and FDRD, yet to be finalized.
- Key functions, such as data entry, will be combined for the overall WV program; final details need to be worked out.
- Data entry process will enable tracking of volunteer hours in many variations – total hours worked, hours worked by group (such as FENW), hours worked by trail, etc.
- Agreed program will not include Eagle County at this time; FENW NFF grant request will address the WV program for that District.
- FENW will provide supplies to the program, as needed (and available).

Collaboration – FENW/FDRD/USFS

- DRD Plan Team (George, Vince, Ken, and Guff VanVooren) continue to meet, as a follow-up to the Dec. 18 Communication Meeting; next meeting is Jan. 31.
- Grant requests from 10-12 non-profits are expected for projects that will affect the Dillon Ranger District; "rough" estimated value of the requests is \$350,000.
- Key issue – how will the National Forest Foundation (NFF) evaluate grant awards in February/March if the cash flow from the resorts has not generated adequate funding for the requested projects? Further feedback from the NFF is TBD.

Eagle County/Vail Valley Status

Key next step is the organization of the John Fielder Benefit. Timing and participants are TBD at this time; Currie will follow-up with John F. and will be the FENW BD leader for the event.

National Forest Foundation (NFF) Grant Request

- Extensive discussion regarding the grant application; all agreed conceptually with the two projects – the Wilderness Volunteer Program in the Eagle/Holy Cross Ranger District and a Noxious Weed Treatment Program in both the Dillon and Eagle Holy Cross Ranger Districts.
- Total value of the two proposed projects is \$34,058 as follows: \$11,719 requested from the NFF, \$3,539 already committed to FENW (e.g. the \$2,000 weed treatment grant from the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation), \$16,650 in volunteer hours, and a USFS in-kind contribution of \$2,150. *Board Motion – It was agreed to submit a grant request to the NFF for the two projects mentioned, with Maryann to incorporate changes suggested by the BD.*
- Maryann will finalize the grant and distribute drafts to the BD on Jan 29. Update – The grant proposal package was mailed to the NFF on Jan. 31.

Trail Projects

- Several phases are planned in 2007, as follows:
 - Gateways (similar scope to previous years).
 - Potential projects identified at the October BD meeting by Cindy Ebbert – Buffalo Cabin Trail Drainage, Mesa Cortina Turnpike (assist RMYC team), Meadow Creek Trail Re-Route (assist RMYC team), Meadow Creek Trail Drainage, and Maryland Creek New Trail Construction/Road Rehab.
 - Participation (possible) with RMYC Projects included in their grant request to the NFF (up to three crews for eight weeks each in Dillon/HC Ranger Districts).
 - Possible participation in VOC project at Mahan Lake (State Trails Grant request).
 - Other miscellaneous projects, e.g. signs, trail clearing, brushing, etc.
- In October, the BD agreed conceptually to a target of four trail projects plus gateways in 2007; further details/plans need to be developed at the upcoming strategy meeting.
- Vince agreed to be the BD leader for trail projects.

BD Strategy Meeting

Meeting will be at 9:00am on Friday, Feb 23 at Vince's house.

Newsletter/Website Administration

- Newsletter – George agreed to organize preparation of the articles and handle mailings based on the FENW mailing list that John maintains; Bill volunteered to handle graphics and layout.
- Website – Bill volunteered to be the Webmaster.

Meetings in 2007

- It was agreed to continue meeting on the 4th Thursday of each month, but to change the meeting time to 5:30 and to meet at the Dillon Ranger District Office. Ken has arranged the meeting room schedule.
- The next BD meeting will be on Feb. 22, with the intent to have a short meeting given the Strategy Meeting planned for Feb. 23.

FENW Board Meeting Minutes
January 3, 2007

Attendees

BD – Bill, Currie, George, John, Kim and Vince.

Others –Beth Boyst and Ken Waugh – (USFS); Maryann Gaug

Meeting Minutes

- Minutes from November 30 meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report

- Balance on hand at Dec. 30 totaled \$13,563 and includes receipts of \$4273 from the John Fielder benefit (costs for the Fielder event were approximately \$550).
- Balance Sheet at the end of December indicates a net worth of \$14,443; there are several unpaid items (est. \$500) yet to be recorded.
- Grants awarded to date include The Summit Foundation (\$3050), Town of Breckenridge (\$200) and the Town of Silverthorne (\$200). Grant monies will be received in 2007 and are not reflected in the Balance Sheet for year-end 2006.

Key Initiatives

Membership Drive

- Dues received for 19 new members since November 1.
- Membership roll is now over 90 people, up from 54 members at the first of the year.

FENW Nominated for Regional Forester's Honor Award

- Beth B. provided details for FENW nomination for a Recreation Partner Award for our work in the White River National Forest. Timing for decision regarding the nomination is TBD.

Coordinated Training Program with FDRD/USFS

- Cyndi K. is representing FENW in reviewing/refining existing FENW and FDRD training materials with FDRD and USFS.
- First team meeting was held in mid-December and the team is optimistic that the two training programs can be combined into one without eliminating any wilderness-specific training focus.
- Team also is developing a common reporting process for the wilderness volunteers to use.
- Next team meeting is Jan 22; team plans twice-monthly meetings for the foreseeable future.
- Process for providing training to Eagle County/Holy Cross RD was discussed extensively; further review is needed to determine how best to proceed (see Eagle County/Vail Valley Status, below).

2007 Forest Plan – NFF/Ski Area Contribution Program

- Feedback from the Rocky Mountain Youth Corps indicates the group is planning for 10 weeks of work in the DRD this summer. Plan is to work on ten, one-week trail maintenance projects, seven of which are for trails in wilderness areas.

Eagle County/Vail Valley Status

- Lengthy discussion regarding FENW role in Eagle County. Various strategic options and pros and cons relative to FENW roles were discussed, as was the background for the BD Strategy Plan earlier in 2006 to pursue expansion into Eagle County.
- At the conclusion of the discussion the following BD motions were agreed:
 - *Maryann and Currie will coordinate with Beth B. the establishment of a list of Eagle County individuals who agree to organize an Eagle County event with John Fielder. The team will report back on January 25 for further consideration and action.*
 - *Maryann will develop a NFF grant proposal at a cost not to exceed \$200. The proposal will include NFF funding to build Wilderness Volunteers in Eagle County, include a component to fund weed control, and support trail projects by the Rocky Mountain Youth Corps. The proposal will provide a break-down of categories for administration, materials, and other expenditures.*

Next Meeting

Next meeting will be January 25 at the Senior Community Center in Frisco from 6-9 in the Hoosier Room.