**Aldo’s Steering Committee Meeting Notes for June 7, 2021**

Joanie, Denise, Carol & Marcia met outdoors at Javalinas, after more than a year since we met at that location!

Riparian - Grazing Team Update: Denise summarized our recent monitoring, including last week’s trip down the hot springs trail and along the San Fran River to the confluence with Big Dry Canyon. (No recent cattle sign, but lots of ATV tracks after the holiday weekend!) We also observed some invasive tree species. The monitoring app now has a place to add these additional riparian impacts. The evening before our monitoring we stayed in Glenwood for an early start in the morning. Thanks, Marty for setting this up for us – we thoroughly enjoyed it. We still definitely plan on monitoring in Saliz Canyon when the weather is appropriate (no rain) – third try may be a charm. Denise (and Marcia) met with Edgar today to practice with the radio and go over some questions we have regarding the app. Denise now has the updated monitoring app and detailed maps on her phone. Marcia mentioned that she activated her Garmin InReach (need to practice texting etc. with it still) and will bring it on monitoring hikes and other Aldo’s activities.

Fall Retreat -

Save the date draft email for Sept. 20 & 21: Carol and Mary Lynne’s comments are incorporated and Joanie offered to send the “mark your calendars’ email to the listserv.

When send more detailed email, including “registration”/ contact info? Carol will handle this in late July. Carol and Steph will draft the more detailed email. Thank you, Carol and Steph.

When arrange for service project and potential speaker? We thought July (prior to detailed retreat email) would be good timing for at least making the initial contact for a service project. Steph had offered to make this contact – thanks, Steph.

Rio Grande Broadband (Linda S.) suggestion to meet with Governor re gas & oil (fed. land) issue: Joanie summarized this issue (NM Governor request that the temporary ban on drilling on federal lands -within NM - be discontinued). We decided that it would take more time than any of us individually had right now to garner all the info we would need to meet with the Governor. We will keep this on our plate for now, and Joanie will talk more with Linda about this issue. (Thanks, Joanie.) We also discussed the possibility of partnering with another group if someone else is working with this.

Gila Forest Revision Plan Conference Call Follow-up: Based on a follow-up report from Donna, the GNF Final Plan and FEIS release date is being pushed back to (as of late May) the fall. Also, the GNF herbicide plan will be separated from the forest plan and a separate herbicide FEIS & Record of Decision released after the final forest plan and FEIS have been released.

Border Wall News: Mary Lynne (and perhaps more of us) plans on watching the GOB Border Wall presentation (June 22). Mary Lynne will be back in contact with Kim this month to get the latest info on the potential Chiricahua Days event this year. Marcia is joining in on some of the border wall coalition calls but missed the most recent one. Joanie gets their emails.

Aldo’s Email or Facebook Linked to GOB Membership Drive (This refers to GOB’s June membership promotion.) Decided this is more focused on individual members reaching out to their acquaintances and wouldn’t work so well for the listserv.

Brief comments or news? Marcia mentioned that the NM “green amendment” planning efforts have resumed, in order to tweak / strategize prior to next legislative session. Marcia and Joanie will forward these emails to Carol so she can keep up to date with those efforts. / There is a new GOB member in Mesilla and Marcia sent Michele a welcome card. (M or J – ask Sally if she is on our listserv. Also ask Sally if GOB mailing address is updated on website, etc.)