**Aldo’s Steering Committee Nov. 2021 Notes**

(Joanie, Denise, Steph, Marcia via Zoom)

Update Re Getting Together with Las Cruces Members – All three Las Cruces members contacted were enthusiastic regarding meeting for an outdoor activity near Las Cruces this winter or spring. One (Julie) is currently out of town and will return at some point in January. So we decided that, instead of trying to go in early December and then again in late winter – we will aim for February. Joanie, Marcia, Steph, and Denise are interested in doing this, and we will check with other members of the steering committee. Marcia will let the Las Cruces members know we will aim for February. Aim for a hike etc. that works for everybody.

Riparian - Grazing Monitoring Team brief update: Denise reported that she and Marty hiked with a new potential team member (Anna – a good hiker) through part of Black Creek Canyon while monitoring. Anna will become a GOB member. They also walked with Cathy (new GOB member) who may join in monitoring in the future. Marcia mentioned we could invite Cathy to hike with us near Las Cruces if she is interested.

FYI Covid Vaccines Now Required for GOB Gatherings - Marcia has the new forms printed and will bring them whenever we meet in person. Vaccinations are now required for all GOB events / get togethers, not just for overnight events.

Brief Update on Mexican Grey Wolf 10J Management Rule & Possible Local Presentation – In Sept. at the rendezvous, Roz Switzer offered to give us (Aldo’s bb) a presentation on the recent 10J rule and comment writing workshop to coincide with the 90- day comment period ending on Jan. 27th. She recently suggested that Michael Robinson (CBD) might do that instead since he lives in the area. We discussed and decided we would be interested in pursuing that if via Zoom or similar. Marcia will email Michael R. and Roz to discuss this possibility. If it is a go, we would ask if the 2- week period just after Thanksgiving would work. Joanie suggested we also look into opening this to more than just Aldo’s listserv, if it is a go.

Green Amendment Sign-on Letter to Governor – Linda Starr let us know that the NM Green Amendment committee will be sending a letter to the Governor to demonstrate the amount of support throughout the state. We briefly discussed and Aldo’s Broadband will also sign-on. (Marcia will sign for Aldo’s co-leaders.)

Briefly discuss potential winter brunch (or substitute field trip depending on covid)? Not looking good for an inside winter brunch at this point obviously, but can verify in Dec.

Select Aldo’s postcard image from “finalists” – Since we didn’t meet in person, we’ll pass along the printed “finalist” images to each other (porch drops?) to “rank” your favorite top three (# 1 - #3, and initial) – then pass along to someone else on the steering committee.

Brief comments or news

## Alerted GOB via Sally to Sign-on to Forest Carbon Conservation Letter in Advance of Glasgow COP (sign-on letter to the White House, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and Department of Interior asking that administrative action be taken to conserve older forests on federal lands as a critical climate solution.) Aldo’s Broadband also signed on.

## Joined the listserv focusing on NM & AZ livestock grazing issues – As follow-up to the discussion last month, Marcia did join this listserv “curated” by the Director of the AZ & NM Western Watersheds Project. So far this new listserv has not had much on it, but Marcia will report relevant info when it occurs.

## FYI Nov. 16 at 5 pm - Green Amendment update including upcoming legislation session & actions for individuals & orgs

## FYI Broadbands article – Aldo’s BB cattle grazing- riparian monitoring is highlighted in a recent Broadbands article, along with San Juan Broadband. Check it out! (Maybe we can ask for a few extra copies, in addition to what GOB normally sends us.) In addition, GOB (including Mary O’Brien and Lisa Pool) may be starting a GOB grazing coalition group to share info, new learnings, etc.

## Thanks.

## (Marcia)