**Aldo’s Steering Committee Meeting Notes for Sept. 13, 2021**

Fall Retreat -

Update: Carol informed us that as of this date, there are 12 participants (Including Carol with UGWA) camping on Monday evening, and 11 for Tuesday. (Rosemary subsequently let us know she does not think she will be back from CO in time to participate.) Carol will send out an email to just the participants later this week, with reminders, some more info re the service project, letting folks know they can sign the liability – Covid form on-line if they wish, bring readings if they like, etc.

Service Project: Steph reported that we will be working with Lone Mountain Native plants in the area of Gila Cliff Dwelling. Steph will get with Trish for more details and what tools participants should bring.

Who brings what specifically: We took individual notes on what we are each bringing for the group such as coffee, firewood, small tables etc.

Safety (first aid kit / Covid - liability form/ communications?) Marcia and Steph will bring their first aid / emergency kits. Participants can request the link for the combined Covid – liability form if they want to fill it out ahead of time. (Joanie and Marcia have the link.) Marcia will bring hard copies and collect them. (Also, we can verify whether or not cell phones work outside Doc Campbells, and when.)

Anything else as of now?

Advocacy writing topics, etc.? We came up with a good list. Carol and Joanie are working on this, and Joanie will bring the post cards.

Guest speaker follow-up? Joanie will ask Carol if she has any food allergies or similar.

Briefly discussion who does what? Marty and Marcia select & lead opt. hikes / walks; Joanie will welcome folks & go over some agenda - logistics at 3 pm Monday and Steph will outline the service project.

Riparian - Grazing Monitoring Team brief update: Marty summarized our recent trip and mentioned that we will be meeting with Carolyn (GNF) to discuss topics such as the recent lawsuit settlement and how it might (or not) affect our monitoring. We plan on meeting with Edgar later this month to have the Avenza maps updated on our phones. Marcia mentioned that an upcoming Broadsides newsletter will include our monitoring efforts and evolution of this process while working with GNF, along with similar efforts for a CO Broadband. Steph had questions about our monitoring in conjunction with the forest service. Marty will bring some of these questions up during our meeting with GNF staff person tomorrow. (We can have a follow-up discussion regarding this, or related topics at one of our upcoming meetings.)

30x 30 Update Local Coalition – Quick update re their meeting with GNF: Marcia summarized this meeting based on their notes. (The revised GNF Plan to be released in 2022 will include 30 x 30 goals if guidance (from Washington office?) is received before the plan is released.)

Aldo’s BB brochure is printed! – Joanie brought the new brochures and they look good. Several of us took brochures to distribute in places such as the library and coffee houses, as a starting point.

Brief comments or news?

Briefly summarize GRIP (etc.) zoom issue update from Aug. 23 (Marcia)

Pass around article on fed grazing lawsuit agreement for those who have not read it, and “Recreationists win in latest battle for NM stream access” article.

Aldo’s sponsored Chiricahua Heritage Days but did not have a booth this year.