**Aldo’s Broadband Steering Committee Meeting Monday Dec. 11, 2023 Agenda**

City of Rocks State Park, NM

Attendees Charmeine, Diane, Marcia, Carol, Denise and from Las Cruces – Lauri and Lisa

January 20 Annual Brunch - Joanie’s house at 10:00 am (need to confirm time with Joanie)

Back-up Date – January 27

Speaker – Luke Koenig – Denise will email and confirm his attendance, short talk

Discuss Topics and / Ideas

Possible topics include the Wild & Scenic designation, the upcoming legislative session, the Gila Centennial celebrations, the retreat. Las Cruces folks may have news they can share. Review and tweak Brunch 2023 agenda for Jan. 2024 soon and share draft agenda at Jan. steering committee meeting.

Send out a “Save the Date” on January 2nd

Aldo’s BB Borderlands Committee

Follow-up on recent Zoom meeting with Myles T. - checking two border wall wildlife gates

Lauri is interested in participating with the trip to the gates.

Next steps regarding this monitoring trip – Sally is unable to go. Need to coordinate on dates in January and sometime in the summer months.

Mention google maps for navigation to precise spots – Lauri has 5G satellite navigation system in her car. Also, Garmin InReach will show a map to specific lat/long points.

(FYI Sent Starr’s draft letter to Heinrich, Lujan, Vasquez re H. R. 4367 funding for DHS, specifically border wall. So far, have received general response)

(FYI: Borderlands Biodiversity Broadwalk April 2024 registration is currently open for southwest members)

Gila Wilderness Centennial & Our Annual Retreat – Next steps planning

Review proposed dates and back-up dates – Proposed dates Sept 16-18, 17-19, Oct 2-4

Email for reservations at Gila Hot Springs Ranch in early January – Denise will do this

Schedule another Zoom (Jan. or Feb.) with Rio Grande Valley Co-leaders (and anyone else interested) re planning and let them know date of reservations.

Riparian - Grazing Monitoring Team brief update –

Two trips in Nov. – Denise briefly went over the monitoring trips in November to Cosmic Campground and the Gila Bird Conservation Area. In December, we need to go back to the Gila Bird Conservation Area and we could possibly do another trip where we don’t have to wade through water.

Brief mention of H.R. 6314 Voluntary Grazing Permit Retirement Act mentioned during GOB grazing Zoom meeting

Lisa requested to be put on the mailing list for monitoring trips so that she can look at participating.

Interest in get together later this winter?

We talked about possibly meeting at Faywood Hot Springs for a communal soak in the next couple months. Marcia found out that Faywood also has a meeting room that can be rented with a wood stove, a possibility for inclement weather.

Carol has also offered her house as an alternate meeting place/potluck.