**Aldo’s Broadband Steering Committee Meeting July 10, 2023 (1:30 pm) Agenda**

Attendees: Denise, Marcia, Charmeine, Marty, Joanie, Carol with Guests Donna Stevens and Scott Zager from Upper Gila Watershed Alliance (UGWA)

Short presentation by Donna Stevens on UGWA’s citizen science project in conjunction with GNF.

Donna described the survey project to us and Scott Zager went over the app and how to use it. You can record a lot of details in the app survey report, including the location of the concern and photos. The program includes mapping. Can report online or use a paper survey. UGWA will share the reports with the FS on a regular basis. Suggested things to report – atv tracks, cows/tracks, closed roads being used by vehicles, nonnative vegetation, as well as positive things like a closed road not being used etc. UGWA can download the app on our phones or to a tablet.

Retreat 2023

Venue and schedule – Gila Hot Springs Ranch Red Barn

Reservations need to be made, Carol said that Stephanie is planning to make the reservations (f/u Denise made the reservations on Thur the 13th for September 18, 19, leaving on the 20th.

Who sends save the date email to listserv mid- month – sent by Marcia after the reservations were made

Conservation Voters Upcoming Mtg. – Marcia plans to attend and will wear a GOB tshirt or something that id’s her as GOBW. We checked with Sally and she said it was ok to go, and that we could contribute individually or as a group.

Protecting Mature & Old Growth Forests – Advocacy Re Forest Service Advance Notice of Rulemaking. (Comments due July 20). Our national office will be providing comments. We will encourage individual comments to those on our listserv.

Aldo’s BB Borderlands Committee status update

Starr is stepping down, so the meetings may need to happen on an ad hoc basis when an issue comes up. Starr was looking into the NEPA waivers being rescinded, so Sally is going to check in with her to see if she has any updates.

Aldo’s Broadband “business” / contact cards -Denise handed out 50 cards to those steering committee members who attended the meeting. Denise apologized for the cards lacking our local broadband info and our mission statement on the back. There’s plenty of room to write those things on the cards though.

It was hot where we were meeting (over 90) and Donna and Scott’s presentation took a while at the beginning of our meeting, so we decided to end the meeting at 3:00 rather than finish the agenda items.

Riparian - Grazing Monitoring Team brief update: saved until August Meeting

Gila Wilderness Centennial update – Rio Grande Valley Broadband interested in joining us with this.

When should we pursue brainstorming/ planning steps regarding our involvement - saved until August Meeting