**Aldo’s Broadband Steering Committee Meeting Tuesday Oct. 9, 2023 Agenda**

**(1:30 pm at Javalina)**

Attendees – Marcia Stout, Denise Smith, Joanie Connors and Charmeine Wait

**Retreat 2023 –**

**Feedback Etc. for Next Year?**

Location was good

Possibly early Oct for next year

Add evening events? Star gazing, story sharing or readings, poems

Campfire host – someone to light it and make sure it is out

**How to stay in contact with new folks** – Marcia sent photos, could meet Las Cruces folks in the Floridas/Rock Hound Park/hikes in winter in LC

Have a steering committee meeting in LC and then hike. There is a nice slot canyon N of LC. Fort Seldon could be a meeting place.

**Jan/Feb Brunch** – need to send notice soon

**$30 donation from retreat** – Use for printing of new postcards with new logo, print new business cards with all the info on them.

**Go over sign-up sheets result for non-steering com attendees**:

Folks that signed up about interest in Borderlands Advocacy Team – Denise Jones, Joanie and Doc Campbell

Grazing Monitoring Committee – Diane Smith expressed interest.

**Aldo’s BB Borderlands Committee**

**Sky Island Alliance offered to do a Zoom presentation on their Borderlands Wildlife Study**, **or recent issue (wall construction in TX)** **are committee potential fall meeting topics**

Marcia will contact Emily w/SIA and see if its new or same as before.

**Note: Borderlands Biodiversity Broadwalk April 2024**. Roz from AZ BB sent notice.

Send “save the date” to listserv – Marcia said she would do it

Marcia plans on going to the Broadwalk

**Biden’s wall?** Should we send a letter or is National Office going to do it. Marcia asked Sally but hasn’t heard back.

**Gila Wilderness Centennial** – discuss potential options

BroadWork – a place to stay for an unknown number of people is a problem. Can’t rely on a dispersed campground site being open. We could ask FS Carolyn for ideas. Also, it would be a lot of work, especially as we already know we will have a retreat.

NOTE: We have 3 possible events to table in 2024 - Earth Day/ CDT Days in April assuming they have that; Gila Centennial in early June; and Gila Centennial during 4th of July.

Any other ideas besides BroadWork?

Wilderness themed Retreat as a combo of our Wilderness Centennial Celebration and our annual retreat.

Could liaison with other events – film festival, Gila River Festival, sponsor the GRF with a large $$ donation

Reminder that Rio Grande Valley Broadband had expressed interest in joining us with planning or implementing – reach out to Rio Grande BB next week.

If we do a combo Retreat/Centennial Celebration, we should send the “Save the Date” notice out a lot earlier next year.

**Riparian - Grazing Monitoring Team brief update** –

We are going to the SF Hotsprings area on Thurs.

Have tentative plans to camp out/overnight in the Reserve area the 30/31st.

**FYI New member**

Debra Whittemore – we can invite her to the November mtg

Denise will email her at [dwhitte@aol.com](mailto:dwhitte@aol.com)

**New Topic** – Joanie is wondering if we can do a donation drive to raise money for NM’s state wildlife crossings that are in the Plan.

First thing we thought of was our State’s anti-donation law.

We need to talk to Sky Island about Stein’s overpass and how they were able to raise money to get it built.