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

Zoom meeting because of weather. Attendees included Marcia, Denise, Joanie, Charmeine, Mary Lynne and Sally Sharp.

January 20 Annual Brunch – with January 27th as the backup date

Speaker – Luke Koenig NM Wild – Denise will contact him and let him know that the starting time is 10:30 rather than 10:00.

Set up and take down help – Denise and Marcia will come at 10:00 to help set up. Charmeine and Mary Lynne will help clean up.

Discuss draft agenda, who does what etc. – The draft agenda covers the approximate times to first mingle, then eat and then do presentations/talks. Marcia will do the introduction about Aldo’s and what to expect in our presentation, Denise will introduce Luke.

Charmeine will bring cream and sugar

Marcia will bring mimosa ingredients

Denise will bring something gluten free

Marcia and Joanie can talk about the Borderlands Committee work

Charmeine can give an overview of the Grazing Monitoring Committee work and talk about the FotoFauna project.

Marcia and Denise will meet to make sure we have all the details figured out

Update from Sally – The National Office will be sending a YooHoo with stories about the BB’s, advocacy, equity and diversity and upcoming webinars.

- Broadband Leaders List – will be adding leadership team members to the list to make sure everyone stays informed. Charmeine will be added to the list.

- WALTS – will take place in Santa Fe again this year. Charmeine may apply to go. Sally clarified that you aren’t committing to a Broadband Leadership position in order to go to the training.

Aldo’s BB Borderlands Committee

- Brief summary Follow-up on checking two border wall wildlife gates – a group is planning to go check the wildlife gates on Jan 29th, with a back up date of Feb 1st.

- Marcia will draft and then send questions to Myles this week to clarify who we should notify, if there is cellphone service in the area, etc.

Gila Wilderness Centennial & Our Annual Retreat –

- Finalize dates of Mon September 16- 18 for our retreat this year.

- Denise will contact Rio Grande Valley Co-leaders with proposed dates and then request reservations at the Gila Hot Springs Ranch)

- Marcia and Denise plan to go up the day before to get organized and set up. Will need to reserve one of the Red Barn apartments for Sunday night for a couple of people.

- We can schedule another Zoom with Rio Grande Valley Co-leaders (and anyone else interested) re next step planning, likely in March. Charmeine would like to participate in the Zoom meeting.

- We will provide an update to folks attending the Jan 20th brunch

Update - Arizona Air Force SUA optimization Draft EIS - Air Force is consulting with agencies on the draft EIS, and a draft for public review/ comment in early spring is expected. GRIP says “We will be preparing DEIS comments for sign on. Let me know if you'd like to help out with those comments. We would also like to work with you on organizing our collective memberships so that we pack the rooms at public meetings.”

- We can plan to sign onto the comments.

- We will mention this at the Brunch and let folks know they can help GRIP with the comments if they want to.

FYI Upcoming GOBW Action Alert/ webinar re [Notice of Intent](about:blank) to amend the management plans for all units of the National Forest System to include consistent direction to conserve old-growth forest. The National Office will support Broadbands that engage scoping/ commenting. Relative to this, GOB recently sent a survey asking broadbands which natl. forests are most important to them. We decided to enter primarily GNF, and peripherally Apache Sitgreaves and Coronado NF.

Become Informed (at some point) Re New National Monument Proposal – Mimbres Peak NM – keep our eyes open for any new information and talk more about it at our Feb meeting.

Riparian - Grazing Monitoring Team brief update – the monitoring team talked about the recent trip to Vigil Springs where the cattle sign was overwhelming and fresh, along with salt blocks next to the spring fed pond. FS responded by taking out the salt blocks and explaining to the new permittee about why the area is exclosed to cattle grazing and how the water lane provides water access for cows.