**Aldo’s Broadband Steering Committee Meeting June 12, 2024 Agenda**

Gila Centennial Day Tabling – we had a nice, shady place for our table under the big Sycamore tree. We had 7 folks sign up for the listserve, 2 of which were with the table next door representing repiles and herps. They are interested in our grazing monitoring and will be invited to go on a monitoring trip in the future. We also made contact with Wild Earth Guardians who sent us a copy of the GNF allotment map they had on display. We also have a new member (Donna Gianoulis) who stopped by our table and chatted with Diane during this event and became a member right afterward. We will send her a personalized email welcome this month, plus could invite her to our next meeting or coffee as we often do with new members. Denise already submitted the new names/addresses to the National office for inclusion on our listserve.

Our Retreat aka NM Broadwalk & Gila Wilderness Centennial - Sept 16-18, 2024

Next step figuring out registration cost & working with Sally on registration process- Discuss what needs to be done prior to July registration – Marcia will set up a zoom for next week with Sally, Marcia, Denise and Carol to talk about what the National Office needs from us to set up the registration site for the event.

Review carrying capacity and counting those attendees with responsibilities (and Sara etc.?) – Marcia handed out a tally of the costs for several scenarios of occupancy (attached). The carrying capacity for all of the spaces that we have rented is max 28. We already have 10 people, including Denise, Marcia, Joanie, Carol, Marty, Sara and a Board Member, Carolyn, Susan, Mary

Finalize or discuss cost estimates so far, for registration – Carol suggested that we charge an overall $90 incl. tax for 2 nights in the Red Barn, regardless of capacity, to make it simpler. The rest of the committee agreed.

We need to clarify whether the National Office will pick up the costs for Sara and the possible Board Member, if not, maybe we can cover them? We can also offer to cover Carolyn’s costs.

Rio Grande Broad Band provided a cost estimate for possible food choices, with the estimate broken out into individual servings. Carol and Joanie will review the choices and provide recommendations. Denise and Marcia will Zoom with them once we have some choices made to talk about logistics and costs for registration.

Denise will ask Carolyn if she could bring a number of posters for folks to take home, and if she could bring a large map of the Wilderness Areas to have on display. We would want it to be laminated if possible.

Joanie will look into getting a poster framed for a gift to Sara.

While talking about a possible gift for Carolyn, Carol said that she has purchased some nice leather coasters with a Centennial stamp on them from someone in the Art Guild (in Hester House) for just $8.00. Carol will check to see if the artist has made any more.

Also we could give Carolyn one of our “free” memberships we have available.

Denise will ask Becky/Ysabel if the locked chest freezer under the pavilion is for rent.

Review time table/ task grid and our individual calendars – did a cursory review of the time table/task grid and we are on track with tasks (attached).

Discuss activity list so we can draft an initial agenda soon – asked Carol and Joanie to review the list that Marcia put together and provide input next week on those listed and any additional ideas they have.

- we may want to give Sara 10 minutes or so on Monday afternoon to introduce herself and talk about the National Office

- we talked about listing a time for a group photo on the agenda

- may want to save Tues Happy Hour for an informal get together

- we can ask Sara if she wants to do a short broadwalk conclusion/ closing message on Wednesday am before departing

Next steps/ Do we need additional help for the retreat/ broadwalk? If so, in what specific areas? – Not discussed at the meeting, but will likely evolve as the agenda evolves.

Riparian - Grazing Monitoring Team brief update – provided a very brief update on the latest monitoring trips.

GNF Plan and Final EIS – Marcia shared an email she got saying that the Final EIS should be out sometime this summer. There will be a formal objection period. We will want to review it and see if it addresses our concerns.