**Great Old Broads meeting with USFS-Ouray District March 12, 2020**

Present: Julie Jackson, Krisann Wist, Robyn Cascade, Carol Keeney, Melanie Rees

**Introductions:** Julie with BLM as rec planner for 17+ years.

other staff:

* Sean Brown and Brynn = Range Conservation
* Brittany Duffy = Lands person responsible for ROW, acquisitions, powerlines, mines, etc
* Dana back from maternity leave after Memorial Day

**Revisions to agenda?**

**Solitude Monitoring**

1. Review of 2019 data;
	* 1. accuracy & efficacy good
		2. any missing data? may need more data for Blue Lakes, perhaps times of year. Krisann will follow up with Jennifer Stegner (Paonia District) who wrote the Wildernss Baseline Report
		3. Are you interested in outfitter guide names or just numbers? Yes
2. Any revisions to our recording form needed?
3. 2020 season:
	* 1. continue with same trails?
		2. trails on which to focus more or less, Blue Lakes
		3. what else?
4. How best to submit 2020 data and by what date USFS needs volunteer hours by end of August (# people; total # hours) submit Solitude data via paper packet by mid October
5. Signing of volunteer agreement in addition to our group agreement, individuals who accompany surveyors should sign a form as an individual. If need medical attention, go to emergency room at Montrose Memorial hospital (not clinic or primary care; nightmare for workers comp)

**GMUG Forest Plan revision**

1. updates on Community Conservation Proposal (Hayden, Bear Creek/BH sheep)
2. timeline for release of DEIS
3. other? Will Wilderness Baseline report impact forest plan?? Jennifer Stegner?

**Ouray District projects for 2020?**

1. Vegetation treatment Baldy Mtn area?
2. other – motorized, mechanized, non-motorized Colorado Mtn Club hires summer wilderness ranger and winter snow rangers
3. Tell Roz McClellan that USFS needs grant $ for non-motorized trails; Julie seeking $; what about WOLFF?
4. Send no Drone poster/sign to Kris and Julie DONE!

**COPMOBA/RAT non-motorized trail planning**

1. possibility of convening a collaborative trails alliance in conjunction with this planning grant Great idea, but USFS cannot be the convener due to FACA regulations which does not permit Federal agencies to host an alliance or set goals or help prioritize. Though they can be present at meeting. So the trails alliance must present their proposal to a cooperating agency (likely County or municipality) who can then present it to the USFS.
2. USFS perspective/involvement both Julie and Greg Larson (BLM UFO manager) told RAT/COPMOBA prior to signing letters of support that stakeholder group must include other users – not just mtn bikers. Did have a face to face meeting.
3. Broads perspective/involvement
4. Julie says Amy Sharp with Sparrow Trails (chosen by COPMOBA to lead trails planning) is unbiased (formerly with BLM; now planner with City of Montrose) Her husband is a USFS biologist.

**USFS Region 2 Trails Stewardship Strategy**

1. How is Ouray District/GMUG involved to date
2. Plans for future/what can we expect
3. Anticipated timeline
4. Julie is pleased that State Toursism office is focusing on stewardship – LNT and resource protection. Abby PT???

Melanie: Resurrection of a western slope chapter of Colorado Mtn Club – previously Mel was very active. Mel recommending a centralized volunteer opportunity webpage.