**Northern San Juan Broadband February 7, 2022 AGENDA**

**Welcome** (Judith)

**Land Acknowledgement** (Robyn)

15 attendees

**Guest Presenter:** Andy Mueller, Executive Director, Colorado River Water Conservation District. “Trends and Issues in the Uncompahgre & Gunnison Watersheds” followed by Q & A. Come with your questions!!

**Other Business:**

* Celebrations/Announcements

Boundary waters – lease sale cancelled

* Results of the Member Survey and possible meeting schedule change

Based on the survey results, the second Monday of the month in the afternoon is preferred.

Respondents would like meetings in both Ridgway and Montrose.

BLM monitoring is favored as a new stewardship activity. Melanie is point person, but would not necessarily be the chairwoman for this activity.

* Discussion & Plans for 2022

monthly meetings/outreach – Robyn has been in touch with Artemis and Dan Parkinson RE: Big Horn sheep year end wrap-up. March meeting

Also, Alyssa CPW biologist, maybe a specific species talk. April meeting

existing stewardship - Solitude monitoring – Carol Kenney is stepping down. Does CPW want us to continue this Broads popular activity? We have fulfilled our 5 year commitment.

* + potential new stewardship

Interest in fence removal. Discussion of hardship of work and potential danger. Kelly Crane would be contact person.

* + current advocacy

Robyn thanked everyone for GMUG comments – as many as 65 comments submitted!

Peggy – Species of Concern – plants accepted by Tyler for GMUG

Core Act – passed by house, sitting in Senate

Big Horn Sheep – our herd is genetically pure. Sending comments to Senators, CPW commission RE: 3 grazing allotment renewals that could negatively impact our herd.

Sallie T. and Melanie – wolves from the Northern Pack have killed sheep and dogs which has ignited emotional and contentious situation. There will be a meeting among concerned groups. Hazing activity seems to help keep wolves at bay, but ranchers are reluctant. Distrust over “Working Circle”. Broads are perceived as anti-ranching.