Northern San Juan Broadband Meeting Minutes

February 1, 2021

-Peggy Lyon coordinates monthly meetings, if you have an idea for a topic or a speaker to address the group, please email her.

-Member concerns and topics of interest for 2021

 1) Water

 2) Climate change, impact of cattle, housing – move to all- electric

 3) Birds – supporting birds with habitat and conservation. Bear-proof feeders

 4) Wolf reintroduction in Colorado – how to get good public input

 5) Keeping wilderness wild. Hiking trails safe from motorized vehicles

 6) Plants – responsible weed management

 7) Core Act – get it passed

 8) Humans in balance with Nature – non-violent communication. Find common

 ground

 9) Institute carbon fees to offset carbon footprint of fossil fuels

 10) Citizen science – I-naturalist

-Congats

 Solicited donations for “Care Packages for Ute tribe members impacted by COVID

 Grant for stewardship programs and diversity.

Advocacy

 **Core Act** – to be introduced tomorrow. May have other outdoor issues attached.

 Should breeze through the House. Senate? 51 votes? 60 votes?

**GMUG** – Robyn on call Friday. DIES to be released by early summer with 4 alternatives. FS will indicate preferred plan. 60 – 90 days for public comment

We will comment. To learn more, GMUGrevisions.com New administrators committed to consulting First Nations

**Wolf Reintroduction** – CPW tasked to plan and implement reintroduction by 2023 as per legislation. Rocky Mountain Wolf Project would like to speed up the timeline. Stakeholder groups, ranchers, hunters appear to have more power that individual’s input. Sally Thoreson is rep. for all Colorado Great Old Broads.

**Trails**- Robyn pushing for large landscape approach rather than piecemeal small projects. Has written 3 statements. She and Melanie Reese are planning a meeting with new AWM for meeting. Jennifer Cram is interested.

Stewardship

 **Big Horn Sheep** – on going. Not giving up, but not resolved.

 **Raptor Monitoring** – Contact Carrie Krickbaum if you want to be on schedule

 **River Watch** – going fine. Working with Carrie. Need to reach out to Diane

 Spooner

 **Adobe Bandlands BLM monitoring**- trash dumped. Large items. Debris from

 Target shooting. 4 wheel and bike damage. Need more, better signage

 **Plants** – contact Peggy Lyon if you would like to “adopt a plant”. Arlene, Judith,

 Jennifer expressed interest.