**Northern San Juan Broads & Ouray District USFS meeting November 22, 2019**

**Introductions plus (optional) greatest hope for the forest in next 5 years?**

Julie 17 years with BLM as Rec Specialist with USFS/Ouray district responsible for TMP, visual, wilderness, permitting – protect the reasons and opportunities that draw people to this land

Kris – trails and wilderness, on Ouray district her entire career except for details like BWCAW; 99% funding from state right now = OHV grants; when Kris started everything was backcountry; non-motorized, one-person trail crew. Now due to funding source lobsided toward motorized. grew up on plains in boonies; Julie brings skill set we haven’t had for a long time = hope for future. manage resource so will always have it “to a degree,” with changes need to bump up management; personal life quiet user/equestrian, but need to leave biases behind in order to get along and manage the resource; Ouray District has excellent motorized and non-motorized partners.

\*\*\*Julie: FACA federal advisory committee act. Roadblock to collaboration since FACA prohibits the agency from being involved in prioritizing projects. Mesa County Trails Alliance (in which Sherry Shenk participates) takes their recommendations to County Commission (or any cooperating agency) who can take to USFS/BLM - Julie tried to get Public Lands Partnership (PLP) to lead a similar stakeholder group but they shyed away from it. Ask Sherry. Julie mentioned Andy Windsor. Gunni/Crested Butte has something like Trails Alliance*. I wonder if it’s connected to GPLI.* Ask Matt Reed.

**Purpose of meeting/review agenda**

**Share solitude monitoring data 2019 (Robyn)**

1. Overview of the season and data specifics
2. Data reporting form – revisions? Are extra details useful? Yes
   1. Do we count ourselves? Yes!
3. How are we doing – both accuracy/quality & keeping up with expectation Good
   1. Does Kricket Scheeree solitude monitor BL? No
4. Do you anticipate any changes to protocol
5. Expectations for 2020 season
6. Anything else? take photos of parking lot at BL even if not solitude monitoring BLs. Use CMC RIMS for all photos of signs, trails, trailhead parking etc.

**Bighorn Citizen Science Project (Jennifer)**

1. Description/goals Data sent to state and federal agencies
2. iNaturalist
3. possible collaboration re: TH signage Julie seemed very open to possibility of collaboration though need to inventory signage throughout district first.

Julie: one of goals to get a handle on signage, inventory 2020 and then determine how and where is appropriate. One of seasonals – tasked with project. Broads can help by photographing signs with CMC RIMS.

Jennifer: MSI will cover cost of signs and partners can put them up if USFS doesn’t have capacity.

Julie: we should continue conversation with CPW and locate areas where they want data. Where are best trailheads to place signage. GIS on CPW website – Hunting Atlas

**Other Opportunities for collaboration?**

1. BL monitoring?
2. Citizen science?
3. CMC RIMS - good place to start sending data. Use for signage. Tell Jules (Julie Mach at CMC) that Julie Jackson likes it!!

**Review/Updates on GMUG Forest Plan Revision** Julie really is not up to speed. Check with Sam Staley. (We knew that. Just seeing if they had any local info.)

1. Timeline
2. Community Conservation Proposal – Designations - ran out of time.
3. Wild and Scenic Rivers - no time for this either
4. Trails Julie says she and Kris work as team!! Like the collaborative management approach expressed by Julie rather than hierarchy model!!

**Any NEPA projects in the near future/next year or two?**

1. veg treatment Baldy? - Luke Holguin Julie doesn’t know

**Additional Topics?**