

FENW Board Meeting Minutes
October 27, 2011

Attendees:

FENW: Frank Gutmann, Dave Raymond, George Resseguie, John Taylor, and Rick Warren

USFS: Cindy Ebbert

PROXIES: Ken Harper & Bill Reed

Meeting Minutes – Sept 22 minutes were approved – Dave R. moved/John T. second.

Treasurer's Report

- As of Sep 30, month ending cash balance was \$24,922; deposits have totaled \$18,855 and expenses \$12,269.
- Through Oct 27, expenses total \$22,063 – key items are Weed Mitigation (\$11,063), Tools & Equipment (\$5,557) and WV Summit County (\$1,658).
- Full Year forecast reviewed – overall expenses are forecast at \$5,779 over revenue, resulting in a Y/E balance of \$12,561. Revenue projections declined \$940 from last report primarily because there will be no grant funding from the Towns in 2011.
- The Treasurer's Report was approved – Rick W. moved/Dave R. second.

Business Items

John Fielder Benefit (Dec 7, 2011)

- A planning schedule was discussed. Key next steps are as follows:
 - Formalize rental agreement for the Pavilion with the Town of Silverthorne (John T.)
 - Set up a "virtual response" item on the FENW website (Rick W.).
 - Determine sources for food for the event, including light apps and desert (cookies, brownies, etc.). Assume a budget of \$500 for the food items; no food will be sold at the event. (All)
 - Obtain items for the silent auction. FENW needs to provide at least 5 high quality items. (All)
- A FENW/FDRD status update meeting will be held on Nov 15; further details will be provided.

Membership/Publicity/Annual Meeting

- Through Oct 27, dues totaling \$3,692 (77 members) have been received, about the same as 2010 at this time. The 2011 goal is \$5,000.
- Next newsletter will be published in mid-November (Dave R.).
- The Annual Meeting will be combined with our last BD meeting for 2011. Given the holidays, it was agreed to have the meeting on Dec 1 at the Eagles Nest Community Center (*date confirmed w/ENHOA*). An announcement will be included in the November newsletter. Food will be served – pizza, salad, wine & beer.

Weeds

- Total of 1,323.5 volunteer hours were recorded for noxious weed activities.
- A final report for the NFF grant is due by Feb 16; our goal is to wrap-up everything by the end of the year.
- George R. will purchase a 3-panel story board for use in educating the public about weed mitigation programs.

Grants for 2011

- Dave R. mentioned a new grant opportunity with Copper Mountain; he will investigate details. Our thought is to ask for funding for lumber to use for bridge maintenance next year.
- It was agreed to submit a grant request to The Summit Foundation in the spring.

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• **Tools & Equipment**

- Going forward, FDRD will be buying the majority of the new tools; an exception is that they will not buy any Pulaskis.
- A year-end tool inventory will be finished by mid-November.

TRAFx Trail Monitoring System

- The trail monitor at Lower Cataract Lake will be removed and placed on the Mesa Cortina Trail in early November (George R./John T.).
- It was agreed to budget the purchase of another trail counter in 2012.
- A trail usage report for the 2011 season to date will be published by mid-November (George R.).

Trail Projects

- 2011 Final project status as follows:
 - June 4 – National Trails Day – partner w/FDRD on the west Aqueduct Trail in Keystone. COMPLETED.
 - June 18 – Gateways; no Ranger support expected – Bill R. and Frank G. to manage. COMPLETED.
 - July 16 – Meadow Creek #1 Build 3 sections of turnpike. COMPLETED.
 - August 13 – Lower Cataract Lake trail work. COMPLETED
 - October 1-2 – Overnight project at Willow Lakes. Clean up campsite areas and trail work. COMPLETED.
- For 2012, Cindy E. hopes to get project dates confirmed at the January BD meeting. Also, it was agreed to move the overnight project to an earlier date in the late summer.

Wilderness Volunteer Rangers (WV) – Summit County

- End-of-season party will be scheduled on Dec 1 at 5:00 at the Eagles Nest HOA Community Center. Plan is to start with a feedback session with Cyndi K. and the volunteers and then have dinner.

Wilderness Volunteer Rangers (WV) Eagle County

- End-of-season party was scheduled for October 5; about 20 people were expected. Ken H. was not at the BD meeting to provide further details.

Signage

- All agreed that it made sense to place a sign order before the end of the year; George R. to check with Wood Products regarding scheduling. Time permitting, Cindy E. and George R. will order signage.
- All signage plans going forward will accommodate Travel Management Plan requirements. Cindy E. plans to have an order ready by early next year.
- Dave R. suggested than seniors could handle light maintenance (sanding, re-staining, etc.) of certain signs in the Wilderness areas. Plans will be formalized for next season.

Advocacy – No report.

Next Meeting – *NOTE THE NEW SCHEDULE FOR NOV/DEC.* The last 2011 BD meeting will be Thursday, December 1 at the Eagles Nest HOA Community Center. The BD meeting will be combined with the 2011 Annual Meeting. Further details will be provided.

Submitted by
George Resseguie, Secretary/Treasurer

Friends of the Eagles Nest
Wilderness
Board of Directors Meeting
Minutes of September 22, 2011

Present: Dave Raymond, Frank Gutmann, Bill Reed, Rick Warren, Ken Harper, Currie Craven. George is hosting family, Currie will be acting scribe. USFS: Cindy Ebert, Darlene Quinn

The discussion started with Darlene and Cindy's request to cover the Willow Lakes project. Gore Range Outfitters will drop gear on 9.29.2011. The crew will hike in Friday and have a full work day on Saturday. They will come out on Sunday. FENW group estimated at 8 people. USFS; 2

Discussion moved to need for a bear proof food container.
John moved to buy one, Ken seconded. Motion approved.

Minutes of August 25, 2011 approved. Motion by Dave, John seconded

Treasurer's report will be made next meeting when George returns.

John Fielder Benefit: Date will be December 7, 2011 @ Silverthorne Pavilion. John will confirm the reservation. Dave will have a handout for FENW, FDRD will be asked to do the same, bring DRD Visitor's Guide. FENW storyboard needs to be updated. Task not assigned yet. A follow up meeting will be scheduled.

Weeds: John, no final report yet, he believes all monies spent. John thinks the program needs to be expanded to other areas. John mentioned Barry White's inholding and treatment with ATV's.

Ken, John to talk to Sam re: number of areas and time commitments to be treated. John will be going out with the Silverthorne Compliance Officer to look at problem areas. Golf courses are a big problem for weeds. John stresses active treatment needs to be encouraged.

John commented that "P4C" contributed to a successful grant.

Travel Management: Cindy reported a conference call was held from the Supervisor's Office (SO) and district offices re: implementation of Travel Management to start next spring. Education will be the focus for now. Scott Fitzwilliams (WRNF Supervisor) still in negotiation with some groups, especially ATV groups on authorized routes. Cindy stated that each district will be somewhat different for winter travel management. She further mentioned a Categorical Exclusion (CE) is possible in place of NEPA in some cases.

The DRD has a motor vehicle use map.

Cindy will work with George to determine a draft of sign needs.

Hunting Season Coverage: In addition to Cindy, Darlene will be on until 10.21.2011, Stave and Ann until 11.11.2011. a new outfitter has bought out Leslie Miller. His name

is Mike Dill, Summit County Outfitters. He will be operating out of the Slate drainage and Haycamp Creek. CDOW officers are Shannon Schwab and Sean Sheppard.

Projects:

Cindy reported the Lower Cataract (East loop) bridge has been repaired.

National Trails Day date for next year is recommended to be adjusted due to spring conditions. We would stick with Gateways.

Cindy wants to start campsite rehabs at lakes.

Cindy is anticipating similar staffing for next year.

Bill will work with Outward Bound on 2 projects for next year.

Frank asked if the saw issues are resolved. Cindy said not yet. Additional training would be a good thing.

TRAFx: Unit is at Lower Cataract, placed by John Taylor on a fir on the East Loop. John will pull it at the end of October and relocate, possibly Rock Creek TH.

Wilderness Volunteer Rangers, Summit: Dave reported things are pretty much on track, Cyndi reviewed Warren's report. Cyndi is back and will discuss fall appreciation.

Wilderness Volunteer Rangers, Eagle: Ken reported the end of season party will be scheduled 10.05.2011 @ Holy Cross RD. they are expecting approximately 20 people. Finished Gore Creek weed spraying.

Next Meeting: October 27, 2011, 5:30 @ DRD. Ken, Rick and Currie will be absent.

Respectfully submitted,
Currie Craven

FENW Board Meeting Minutes
August 25, 2011

Attendees:

FENW: Currie Craven, Frank Gutmann, Ken Harper, Dave Raymond, Bill Reed, George Resseguie, and John Taylor
USFS: Cindy Ebbert

Meeting Minutes – There was no official meeting in July because of a lack of a quorum; meeting notes were discussed briefly.

Treasurer's Report

- As of July 31, month ending cash balance was \$30,885; deposits have totaled \$17,056 and expenses \$4,510.
- Through Aug 25, expenses total \$6,008 and a check for \$3,201 was signed at the meeting. Significant spending will begin in August/September with weed mitigation (John Pickering est. \$10,000) and the new tool shed (\$5,500).
- Full Year forecast was reviewed – overall expenses are forecast at \$5,268 over revenue, unchanged from the July meeting, resulting in a year-end balance of about \$13,100.
- The Treasurer's Report was approved.

Business Items

Membership/Publicity

- Through August 25, dues totaling \$3,434 (71 members) have been received, slightly better than 2010 at this time.
- John Fielder has agreed to work with FENW on a fundraiser in November/December. Preferred date is Dec 7; second choice is Nov 30. Currie will confirm a date with John F.
- John T. will work with the Town of Silverthorne regarding scheduling of the Pavilion, fees, etc.
- It was agreed that we must partner with another organization to handle workload, etc., and Currie will approach FDRD to determine a level of interest. Goals of the fundraiser were discussed – Raise money, celebrate EN Wilderness 35th anniversary, have a membership drive, etc., with further discussion needed.

Weeds

- NFF Grant – John Pickering has finished his work in Summit County as of today. He will move over to Eagle County tomorrow. Goal is to use all of the NFF funding (\$10,000); also, FENW has committed to \$1,000 in additional funding (\$11,000 total).
- John T. discussed a new weed book dedicated specifically to thistles; after discussion it was agreed for John to order 30 more books for a total of 50 ordered (about \$100 in total spending).
- Lots of discussion regarding the “bonanza year” for weeds, and it was agreed that Currie will prepare a letter to County Commissioners, Towns, the Summit Daily, Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, etc. encouraging mitigation actions. Ken H. will distribute the letter in Eagle County.
- John T. reported that just less than 1,300 volunteer hours (\$26,000 of in-kind “value”) have been reported for weed mitigation to date. Also, John and Frank G. recently spent 19 hours mitigating a huge “crop” of thistle in Upper Acorn Creek – WELL DONE JOHN AND FRANK!

Grants for 2011

- There are no plans for any grants until the spring cycle for The Summit Foundation, the towns, and possibly the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation; focus likely will be on signage and weed mitigation.

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Tools & Equipment

- Spending to date on the new tool shed is \$5,500. The shed itself cost \$5,260 with wood for 2 lofts accounting for most of the rest. FDRD has agreed to split expenses over \$5,000 up to \$500 (\$250 each for FENW and FDRD).
- It was agreed the any additional spending beyond the \$500 (for more tool racks, etc.) should be a joint endeavor with other non-profits. George R. will contact FDRD to discuss possibilities for groups participating in trail projects to contribute towards future tool & equipment purchases.

TRAFx Trail Monitoring System

- New counter (#5) installed at Lower Cataract Lake by John T. Will start collecting data at the end of August. Unit will be removed for the winter and used to monitor hunter activity elsewhere; location at this time is TBD.
- Other units are working well with the exception of Lily Pad Lake unit; George R. to repair ASAP. An updated trail usage report will be provided next week.

Trail Projects

- Project status as follows:
 - June 4 – National Trails Day – partner w/FDRD on the west Aqueduct Trail in Keystone. COMPLETED.
 - June 18 – Gateways; no Ranger support expected – Bill R. and Frank G. to manage. COMPLETED.
 - July 16 – Meadow Creek #1 Complete 3 sections of turnpike. COMPLETED.
 - August 13 – Lower Cataract Lake trail work. COMPLETED.
 - October 1-2 – Overnight project at Willow Lakes; Gore Range Outfitters will provide support. Plan is to hike in on Sep 30, work a full day on Oct 1, and hike out on Oct 2; focus will be on trail drainage improvements. Bill R. is filling the 15 person team. FENW will fund wages for the outfitter's staff (BD motion approved at Feb BD meeting).
- Planning for 2012 will get underway in the next couple of months. Some initial discussion:
 - FENW will place more emphasis on collaborative projects; to date, Southern Rockies Conservation Group and Outward Bound have expressed interest in Wilderness projects.
 - Some of the projects likely will focus on implementation of the Travel Management Plan.
 - It will be very important to match the type of project to the skills/physical capabilities of likely volunteers/teams.
 - There was some discussion regarding the Wilderness Act restrictions on the type of tools & equipment that can be used in the Wilderness. Unless there is an amendment to the Act, present practices will continue.
 - Cindy E. will use VOC and RMYC for "big" (50-60 volunteers) projects and is planning to stagger use of RMYC crews next year in order to handle late-season initiatives.
 - USFS will select its own date for National Trails Day which will enable better use of volunteers consistent with local weather conditions. In prior years, the "national" date has been too early in the calendar and there is a lot of snow remaining in many areas.

Wilderness Volunteer Rangers (WV) – Summit County

- Season is ½ over; Dave R. will send reminder e-mail to all Rangers to see if any supplies are needed. Also, Dave will follow up with Warren Hancock regarding reporting/calendar status and any issues.
- FENW vests were very well received. Dave will get a vest for Kurt Steuer and will follow-up on an alternative recognition item for folks who already have a vest.

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Wilderness Volunteer Rangers Summit County, continued

- Cyndi K. has delegated assignments as follows: Bill R. supplies, Warren Hancock data input, Rick W. website, Dave R. technical items, and George R./Currie contacts for volunteer injuries (they in turn will contact Cindy E.). First contact for injuries will be Currie/George who will provide information to Cindy E. She will handle further processing, including possible worker's compensation issues.

Wilderness Volunteer Rangers (WV) Eagle County

- Season status similar to Summit County; USFS may ask for help with the Cross Creek Bridge project in September.
- Ken H. has set a goal for he and the other certified FENW sawyer to clear 100 trees this year. Also, he plans to certify 2 additional sawyers next year in order to use the second FENW crosscut saw. (Note: in Eagle County, certified sawyers can work without USFS involvement.)

Signage

- Most signs purchased by FENW have been installed; USFS and a team from the Hill Foundation handled much of the work. John T. and Frank G. will install the rest (they also installed the Meadow Creek Trailhead sign).
- No further signage will be purchased in 2011; focus in 2012 will be on signs needed for implementation of the Travel Management Plan.

USFS

- Trail crews are wrapping up. RMYC crews will complete their work shortly after Labor Day and the VOC will work on a big project in the Keystone Homestead area the week of Sep 17.
- Seasonal staff is funded through Sep; further funding is TBD.

Advocacy

- Currie continues to monitor numerous items as follows:
 - Hidden Gems – will finalize a letter to Senators, etc. acknowledging FENW support of the Rep. Polis amendment. Also, Cindy E. will contact Kurt Kunkle (Colorado Environmental Coalition) regarding a tour of the Elliott Ridge area with both supporters and opponents of recent proposals.
 - Wilderness Preservation Act – will brainstorm potential businesses to support/endorse the Wilderness Preservation Act.

Other Item – Use of Proxies

Board Motion: Board Members should assign their individual proxy to other Board Members when they are going to be absent from Board meetings. Frank G. moved/George R. second.

Next Meeting – Thursday, Sep 22 at 5:30 at the Dillon Ranger District.

Submitted by
George Resseguie, Secretary/Treasurer

FENW Board Meeting Minutes
July 28, 2011

Attendees:

FENW: Currie Craven, Bill Reed, and George Resseguie
USFS: Cindy Ebbert
CO Environmental Coalition: Kurt Kunkle

Because of limited attendance, a quorum was not available and the regular meeting was not held. However, there was discussion regarding the latest Hidden Gems initiatives and some recurring Board topics as summarized below.

Grants for 2011

- Deadline for submitted grant requests to Towns is August 26.
- It was agreed that a grant request to the Town of Silverthorne may be prepared regarding use of the Silverthorne Pavilion for a celebration of the 35th anniversary of the establishment of the Eagles Nest Wilderness combined with a fund-raiser featuring John Fielder. Currie will research further and may circulate an e-motion to authorize further steps.
- There was no discussion regarding grant submissions to the other towns.

Tools & Equipment

- The new tool shed was installed on July 28. Next step is to meet with FDRD to discuss storage configurations (racks, a loft, etc.); George R. will handle the interior construction.

Trail Projects

- Project dates have been finalized as follows:
 - June 4 – National Trails Day – partner w/FDRD on the west Aqueduct Trail in Keystone. COMPLETED.
 - June 18 – Gateways; no Ranger support expected – Bill R. and Frank G. to manage. COMPLETED.
 - July 16 – Meadow Creek #1 Complete 3 sections of turnpike. COMPLETED.
 - August 13 – Meadow Creek #2. It was agreed that a turnpike construction project on the Lower Cataract Lake trail will replace Meadow Creek. Depending on the volunteer turnout, work will focus on preparing trees (de-limb, peel, etc.) and completing as much construction as possible.
 - October 1-2 – Overnight project at Willow Lakes; Gore Range Outfitters will provide pack support (BD motion approved at Feb BD meeting). Bill R. will begin scouting the area over the next couple of weeks and asked for the USFS to fell trees in advance of the project date to facilitate maximum achievement – primarily turnpike construction.

Signage

- Cindy E. has a number of signs that need to be installed. Some discussion about having signage installation as the August 13 project (see Trail Projects, above), but it was agreed to handle separately. Further details are TBD.

Advocacy

- Kurt Kunkle provided status updates for the Hidden Gems campaign. Given the current political “climate” in Washington DC, little legislative activity is anticipated.
- A key area of focus continues to be Elliott Ridge, with continued opposition to boundary changes from snowmobilers. Kurt will organize a field trip to the area this fall to include FENW, local snowmobiling organizations, and others in an attempt to get all groups “on the same page” regarding present status and next steps.
- Kurt also offered the use of his e-mail list(s) to solicit volunteers for FENW projects/membership.
- Bill R. questioned how to change the “ethic” regarding folks willing to knowingly violate Wilderness Boundaries without any repercussions. All agreed this is a good strategy, but further discussion is needed.

Next Meeting –Thursday, August 25 at 5:30 at the Dillon Ranger District.

Submitted by
George Resseguie, Secretary/Treasurer

FENW Board Meeting Minutes
June 29, 2011

Attendees:

FENW: Currie Craven, Frank Gutmann, Ken Harper, Dave Raymond, Bill Reed, George Resseguie, John Taylor, and Rick Warren

Meeting Minutes – May 26 minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report

- As of May 31, month ending cash balance was \$26,013; deposits have totaled \$11,859 and expenses \$4,181.
- Through June 29, expenses total \$4,414 – key items FENW vests (\$1,318), First Aid Kits (\$917), Dillon Visitors Guide (\$750).
- Full Year forecast reviewed – overall expenses are forecast at \$5,268 over revenue.
- The Treasurer's Report was approved.

Business Items

Membership/Publicity

- Through June 26, dues totaling \$1,709 (35 members) have been received, slightly better than 2010 at this time.
- Spring/Summer Newsletter was mailed June 24. *Update: dues totaling \$1,495 (31 members) received so far in July, including 4 new members. Total 2011 to date is \$3,205 against an annual goal of \$5,000.*
- Membership listing was distributed; updates will be provided regularly.
- Some discussion regarding sending reminder "we missed you" postcards; will prepare a month after newsletters.

Dillon Recreation Guide (Guide)

- Next printing of the Guide (20,000) was completed.
- There was discussion regarding FENW's future contributions as FDRD has obtained funding from other sources (e.g. Climax Mine) and may have funding remaining from the 2011 printing. Currie will discuss with the FDRD Board.

Weeds

- P4C Event
 - Event will be July 9; about 200 volunteers are expected. *Update: 211 volunteers participated, the most successful P4C event to date. Congratulations John!*
 - Backpack sprayers will be used to supplement pulling efforts. *Update: Spot spraying for this year's event was new and made a difference as the 5 units applied 23 gallons mostly for Canada Thistle which cannot be pulled effectively.*
 - Publicity will include an article in the SDN's "What's Happening" section and a 5 minute spot on Channel 10. Also, SDN will be invited to send a photographer to the event.
 - Hal Pearce will attend from Meeker to assist in the educational segment of the presentation.
- NFF Grant
 - Goal is to use all of the funding; FENW has committed to \$1,000 in additional funding (\$11,000 total).
 - John Pickering is planning 3-4 days in Summit County (Brush Creek, Slate Creek, Ptarmigan area) plus possibly one more day in a yet to be identified area(s). *Update: John P. plans to arrive the week of Aug 15.*
 - Plans in Eagle County are for 3-4 days of treatment. John T., Ken H. and Sam Massman will work to identify treatment areas.

Grants for 2011

- TSF approved \$5,000 grant request for a new tool shed. Funds will be awarded at a TSF event on June 30.
- We will contact the individual Towns to discuss funding for signage; with positive results, grant requests will be submitted during the Fall Cycle (Oct/Nov).

Tools & Equipment

- Key focus will be construction of a new tool shed in July. *Update: shed will be delivered on July 28.*
- At this time, no tool purchases are anticipated; inventory will be evaluated regularly during the season.

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TRAFx Trail Monitoring System

- Trail monitoring data discussed. There has been a significant increase in usage since last month with the improved weather. The Buffalo Cabin counter is not working; but counts for Lily Pad, N 10Mile, and Meadow Creek have been provided through June 26. *Update: Buffalo Cabin counter has been repaired (dead battery).*
- Additional trail monitoring unit(s) will be placed in the Lower Cataract Lake area. John T. & George R. will install it in early August.
- Units will be left in place through the summer season; some type of non-profit marking will be pursued.

Trail Projects

- Project dates have been finalized as follows:
 - June 4 – National Trails Day – partner w/FDRD on the west Aqueduct Trail in Keystone. COMPLETED.
 - June 18 – Gateways; no Ranger support expected – Bill R. and Frank G. to manage. COMPLETED.
 - July 16 – Meadow Creek #1 Complete 3 sections of turnpike. *Update: Project completed; 15 volunteers and 1 USFS ranger participated and finished turnpike construction on the Mesa Cortina trail.*
 - August 13 – Meadow Creek #2
 - October 1-2 – Overnight project at Willow Lakes; Gore Range Outfitters will provide pack support (BD motion approved at Feb BD meeting).

Wilderness Volunteer Rangers (WV) – Summit County

- Trail hikes just began in the last 2 weeks because of lingering snow on the trails at 10,800-11,000 ft.
- Dave R. will solicit input regarding trail conditions from the WV rangers. There are a number of downed trees across trails that need to be removed.
- Cyndi K. has delegated assignments as follows: Bill R. supplies, Warren Hancock data input, Rick W. website, Dave R. technical items, and George R. /Currie contacts for volunteer injuries (they in turn will contact Cindy E.). First contact for injuries will be Currie/George who will provide information to Cindy E. She will handle further processing, including possible worker's compensation issues.

Wilderness Volunteer Rangers (WV) Eagle County

- Six new rangers have been recruited; total of 21 will participate in the WV program. No trail hikes yet because of snow on the trails. Also, logging projects to remove beetle-killed trees has resulted in dangerous hiking conditions.
- Ken H. and another volunteer completed USFS crosscut saw training class in Minturn and now are certified sawyers. Ken has 1 of the 2 FENW crosscut saw blades and would like the other; it is being used presently by the RMYC. George R. will get the blade returned. Ken's team has cleared 40 trees so far.
- There was some discussion about having an awards ceremony for Eagle/Summit to recognize the volunteer ranger who hikes the most miles, contacts the most hikers, etc. Further details TBD.

Signage

- Meadow Creek sign for the Frisco turnaround at exit 203 has been received; installation plans are TBD.
- Agreed that the Towns should be contacted regarding future signage (see Grants, above).
- Currie will contact the Rocky Mtn. Elk Foundation regarding grant opportunities for signage.
- All signage orders will be coordinated with the USFS (Cindy E.).

USFS

- No report.

Advocacy

- Currie continues to monitor numerous items; no specific actions were discussed.

Next Meeting –Thursday, July 28 30 at 5:30 at the Dillon Ranger District.

Submitted by
George Resseguie, Secretary/Treasurer

FENW Board Meeting Minutes

May 26, 2011

Attendees:

FENW: Currie Craven, Frank Gutmann, Dave Raymond, Bill Reed, George Resseguie, and John Taylor
USFS: Cindy Ebbert and Sam Massman

Meeting Minutes – Apr 28 minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report

- As of Apr 30, month ending cash balance was \$17,371; deposits have totaled \$1,719 and expenses \$2,683.
- Through May 26, expenses totaled \$2,911 – key items First Aid Kits (\$917), Dillon Visitors Guide (\$750).
- Full Year forecast reviewed – overall expenses are forecast at \$3,950 over revenue.
- The Treasurer's Report was approved.

Business Items

Membership/Publicity

- Through May 26, dues totaling \$1,609 (31 members) have been received, slightly better than 2010 at this time.
- Dave R. distributed the FENW vests.
- More brochures are needed. All agreed that no content changes are needed, but some revisions are needed to the list of sponsors. George R. to have new brochures by June 3. *Update: 125 Brochures printed; available at June BD mtg. Need some design work before any more copies are printed.*
- Spring/Summer Newsletter will be published by mid-June. *Update: Newsletter mailed June 24.*

Dillon Recreation Guide (Guide)

- Next printing of the Guide (20,000) will be distributed beginning in June/July.

Weeds

- P4C Event
 - Event will be July 9; about 200 volunteers are expected.
 - June 4 meeting with church group planned; Currie will attend for FENW.
 - John T. continuing to recruit volunteers to find weed treatment locations, etc.
 - John T. and Ken H. will work with local newspapers for publicity.
- NFF Grant
 - Goal is to use all of the funding
 - John Pickering presently is planning 3-4 days in Summit County (Brush Creek, Slate Creek, Ptarmigan area) plus possibly one more day in a yet to be identified area(s).
 - Plans in Eagle County are for 3-4 days of treatment. John T., Ken H. and Sam Massman will work to identify treatment areas.
 - John T. will work with the SDN to recognize the NFF contribution. *Update: John's Letter to the SDN Editor published in the May 30 edition.*
- There now will only be one weed specialist in DRD for the season and another specialist located in Minturn. John T. will talk to Hal Pearce about additional staffing.
- Some discussion about expanding areas of treatment to include the Flat Tops; further discussion needed.

Grants for 2011

- TSF approved \$5,000 grant request for a new tool shed. Funds will be awarded at a TSF event on June 30.
- Town grants will request funding for signage during the Fall Cycle. Goal is to purchase "destination signage" for sites specific to the respective towns and as needed by the Travel Management Plan. George R. to coordinate w/Cindy E.
- Ken H. and Sam Massman will consider submitted another grant request to the Vail Valley Foundation.

Tools & Equipment

- Key focus will be construction of a new tool shed in July.
- All volunteers will need hard hats this season; present inventory should be OK.
- John T. will need tools/gloves for the P4C event.

FENW Board Meeting Minutes
May 26, 2011

TRAFx Trail Monitoring System

- Initial monitoring data discussed; format & content were OK. Data will be provided to USFS every 1-2 months and uploaded to the FENW website. (George R.)
- Additional trail monitoring unit(s) will be placed in the Lower Cataract Lake area. *Update: units cost \$500 rather than \$250 so only 1 has been ordered. Delivery estimate is early July.*
- Units will be left in place through the summer season; some type of non-profit marking will be pursued.

Trail Projects

- Project dates have been finalized as follows:
 - June 4 – National Trails Day – partner w/FDRD on the west Aqueduct Trail in Keystone. Frank G. will be FENW's contact; FENW will provide bagels & other breakfast items. *Update: project completed.*
 - June 18 – Gateways; no Ranger support expected – Bill R. and Frank G. to manage. *Update: project completed.*
 - July 16 – Meadow Creek #1 Complete 3 sections of structure; work likely will require 15 volunteers; primary "heavy" work may be handled by Rocky Mountain Youth Corps volunteers.
 - August 13 – Meadow Creek #2
 - October 1-2 – Overnight project at Willow Lakes; Gore Range Outfitters will provide pack support (BD motion approved at Feb BD meeting).
- Bill R. will write an article for the SDN regarding the trail projects for the season.
- A joint Eagle/Summit trail project will be explored; further details TBD. (Ken H.)

Wilderness Volunteer Rangers (WV) – Summit County

- Have 24 volunteers for this season; added 1 new ranger. All volunteers have been trained. All are waiting for the snow to melt in order to start their hikes.
- Cyndi K. has delegated assignments as follows: Bill R. supplies, Warren Hancock data input, Rick W. website, Dave R. technical items, and George R. /Currie contacts for volunteer injuries (they in turn will contact Cindy E.).
- Contact "tree" for injuries discussed. First contacts will be Currie/George who will provide information to Cindy E. She will handle further processing, including possible worker's compensation issues.

Wilderness Volunteer Rangers (WV) Eagle County

- No field activity yet. WV training planned for June 4.
- Ken H. and another volunteer will participate in the USFS crosscut saw training class in Minturn. In Eagle County, certified volunteers may work together on a saw. However, in DRD, one of the sawyers must be a USFS person. *Update: class completed.*
- Ken H. and Bill R. will work to develop a cadre of volunteers, including new participants. Key is to add people.

Signage

- Meadow Creek sign for the Frisco turnaround at exit 203 has been received.
- USFS will remove the 10 "No Snowmobiling" signs in the Elliot Ridge area after the snow melts
- All other signage orders will be coordinated with USFS based on the Travel Management Plan.

USFS

- Travel Management Plan has been published, but litigation and appeals still are possible. The comment period(s) is over and the only changes to the Plan would result through litigation.

Advocacy

- Currie continues to monitor numerous items; no specific actions were discussed.

Next Meeting – NOTE MEETING IS ON 5TH THURSDAY -- Thursday, June 30 at 5:30 at the Dillon Ranger District.
Update: meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 30.

Submitted by
George Resseguie, Secretary/Treasurer

FENW Board Meeting Minutes
April 28, 2011

Attendees:

FENW: Currie Craven, Frank Gutmann, Cyndi Koop, Dave Raymond, Bill Reed, George Resseguie, and John Taylor
USFS: Cindy Ebbert

Meeting Minutes – Mar 24 minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report

- As of Mar 31, month ending cash balance was \$17,610; deposits have totaled \$1,719 and expenses \$2,444.
- Through Apr 28, expenses totaled \$2,749 – key items First Aid Kits (\$917), Dillon Visitors Guide (\$750).
- IRS Tax Return is due May 15.
- Full Year forecast reviewed – overall expenses are forecast at \$2,950 over revenue.
- The Treasurer's Report was approved.

Business Items

Membership

- Through Apr 28, dues totaling \$1,469 (28 members) have been received, slightly better than 2010 at this time.
- Some discussion regarding giving a FENW vest for significant dues contribution. *BD Motion: Agreed to provide a FENW vest or similar item to members who donate \$250 or more on a recurring basis. Dave R. moved; Bill R. second.*
- Next newsletter will be published at the end of May and will include a dues letter. Dave R. will coordinate.
- More brochures are needed. All agreed that no content changes are needed, but some revisions are needed to the list of sponsors. George R. to coordinate.

Dillon Recreation Guide (Guide)

- FDRD has received \$1,000 in funding from the Climax Mine satisfying funding for the 2011 Guide.
- Some discussion regarding FENW future funding for the Guide; all agreed that it deserves consideration.

Weeds

- NFF awarded 2011 grant (\$10,000).
- Planning continuing for the 2011 weed mitigation efforts; plan to expand efforts to ensure money available is utilized in all areas – there are lots of weeds that need "attention". Also, John T. will handle training sessions with FENW and FDRD volunteers regarding weed identification.
- P4C planning meeting planned for May 18 @ 1:00 in the Buffalo Mtn. Room @ County Commons.
- Cindy E. advised that the USFS will have 2 weed specialists this summer.

Grants for 2011

- Grant for tool shed (\$5K) submitted to TSF; decision meeting will be held on June 8.
- Town grants will request funding for signage during the Fall Cycle. Goal is to purchase "destination signage" for sites specific to the respective towns and as needed by the Travel Management Plan. George R. to coordinate w/Cindy E.
- Several noted an ad in the Summit Daily from the Climax Mine advertising its community involvement (e.g. its providing \$1K to FDRD for the DRD Visitors Guide). George R. and John T. will contact Climax to determine interest in FENW projects; timing TBD.

Tools & Equipment

- Per discussion with Sarah Slaton (FDRD), the present tool & equipment inventory is adequate for anticipated projects. A tool inventory will be completed during May (George R. and Sarah)
- Key need is an additional tool shed (see Grants, above). Tom Brennom (FDRD) completed a cost review for raw materials to build a shed – \$2,600. It was agreed, however, that if TSF does not approve funding, the chances of building the shed "from scratch" are minimal given the expertise and effort needed. Further details, TBD.
- Crosscut saw training will not be available to FENW volunteers this year because of limited funding and space in USFS classes. Thus, use of the FENW saws is doubtful in 2011 because non-USFS users must be certified. Further effort is needed to determine how to get more volunteer participation; timing TBD.
- The tool shed will be repainted in May after the snow melts (George R.); USFS has provided the paint.

FENW Board Meeting Minutes
April 28, 2011

TRAFx Trail Monitoring System

- Counters are in place at 4 trail sites: Meadow Creek, North 10 Mile, Buffalo Cabin, and Lily Pad. Data will be collected in early May and provided to FENW and the USFS.
- There is interest in obtaining additional counters (cost \$250 each). John T. suggested new sites for the summer season and in the fall; Cindy E. expressed interest in placing counters in areas frequented by hunters. **BD Motion: Purchase 2 additional counters and associated storage boxes at a cost of \$500-\$600. George R. moved; John T. second.**
 - George R. will work with Sam Massman (USFS – Eagle/Holy Cross District) and Cindy E. to analyze the April data.

Trail Projects

- Project dates have been finalized as follows:
 - June 4 – National Trails Day – partner with FDRD and Summit Fat Tire Society. Currie will be FENW contact.
 - June 18 – Gateways; no Ranger support expected – Bill R. and Frank G. to manage.
 - July 16 – Meadow Creek #1 Complete 3 sections of structure; work likely will require 15 volunteers; primary “heavy” work may be handled by Rocky Mountain Youth Corps volunteers.
 - August 13 – Meadow Creek #2
 - October 1-2 – Overnight project at Willow Lakes; Gore Range Outfitters will provide pack support (BD motion approved at Feb BD meeting).
- Bill R. will write an article for the SDN regarding the trail projects for the season.

Wilderness Volunteer Rangers (WV) – Summit County

- Have 24 volunteers for this season; added 1 new ranger.
- WV training has been completed for returning Rangers; new volunteer will attend the joint FENW/FDRD training on Apr 30. This year, everyone will have to wear a hard hat when hiking (USFS rule).
- Cyndi K. has delegated assignments as follows: Bill R. supplies, Warren Hancock data input, Rick W. website, Dave R. technical items, and George R. /Currie contacts for volunteer injuries (they in turn will contact Cindy E.).
- Vests, name tags, and first aid kits all well received. Vest sizing is being completed and the order will be placed probably in May (Dave R.).
- Discussion regarding training in 2012; try to handle in June rather than April to accommodate volunteer’s availability.

Wilderness Volunteer Rangers (WV) Eagle County – No report.

Signage

- Meadow Creek sign for the Frisco turnaround at exit 203 has been ordered. Timing is about 4 weeks. (George R.)
- USFS tried to check the “No Snowmobiling” signs in the Elliot Ridge area, but heavy snow prevented much access.

USFS

- Travel Management Plan should be published “soon”; update – Plan was announced the week of May 2.

Advocacy

- Currie reviewed a proposed letter to the editor supporting Rep. Polis’ Wilderness Bill. All agreed to send it to the SDN.
- Lots of discussion regarding the Elliott Ridge area. Further details will be forthcoming.

Next Meeting – Thursday, May 26 at 5:30 at the Dillon Ranger District.

Submitted by
George Resseguie, Secretary/Treasurer

FENW Board Meeting Minutes
March 24, 2011

Attendees:

FENW: Currie Craven, Frank Gutmann, Dave Raymond, Bill Reed, George Resseguie, John Taylor, and Rick Warren
USFS: Ken Waugh

Meeting Minutes – Feb 24 meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report

- As of Feb 28, month ending cash balance was \$18,348; to date, deposits have totaled \$1,169 and expenses \$1,157.
- Through Mar 24, expenses totaled \$2,518 – key items First Aid Kits (\$917), Dillon Visitors Guide (\$750).
- The Treasurer's Report was approved.

E-Mail Motion (motions considered between February and March BD meetings)

A motion was approved unanimously as follows: *Authorize purchase of a \$100 gift certificate to accompany a Thank You letter for departing Board Members, beginning with Marilyn Raymond. Subsequently, agree that a BD motion will be required for the purchase of a gift certificate for each Board Member who leaves the Board of Directors. George R. moved; John T. seconded.*

Recognition of Marilyn Raymond

- Marilyn was given a card and a gift certificate to recognize her terrific contributions to FENW's success.

Business Items

Membership

- Through Mar 24, dues totaling \$1449 (26 members) have been received.

Dillon Recreation Guide (Guide)

- Check for \$750 has been sent to FDRD to help fund printing/distribution costs for 2011 (20K copies)

Weeds

- P4C grant received (\$575); FENW will match 100% as in prior years; event will be on July 9.
- P4C planning meeting planned for May 18 @ 1:00 in the Buffalo Mtn. Room @ County Commons.
- Awaiting info from NFF regarding 2011 grant request (\$10,000).

Grants for 2011

- Grants for TSF, Summit County, and the towns must be submitted by April 8.
- TSF grant will request funding for an additional tool shed. George R. to work with TSF, FDRD, and tool shed manufacturers to put the grant together.
- Town grants will request funding for signage. Goal is to purchase "destination signage" for sites specific to the respective towns. George R. to get additional info from Cindy Ebbert.

Tools & Equipment

- FENW budget includes \$1,000 for tools & equipment. George R. to determine whether additional tooling is needed and will meet with FDRD to discuss 2011 program.
- Key need is an additional tool shed (see Grants, above).

TRAFx Trail Monitoring System

- Counters are in place at 4 trail sites: Meadow Creek, North 10 Mile, Buffalo Cabin, and Lily Pad.
- Statistics have been compiled; George R. working with Sam Massman to determine the best way to handle reporting to FENW and USFS. Further work needed – Rick W. will assist.
- Currie suggested publicity efforts regarding the trail monitoring efforts; further discussion needed.
- There is interest in obtaining additional counters (cost \$250 each); further discussion at next BD meeting.

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Trail Projects

- Tentative Projects dates have been established; Bill R. will confirm w/USFS. Date as follows:
 - June 4 – National Trails Day – partner with FDRD and Summit Fat Tire Society.
 - June 18 – Gateways
 - July 16 – Meadow Creek #1 Complete 3 sections of structure; work likely will require 15 volunteers; primary “heavy” work may be handled by Rocky Mountain Youth Corps volunteers.
 - August 13 – Meadow Creek #2
 - September 17-18 – Overnight project (BD motion approved at Feb BD meeting).

Wilderness Volunteer Rangers (WV) – Summit County

- WV Training date (joint effort w/FDRD) is April 30.
- Dave R. presented options for logo/lettering for fleece vests (BD motion approved at Feb meeting). Vests will be provided to BD members and to WV volunteers who have 2 years experience and are participating in this year’s program. Vest will be purchased from a local supplier. *BD Motion: Approve the “Mountain Up” option. Frank G. moved; Rick W. seconded.*
- Name tags have been received.

Wilderness Volunteer Rangers (WV) Eagle County – No report.

Signage

- Cindy E. to help George R. put together an order to Wood Product Signs Inc. for an entrance sign for the Meadow Creek trail. Note: Board Motion authorizing up to \$400 was approved at the January BD meeting.

USFS

Ken W. led discussion on a number of topics as follows:

- Trail Use Data from FDRD/FENW/DRD Ranger Patrols (2005-2010) was reviewed. Data included total hikers per season, total mtn. bikers per season, and average hikers per day for all trails. Another schedule showed weekday and weekend trail use and indicated which trails needed more patrols. Ken prepared the reports using data submitted and then extrapolated to reach full season totals. Ken also will begin a “National Visitor Use Monitoring” program for DRD.
- USFS has funding for signage believed necessary when the Travel Management Plan is released, with the exception of destination signs (see Signage note above). Total of 420 trail signs have been or will be purchased.
- Minutes of a Winter Wilderness Managers Meeting were distributed and discussed briefly.
- Ken reported that additional use permits for Wilderness areas are being requested by schools, outfitters, and others. Each permit will be analyzed for environmental impact.
- There was considerable discussion regarding dogs in the Wilderness. For example, leash usage is increasing, but more emphasis is needed to control dogs. Also, we should consider whether having dogs on leash is an adequate control regarding impact to the environment. Finally some consider a total ban on dogs in the Wilderness, while other Wilderness areas do not even require dogs to be leashed.
- DRD will have a Wilderness Ranger this year – good news!

Advocacy – No discussion; awaiting Travel Management Plan.

Travel Reimbursement

It is agreed that BD members should be reimbursed when travelling to attend BD meetings or other events where the distance travelled is extensive. *Board Motion: Establish an optional reimbursement program for any BD member who travels more than 25 miles round trip to attend a BD meeting or other FENW or FENW-recognized event; reimburse mileage travelled over the 25 mile limit at a rate of \$.50 per mile. Frank G. moved; Bill R. seconded.*

Next Meeting – Thursday, April 28 at 5:30 at the Dillon Ranger District.

Submitted by
George Resseguie, Secretary/Treasurer

FENW Board Meeting Minutes
February 24, 2011

Attendees:

FENW: Currie Craven, Frank Gutmann, Ken Harper, Cyndi Koop, Dave Raymond, Bill Reed, George Resseguie, and Rick Warren

USFS: Cindy Ebbert

FDRD: Marge Schweri

Meeting Minutes – January 27 meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report

- As of Jan 31, month ending cash balance was \$19,224
- Through Feb 24, deposits totaled \$1,169 and expenses were \$1,132 (key item was \$919 for membership first aid kits).
- The Treasurer's Report was approved.

Business Items

Membership

- Through Feb 24, dues totaling \$919 (23 members) have been received.

Dillon Recreation Guide (Guide)

- FDRD has approached FENW to provide \$750 in support for a second printing (20,000 copies) of the Guide in 2011; total cost for printing/design is \$2,550. FDRD has raised about \$800 of the total.
- Timeline is to finish revisions to the Guide by April, and print/distribute by the end of May.
- Marge Schweri provided details regarding 2011 plans and her insight regarding FDRD's strategy for the next few years. In her opinion, the overall "management" process for the Guide is evolving and should be more clarified next year. Present plans call for annual printings of the Guide – quantities are TBD.
- BD considered several FENW funding strategies and offered fund-raising suggestions to Marge.
- **Board Motion: Authorize funding \$750 of design/printing costs in 2011; will provide funds to FDRD. Dave R. moved; Rick W. second.**

Weeds

- For 2011, John T. submitted a \$10,000 grant request to NFF in early January; awaiting response. FENW will provide 10% matching funds. There will be 2 coverage sites in Summit County and the remaining focus will be in Eagle County.
- P4C event is scheduled for July 9; again will coordinate with Summit County Weed folks (Lisa Taylor). Grant request has been submitted; FENW again will provide some funding (in 2010, we contributed \$714.00 of which P4C Colorado reimbursed \$352.00).

Grants for 2011

- Grants for TSF, Summit County, and the towns will be submitted during the spring 2011 cycle.

Tools & Equipment

- George R. to research funding source(s) with primary focus on a second tool shed; will consider Lowe's or similar retailers. Also, will arrange a meeting with TSF (Lee Zimmerman) to discuss possible grant funding.
- George R. will meet with FDRD to discuss 2011 program.

TRAFx Trail Monitoring System

- Systems "boxes" are in place at 4 trail sites: Meadow Creek, North 10 Mile, Buffalo Cabin, and Lily Pad. Counters will be reinstalled at the sites during February (George R.).
- Statistics will be compiled and uploaded to the FENW website.

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Trail Projects

- Most discussion regarding 2011 events focused on an overnight project that would be planned for later in the season (August or September). Intent is to penetrate deeper into the wilderness to accomplish campfire mitigation, trail repair, etc. using an outfitter to transport tools, equipment, and stores. **Board Motion:** *Agreed to support the event, including paying for an outfitter's services; final details will be agreed at a subsequent BD meeting. George R. moved; Frank G. second.*
- Other projects are scheduled as follows, although firm timing has to be established for all except the June 4 National Trails Day:
 - June 4 – National Trails Day – partner with FDRD and Summit Fat Tire Society.
 - Late June – Gateways/Waterworks. Further details TBD.
 - Meadow Creek #1 and #2 – complete 3 sections of structure. Work likely will require 15 volunteers. Primary “heavy” work will be handled by Rocky Mountain Youth Corps volunteers.
- Overall, more planning is needed to finalize the plan (Cindy E. and Bill Reed).

Wilderness Volunteer Rangers (WV) – Summit County

- There are 21 excellent volunteers in the program. Cyndi K. would like to add several more people in 2011 and will solicit through present FENW membership. Kaleidos Marketing will not be used for publicity/marketing. A FENW-wide e-mail will be sent out in the near future.
- There was continuing discussion regarding providing some kind of clothing item for the volunteers. It was agreed to purchase micro fleece vests for all BD members, WVs who had completed two years of service and have signed up to participate this year, and selected donors. Dave R. will get sample sizes, examples of logos, and information on colors available and communicate with BD members. It also was agreed to distribute the vests at the beginning of the upcoming season. **Board Motion:** *Purchase 40-45 micro fleece vests to be distributed as described in these minutes at a cost of \$28/each + a \$60 set-up fee. Frank G. moved; George R. second.*
- There also was discussion regarding purchasing name tags for WVs in Summit County; Ken H. advised that he is happy with the names tags available in Eagle County. Cyndi K. has found a suitable name tag and the BD agreed to purchase the tags. **Board Motion:** *Purchase 30 name tags for Summit County WVs at a cost of \$6.95 each. Currie C. moved; Bill R. second.*
- WV Training date (joint effort w/FDRD) is April 30.

Wilderness Volunteer Rangers (WV) Eagle County

- Vail Valley Foundation (VVF) has rejected a grant application (\$1,650) to improve the “educational capabilities of its Eagle County volunteer wilderness rangers” by attending the USFS’s annual Wilderness Ranger Academy in Durango from June 6-11. The BD asked Ken H. to provide information regarding funds needed to send him to the Academy.
- Ken would like to have 25 volunteers (up from 15 in 2010) and will work with his team to attract new people.
- Training date for WV is TBD.
- Ken H. will respond to a SOS Outreach request regarding possible projects for their group.

Signage

- Cindy E. to help George R. put together an order to Wood Product Signs Inc. for an entrance sign for the Meadow Creek trail. Note: Board Motion authorizing spending up to \$400 was approved at the January BD meeting.
- “No Snowmobile” sign installation efforts are proceeding at Elliot Ridge – 10 signs have been placed, with one more trip planned. Because snowmobiles will be used in the installation, FENW volunteers will not be able to participate. Cindy E. will prepare a press release regarding the new signage.
- Further installation of signs purchased in 2011 will proceed after the snow melts and the Travel Management Plan is published later this year.

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USFS

- The Travel Management Plan will be published later this year; no specific timing.
- USFS is in very preliminary discussion regarding broader scope of work planning; Cindy E. will provide further updates when available.

Advocacy – No discussion.

Other Items

- Currie will prepare a congratulatory letter to FDRD regarding their USFS national recognition award.
- Currie also will prepare a condolence letter to A-Basin regarding the death of Leif Borgeson.

Next Meeting – Thursday, March 24 at 5:30 at the Dillon Ranger District.

Submitted by
George Resseguie, Secretary/Treasurer

FENW Board Meeting Minutes
January 27, 2011

Attendees:

FENW: Currie Craven, Frank Gutmann, Ken Harper, Cyndi Koop, Dave Raymond, George Resseguie, and John Taylor
USFS: Cindy Ebbert and Tyler Kirkpatrick

Board Membership

Marilyn Raymond has decided to step down from the Board. We all are very grateful for her many contributions to FENW's success and George R. will prepare a "thank-you" letter for her. THANKS MARILYN!

Meeting Minutes – Minutes from the October 28 and November 17 meetings were approved.

Treasurer's Report

- As of Dec 31, 2010, the year-end ending cash balance was \$18,335. For the year, the cash balance decreased \$1,404 from Jan 1.
- A preliminary 2011 budget was discussed. Key points as follows:
 - Grant revenue is projected at \$13,100 and unrestricted revenue is projected at \$5,650. Combined with the 2010 year-end balance, there is \$37,090 in funding available in 2011.
 - 2011 expenses are forecast at \$23,000, with a budget similar to 2010. Expected year-end cash balance is \$14,090 or \$4,250 less than revenue received during the year.
 - *Board Motion: The 2011 budget was approved (Currie C. moved, Dave R. second).*
- *Board Motion: The Treasurer's Report was approved (John T. moved; Ken H. second).*

Business Items

Membership

- For 2010, dues totaling \$5,004 were received, approximately \$1,000 more than projected. Using the FENW Newsletter for the bi-monthly dues campaigns has been terrific. GOOD JOB DAVE!
- For 2011, dues totaling \$620 have been received to date.

Dillon Recreation Guide (Guide)

- FDRD has approached FENW to provide \$750 in support for a second printing (20,000 copies) of the Guide in 2011; total cost for printing/design is \$2,550. FDRD has raised about \$800 of the total.
- Timeline is to finish revisions to the Guide by April, and print/distribute by the end of May.
- Questions raised during BD discussion pertained to the overall, 5-Year plan for the Guide, including quantities to be published, funding needed, and grant requests planned (i.e. to The Summit Foundation). George R. agreed to discuss with FDRD. **Update: Marge from FDRD will attend the February BD meeting.**

Grants for 2011

- Grants for TSF, Summit County, and the towns will be submitted during the spring 2011 cycle.

Tools & Equipment

- George R. to research funding source(s) with primary focus on a second tool shed.

TRAFx Trail Monitoring System

- Systems "boxes" are in place at 4 trail sites: Meadow Creek, North 10 Mile, Buffalo Cabin, and Lily Pad. After discussion with Sam Massman, boxes will be reinstalled at the sites during February (George R.).

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Trail Projects

- Considerable discussion regarding 2011 events as follows:
 - June 4 – National Trails Day – partner with FDRD and Summit Fat Tire Society.
 - Late June – Gateways/Waterworks. Further details TBD.
 - Meadow Creek #1 and #2 – complete 3 sections of structure. Work likely will require 15 volunteers. Primary “heavy” work will be handled by Rocky Mountain Youth Corps volunteers.
 - Plan a potential overnight project using an outfitter. Could work in the Upper Cataract area to handle campfire mitigation, install “no campfire” signs, etc. Further details TBD.
 - Overall, more planning is needed to finalize the plan (Cindy E. and Bill Reed).

Weeds

- For 2011, John T. submitted a \$10,000 grant request to NFF in early January; awaiting response. FENW will provide 10% matching funds. There will be 2 coverage sites in Summit County and the remaining focus will be in Eagle County.
- P4C event is scheduled for July 9; again will coordinate with Summit County Weed folks (Lisa Taylor). FENW again will provide some funding (we contributed \$714.00 of which P4C Colorado reimbursed \$352.00).

Wilderness Volunteer Rangers (WV) – Summit County

- There are 23 excellent volunteers in the program. One volunteer has decided not to participate this year; Cyndi K. will prepare a thank-you letter. There is potential to increase the number of volunteers, but not to exceed 30 people.
- There was discussion regarding using Kaleidos Marketing to help attract volunteers both in Summit and Eagle Counties. Efforts last year were successful in Eagle County (5 volunteers added). George R. will contact Kaleidos to determine availability. **Update: Kaleidos is available to provide publicity in 2011.**
- There was discussion regarding providing buying some kind of recognition item for volunteers. Cyndi K. suggested first aid kits in lieu of some kind of rain jacket; Ken H. liked the kits for his team in Eagle County. **BD Motion: Authorize spending up to \$900 to purchase 40 first aid kits. George R. moved; John T. second. Update: Kits were received in early February.**
- There also was discussion regarding volunteers’ name tags. Summit County team needs the tags; Ken H. advised that Eagle County is OK with what they have. Cindy E. offered a website option. **Update: Using the website, Cyndi K. identified a wooden name tag (\$6.95/each) that satisfies her requirements; will discuss further at Feb. BD meeting.**
- There was continuing discussion regarding providing logs, jackets, etc. for the volunteers. Further efforts needed to firm up a plan. Dave. R./George R. to research and advise at the Feb BD meeting.
- WV Training date (joint effort w/FDRD) is April 30.

Wilderness Volunteer Rangers (WV) Eagle County

- Sam Massman/Ken Harper submitted a grant (\$1,650) to the Vail Valley Foundation (VVF) to improve the “educational capabilities of its Eagle County volunteer wilderness rangers” by attending the USFS’s annual Wilderness Ranger Academy in Durango from June 6-11. FENW will provide \$500 matching funds. Awaiting VVF response.
- Ken would like to have 25 volunteers (up from 15 in 2010) this summer (see Summit County publicity, above).
- Training date for WV is TBD.

Signage

- As a first step in 2011, all agreed that a new Meadow Creek entrance sign is needed. Cindy E. to help George R. put together an order to Wood Product Signs Inc. **Board Motion: authorize spending up to \$400 to purchase a sign for Meadow Creek. Dave R. moved; George R. second.**
- “No Snowmobile” sign installation efforts are proceeding at Elliot Ridge. Because snowmobiles will be used in the installation, FENW volunteers will not be able to participate.

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Signage, continued

- Further installation of signs purchased in 2011 will proceed after the snow melts.
- Any other sign purchases will be deferred until publication of the Travel Management Plan this summer.

USFS

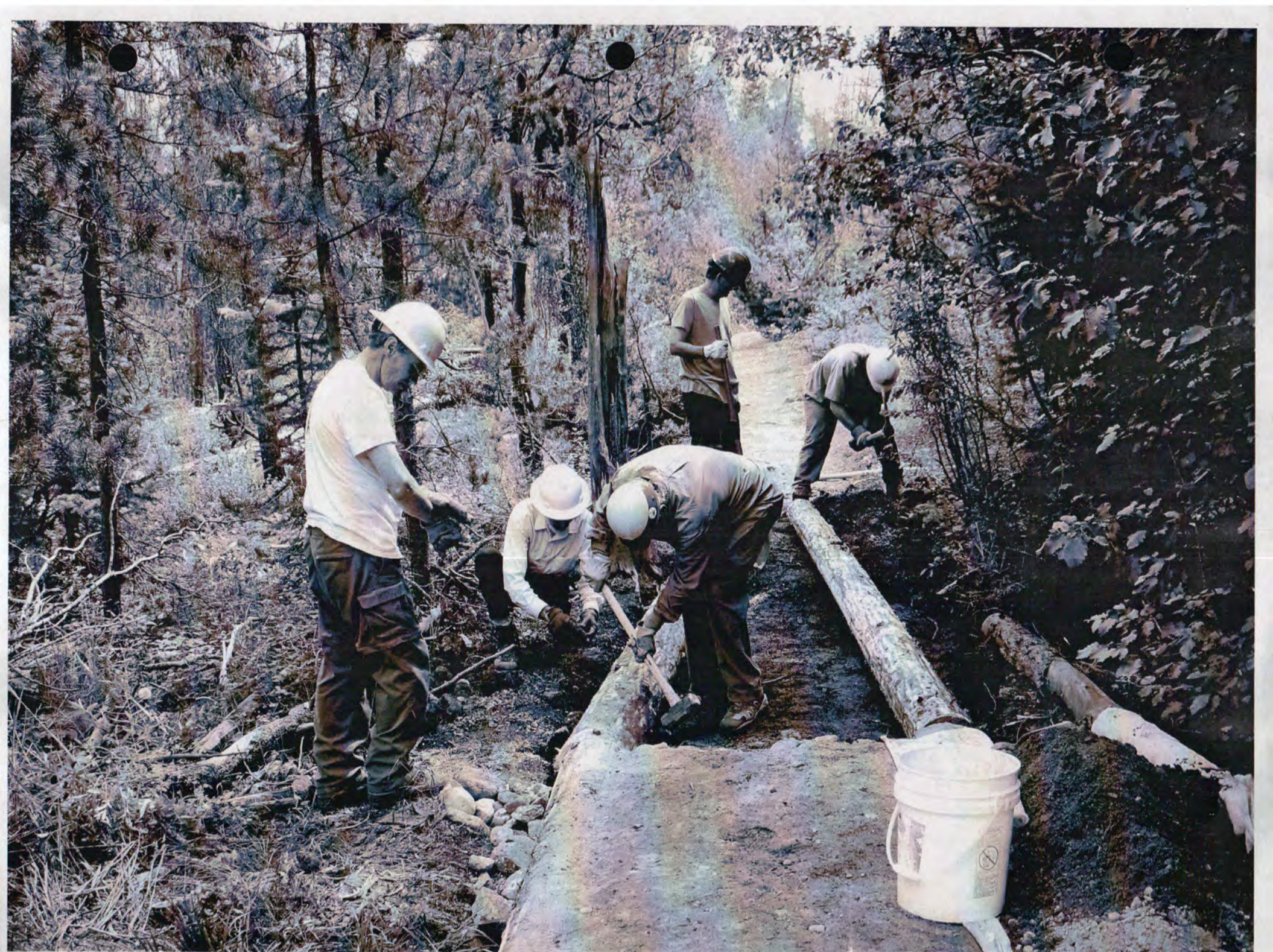
- A new crosscut saw training program is being developed that likely will allow more volunteer participation in using the saws. Further details TBD.
- There will be 1 seasonal and 2 SCA interns this season, an "improvement" from previous news!

Advocacy

- There is a National Wilderness Stewardship Alliance meeting in Las Vegas from March 10-12; no participation anticipated from FENW.

Next Meeting – Thursday, March 24 at 5:30 at the Dillon Ranger District.

Submitted by
George Resseguie, Secretary/Treasurer



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