

VALLEY COUNTY SNOWMOBILE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING January 9, 2020

Chairman Ron Platt called the meeting to order at the Emergency Operations Center at 7:00 pm. Present were Ron Platt, Larry Laxson, Terri Klanderud, Rob Workman, Mark Wood, Mark Sabin, Vic Greenfield, and Larry Meredith. Also present was Gerry Worley from the Idaho Dog Sled Challenge; Kevin Turner from the Sheriff's Department; Wayne Dingman, the Forest Service LEO; Carol Lundgren, Baum Shelter Too; Tina Platt, Donnelly Snowmobile Club; and Jay Jacques, Donnelly.

Rob Workman motioned that the December 2019 minutes be approved as presented; seconded by Mark Wood. Motion carried.

Mark Wood shared that at the Winter Recreation Meeting, they were informed that the logging contracts were reviewed and that they are not going to log on the Goose River Project this winter.

USFS

Wayne Dingman reported that the sticker checks are going well and that compliance is good.

SHERIFF'S REPORT

Kevin reported that he was at the Donnelly Fun Run and checked 304 sleds and only four were not compliant. They did a ride last Friday into Secesh (there were five of them); they are starting to get out on the trails now. Kevin will be running at least two sleds, he would like to run four, and will be at Wellington, Gem County, and the Veteran's Ride.

NEW BUSINESS

Larry Meredith spoke regarding the Wallace Lane capacity. Discussion took place regarding the demographics of the logging, private property, etc.

Larry Laxson reported that everything is opened up north above 55. West Face has been opened. The biggest challenge now is X-Flats and Red Ridge; we are on schedule. Depending on this storm, he has the Cat scheduled to be loaded on Monday and will go to Warm Lake on Tuesday unless we need to hold off due to the snow accumulation and avalanche concerns. When the avalanche danger moves up we will start grooming during the daytime.

Larry Laxson also spoke about writing protocol regarding lost items on trails. Larry passed out the protocol and that we need to get procedures in place. Comments were made that we just shouldn't pick it up. Discussion took place regarding protocol and the difficulty of managing when we operate in several different counties.

A chain saw was lost out at Francis Wallace. We've discussed changing keys for all of the areas. There are so many keys out that we can't account for. Mark Sabin suggested using a code entry system that could be changed and kept current.

OLD BUSINESS

Larry Laxson informed everyone that there will be a meeting/hearing held at 1:30 pm on Monday, January 13, 2020, at the Commissioner's meeting to testify about the overnight and long term parking. Discussion took place regarding different ideas of controlling and paying for parking in the parking lots.

Mark Wood wanted to share that several individuals in Boise have had a discussion for years regarding the Titus parking lot, and have volunteered their time and put together with Tim Wood, a parking diagram. They are going to put in on a board and see how it works. The Forest Service is looking to put it on metal signs. The parking lot is only 2/3's the size of the original plan/permit for that area. Also, the length ruling was tied to the road, not the parking lot. Because the road has been re-engineered, the ruling is a moot point.

Mark Wood also mentioned that we need to put together a list of which signs we need to have at each trailhead.

Terri Klanderud brought up that there will be a meeting/hearing on the trail tow/removal ordinance to remove equipment from the trail. It will be held Monday, January 20, 2020, at 1:30pm. Discussion took place regarding the liabilities and issues that are involved in removing vehicles on the trail.

Gerry Worley announced that they are at maximum now for the Idaho Dog Sled Challenge. They will have two teams from Alaska. They will start at Little Ski Hill and finish up at Wellington. They would like to get some safety protocol in place in the event that they have weather or other issues that would compromise safety.

Carol Lundgren addressed the Committee that they would like a document from the Commissioners to the Forest Service that indicates that they do not have a problem with the groomer be able to run a packed strip down the air strip at Warren in order to make it safer for the mail plane to bring in mail. It was suggested that she go first to the Forest Service to get

approval, and then we can move forward. Once we get the letters, we can then add it to the agenda as an action item. Sawtooth Air has a document that states that the pilot has all responsibility as to the conditions of landing.

AREA REPORTS

Smith's Ferry: The Fun Run will be held on January 18, 2020. The loggers are out of there now and they have groomed around the lake.

West Mountain: Larry Meredith reported that there will be a Fun Run in conjunction with the City of Cascade over President's Day Weekend.

Donnelly: Ron Platt thanked the Forest Service for the new signs. He spent a couple of hours with the safety guy from DF Development. There is some debris on Red Ridge (rocks, stumps, etc) and they need a lot of snow to be able to groom that. DF said that they would be happy to go in there with us and evaluate and help us mitigate the area.

McCall: Mark Wood reported that he has had to pull out two people of the parking lot. He had them sign a form that they release us of all liability.

Jay Jacques addressed the Committee stating that he had a meeting with the Commissioners. He is not able to talk about it at this time, but had never been to a meeting before.

Ron Platt adjourned the meeting.

VOLUNTEER HOURS

Mark Wood	McCall Area	Groomer Meeting	4 hours
Mark Sabin	McCall Area	Groomer Meeting	4 hours
Mark Wood	McCall Area	Parking Lot & Meetings	78 hours
Mark Sabin	McCall Area	Grooming/Parking	62 hours
Dan Krahn	McCall Area	Grooming/Parking	43 hours
John Hicks	McCall Area	Financials	11 hours
Ron Platt	Donnelly	Groomer Meeting	6 hours
Ron Platt	Donnelly	Grooming	62 hours
Ron Platt	Donnelly	Maintenance	11 hours
Ron Platt	Donnelly	Meetings	12 hours
Vic Greenfield	Donnelly	Groomer Meeting	6 hours
Vic Greenfield	Donnelly	Maintenance	12 hours
Vic Greenfield	Donnelly	Grooming	8 hours
Vic Greenfield	Donnelly	Meetings	6 hours
Larry Meredith	West Mountain	Groomer Meeting	3 hours
Larry Meredith	West Mountain	Meetings	6 hours
Rob Workman	Smith's Ferry	Groomer Meeting	5 hours
Terri Klanderud	Smith's Ferry	Groomer Meeting	6 hours
Terri Klanderud	Smith's Ferry	Minutes/Agenda/emails	2 hours
Dave Boynton	Smith's Ferry	Parking lot	68 hours
Dave Boynton	Smith's Ferry	Grounds keep/mtn	6 hours
Terri Klanderud	Smith's Ferry	Meetings	11 hours