

Friends of the Agua Fria National Monument
Cultural Resource Committee (CRC) Meeting
February 17, 2015
BLM Offices, N. 7th Avenue, Phoenix, AZ

MINUTES

Attendees: Mike Nushawg, Acting Chair
Mike Hoogendyk, Member
Larry Kraft, Member
JJ Golio, Site Steward
Connie Stone, Member
Cody Carter, BLM Acting Monument Mgr.
Pete Reilly, Member
Shelley Rasmussen, Member
Larry Gauthier, AAS
Sandy Gauthier, AAS
Chris Caseldine, Member

Call to Order: Mike Nushawg called the meeting to order at 11:06 am.

Minutes: The minutes of January 20, 2015 were approved.

BLM Liaison: Cody Carter gave an update for BLM and several others contributed information also. Bryan Lausten was out sick.

1. Coordinated Resource Management Plan (CRMP): The NEPA process is being completed and filed prior to Bryan Lausten leaving for his Washington, DC detail. Mike Hoogendyk talked about the CRMP “Soils, Plants and Prehistoric Ag Features” field trip that was taken this last Thursday, January 12, 2015. Approximately 20 people (BLM, TNF, AZG&F and stakeholders) visited three sites on the monument to understand how soils and plants were monitored by BLM and TNF and to view some prehistoric agricultural features.
2. Survey Schedule: Shelley Rasmussen indicated that during January, 2015, only one field date was utilized. On that day, January 29th, Bryan Lausten conducted field training.
3. Pueblo La Plata Interpretation: There was no meeting held during January, 2015 on this subject. The item will be tabled until Bryan Lausten is back from his Washington, DC detail.
4. Status of YCSO Parking Concerns at I-17/Bloody Basin Exit: Cody was not aware of any action taken on this subject.
5. “Elephant Snot” for Graffiti Removal: Mike Nushawg attended a recent field demonstration of the use of Elephant Snot (a chemical product) to remove graffiti from a boulder. He passed out a flyer regarding the product.
6. Purchase of Cross-Y Inholdings: Cody mentioned that the purchase of the two 40-acre parcels on Black Mesa had been completed.
7. Henry Cordes Oral History: Shelley Rasmussen obtained a copy of an oral history from Henry Cordes. JJ Golio is going to add it to the Committee web site.

Site Stewards Liaison: JJ Golio mentioned several recent Site Steward hikes taken in the monument area and also that she had recently updated some of the Site Steward files. Shelley Rasmussen talked about the recent Land Managers Meeting and that everyone had a chance to meeting the new state person in charge of Site Stewards. There is a state-wide conference being planned for Tubac, AZ, with field trips in the Rio Rico area. Lindsey Brown is the new Regional Coordinator for the Salt River area and is planning an April 18th training session. Lila Elam, the Regional Coordinator for the area that includes the monument, recently had foot surgery and will have to be off that foot for the next two months.

AAS Liaison: Mike Hoogendyk reported that AAS had sent out a special “Petroglyphs” newsletter today with proposed Bylaw changes to be voted on April 4, 2015 in Winslow. Others mentioned that the meeting will be held at the Winslow Chamber of Commerce and is being held there because so many AAS members come from northern Arizona.

FAFNM Board Liaison: Mike Nushawg reported on the last Friends Board meeting.

1. There is grant money available from the Community Foundation of Yavapai County and the FAFNM Board is promoting the idea to any and all within the Friends who might be able to use the funds. Chris Caseldine had reviewed their web site and JJ Golio thought she might be able to come up with some activities for which it could be used. She’ll check the site out also.
2. The agreement with the Friends of Tonto National Forest to process their deposits under the FAFNM 501 (c) (3) is no longer necessary as they got their own non-profit status.
3. FAFNM Newsletter Articles: Sarah Striker is soliciting newsletter articles again. All Committee members are encouraged to write one.
4. National Public Lands Day is going to be September 26th this year. The Friends are considering holding their Annual Meeting on that day to combine activities.
5. John Hathaway, the new Friends Treasurer, has done a good job in getting financials prepared for the association. As soon as they have been “audited”, they will be released.
6. Geocaches have been set up all over the monument. A local leader of the main local Geocaching group, a woman named “April”, is possibly going to attend a Friends board meeting in the near future to talk about what they do and discuss any Friends concerns regarding archaeological sites. Chris Caseldine indicated she would probably be able to meet with the Cultural Resources Committee, too.
7. There is another Adopt-A-Highway cleanup scheduled for April 11, 2015.

Old Business:

1. Horseshoe Ranch Petroglyph Interpretation: Shelley Rasmussen passed around a sign that had been approved by Arizona Game and Fish. Shelley is going to contact local vendors to get estimates on producing the sign. Hopefully, it will fit within the \$1,500 that has been allocated for this project for so long by FAFNM.
2. Wagon Wheel Rock Art Recording: An email from Barbara Gronemann was read. She has scheduled the recording for March 18th and 20th and will be sending out information and recording forms in early March.
3. Results of 1/30/2015 LaPlata tour for Super Bowl Attendees: Despite lots of hard work and preparation by Shelley Rasmussen and Trudy Mertens, the event was rained out.

New Business

1. Don Peru Collection: JJ Golio reported that since last month she was able to find homes for all three sections of the material turned over to her by Trudy Mertens at last month’s meeting. One section, which is from Flint Ridge, OH, will be turned over to an Ohio professor. The material from Alamo Lake, AZ, is being turned over to the visitor’s center there which will use it in a display. The last portion, all from Michigan, is being sent to the Michigan state archaeologist.
2. Teskey Site Vandalism: Sandy and Larry Gauthier reported on more vandalism at the Teskey Site. Nineteen fence stays were stolen, along with three posts damaged and some wires cut. This is the second instance of this type. The first was repaired and the incident reported to BLM, but no real action was taken by BLM. The Gauthiers think that at least an article in the local newspaper reporting on the incident would be appropriate. There could also be various methods of surveillance. Regardless, BLM needs to do something. There is over \$14,000 invested in that

project to date. Gauthiers are holding off making the major repairs this time until BLM does something.

3. Committee Hike to Indian Creek Fort: This has been scheduled for Thursday, February 26, 2015 and is for Committee Members only. If you are wanting to participate, please email Mike Hoogendyk.
4. 4-Wheel Clubs Abusing the Monument: Pete Reilly reported on a club that recently took 17 Jeeps (over 30 people) to LaPlata and beyond. While they were there, another six Jeeps were waiting to get in. If groups want to go in with 25 or more people, they need a BLM permit.
5. Archaeology Café: Mike Hoogendyk mentioned that Ron Carlos and Jacob Butler were going to be talking tonight at Macayo's regarding traditional Maricopa Pottery. The two of them are very active in that area today.

Future Activities

2 nd Thursdays	6:30pm – 8:30pm	FAFNM Board Meetings at BLM Office
3 rd Tuesdays	11:00am – 1:00pm	Cultural Resources Committee at BLM Office
March 7, 2015		State Archaeology Day Event in Yuma, AZ
March 18 & 20, 2015		Wagon Wheel RA Recording

Bryan's Planned Field Dates for Archaeological Surveys

(Cancelled until Bryan's return from DC)

The meeting adjourned at 1:05 pm.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, March 17, 2015 at 11:00 AM, at the BLM Offices on 7th Avenue just south of Deer Valley Airport. Mike Nushawg volunteered to be Acting Chair for the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Hoogendyk