

Friends of the Agua Fria National Monument  
**Cultural Resource Committee (CRC) Meeting**  
Tuesday, May 19, 2015  
BLM Offices, N. 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Phoenix, AZ

**MINUTES**

**Attendees:** Larry Kraft, Acting Chair  
Mike Hoogendyk, Member  
Mike Nushawg, Member  
Connie Stone, Member  
Marie Davis, BLM  
Sarah Striker, Acting AFNM Archaeologist  
Barbara Gronemann, Member  
Shelley Rasmussen, Member  
JJ Golio, Site Steward  
Trudy Mertens, AAS  
Amanda James, BLM, Monument Mgr.

**Call to Order:** Larry Kraft called the meeting to order at 11:07 am.

**Minutes:** The minutes of April 21, 2015 were approved.

**BLM Update:** Amanda James gave an update for BLM.

1. Sarah Striker will be filling in as a Monument Archaeologist for sixty days. She started last week. She will be doing Sec. 106 work in conjunction with the CRMP grazing permit renewal, coordinating with SHPO and doing tribal consultation.
2. Teskey Site Vandalism: The Park Ranger was notified and did go out to take pictures of the tree cutting, although there is little that can be done due to lack of evidence. Sarah Striker will be checking into the possibility of a news release and Amanda has found some possible game cameras that could be put into use.
3. Coordinated Resource Management Plan (CRMP): There were two meetings held in the last month or so with the Cultural Resource-oriented stake holders. At the last meeting they discussed changes that have already been made to accommodate issues with cultural resources, such as relocating all proposed pipelines to existing road beds. They will also utilize existing earthen stock tanks where possible. No more water will be pumped from the Agua Fria or other local streams. The current Permittee is running around 200-250 head of cattle, but that will change from year to year as conditions on the ground change. Connie Stone suggested that water rights records kept by Lyn Feldman (sp?) be reviewed for additional data input to the process.
4. Several riparian areas are being considered as critical habitat for the Yellow Billed Cuckoo.
5. Monument Ranger Position: Amanda is working on the 2016 budget this summer and hopes to include the ranger again.
6. The Cross-Y Black Mesa grazing permit is up for renewal also and BLM will probably cut back on the numbers of cattle allowed in order to the damage to plants to be reversed. This could include efforts to eradicate invasive species.
7. There were some sheep through the monument this year, but only for a short time. Bringing sheep up through the monument may end up being curtailed due to a forest crossing permit being cancelled. The sheep were also experiencing difficulties due to a new watering location. Connie Stone asked if there had been any news regarding Kaibab national historic registration for the sheep drive corridor and was told there had not been.
8. Monument's 15<sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary: The 15<sup>th</sup> year anniversary for the NLCS and AFNM will take place June 20th at the Black Canyon City Heritage Park. Amanda indicated that there will be a limited number of vendors, some local restaurants selling food, an Agave roast, a band and some

speakers. The speakers will begin around 10:30am and the whole event should wind up by around 1:00pm. Some of the BLM Challenge Cost Share monies will be used to fund part of the event. Wet/Dry workers will be honored also. The Outreach Committee needs some Cultural Resource volunteers to assist both in planning and at the event. Amanda James will provide information about planning meeting times and locations and Mike Hoogendyk will distribute same to the Cultural Resource Committee meeting attendees.

**FAFNM Board Update:** Mike Nushawg gave a report on the last FAFNM Board Meeting.

1. It has been asked that the Cultural Resources Committee minutes be forwarded to the Friends' Board instead of Mike Nushawg giving a report.
2. Mike Nushawg indicated at the meeting that he felt the Friends' budget didn't include funds for Cultural Resources projects. As a result, Karen LaFrance generated an email with budget information attached in which she responded to Mike's comments. That email has been forwarded to the full Cultural Resources Committee. During discussion, it was agreed that the Committee needed to begin immediately putting together a Cultural Resources budget for the next budget cycle. In addition, it was recommended that the FAFNM Treasurer be requested to break out line items for Cultural Resources activities so that they could be tracked from one version of the budget to the next. It was also suggested, several times during today's meeting, that the FAFNM Treasurer be invited to attend a Cultural Resources Committee meeting to discuss budget issues and explain FAFNM Budget processes.
3. The discussion about the Nominating Committee process for this year's Annual Meeting elections was postponed, since a key player was absent from the meeting.
4. Mike raised questions at the meeting regarding insurance for member activities. Evidently there is some coverage, but the process for gaining access to it might be difficult. You first need to apply to your own insurance coverages and then to the Friends' insurance. Amanda James indicated that there is coverage for volunteers, but only with advance knowledge of the activities being undertaken. It also matters whether you were acting under a BLM Volunteer agreement or a site steward agreement.
5. There was a discussion about the 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary activities mentioned in some detail above during Amanda's BLM Update.
6. Mike indicated he is resigning from the FAFNM Board effective as of the end of today's Cultural Resource Committee meeting. Members of the Committee all thanked Mike for his great service as the Committee's liaison to the Board.

**Site Stewards Update:** JJ indicated that she and a group of Site Stewards had so far completed about half of the new site kit for the Shangri La petroglyph site. Larry Kraft discussed some difficulties he had encountered when trying to coordinate with BLM as a Site Steward. It had to do with which forms were to be completed when interacting with BLM. Amanda promised to get with Lawrence Harper, BLM, regarding the confusion and try to get everything straightened out.

**AAS Update:** There was none.

**Old Business:**

1. Horseshoe Ranch Petroglyph Interpretation: Shelley Rasmussen is waiting for a response from AZG&F before she can proceed further.
2. Wagon Wheel Rock Art Recording: Barbara Gronemann indicated that Gerry Haase was making changes to the ARAC forms based on some of the experience at Wagon Wheel. They had really wanted to hold a debriefing meeting with the recording participants, but, using the Doodle app,

had only been able to get four people for the best possible time to meet. As a result, they will get the DVD that Gerry produces, distribute it and then try again to schedule a meeting of the participants to go over the final information. It was suggested that Barbara Gronemann make a presentation to the Committee of the results.

3. **Teskey Vandalism:** Sandy Gauthier provided Mike Hoogendyk with a proposal from Carl Birkemeyer of Dugas Fence Contractors, LLC, to make the necessary repairs. Based on an email from Karen LaFrance, the Committee agreed to formally request the FAFNM to cover the costs. Mike Hoogendyk agreed to forward the request and proposal to Karen LaFrance.
4. Several people spoke up about the Committee Hike to on May 14<sup>th</sup>. The group visited several field houses and several petroglyph locations. While out on the hike, four new field houses were located. Mike Hoogendyk and Shelley Rasmussen shared some photos from the day.
5. **Public Lands Foundation Annual Meeting:** Connie Stone is still working on the planning for this event. She needs assistance from one or two members of the Friends. The event is to be held on Wednesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> and will end up for lunch at the Black Canyon City Heritage Park.
6. **Road Closure Signs:** Larry Kraft and Mike Hoogendyk reported on signs which were installed during the last month. Larry placed several on the old route that went west from Copper Tank. Mike, with the help of Larry, Trudy Mertens and Shelley Rasmussen, place three of them at the gate just west of Bull Tank. Mike also suggested to BLM that they place additional boulders to block the “drive around” at that location and also do something to eliminate the use of a plastic tie on the chain at the gate.
7. **Archaeology Site Etiquette Brochures:** JJ Golio pointed out that new verbiage had been developed which was more current than the brochure the Committee had review last month. That newer language is posted on the Committee’s Web Site. Sarah Striker pointed out that the colored, three-fold brochure the Committee approved last month had already been forwarded to Jim Riggs who was getting a proposal for printing. JJ agreed to contact Jim and see if it was possible to substitute the newer language at this late date. Mike Hoogendyk agreed to forward the old PDF file to JJ so she could update it.

**New Business**

1. The discussion regarding Budget input, proposed projects and costs was continued at this point. One of the possible projects needing funding is for additional signs: No Littering, Road Closed and Cultural Sites. The first two could be needed if the current inventory has been depleted as BLM has no current budget funds to replenish the inventory. There are multiple versions of the last one that have been used throughout the years. Site Stewards may have some of theirs and JJ will check on that. They could be used on sites the Site Stewards are actively visiting. BLM might have some Carsonite ones of theirs and we could use existing inventory if available. If there are none available, then we would need to purchase more. Amanda James is going to check their inventory.

**Future Activities**

2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursdays	6:30pm – 8:30pm	<b>FAFNM Board Meetings</b> at BLM Office
3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays	11:00am – 1:00pm	<b>Cultural Resources</b> Committee at BLM Office
June 20, 2015		15 Year Anniversary Celebration for AFNM & NLCS, Black Canyon City Heritage Park

**Bryan’s Planned Field Dates for Archaeological Surveys**  
(Cancelled until Bryan’s return from DC)

**The meeting adjourned at 12:54 pm.**

**The next meeting will be Tuesday, June 16, 2015 at 11:00 AM, at the BLM Offices on 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue just south of Deer Valley Airport. Mike Nushawg volunteered to be Acting Chair for the meeting.**

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Hoogendyk