

Friends of the Agua Fria National Monument
Cultural Resource Committee (CRC) Meeting
Tuesday, July 18, 2017
BLM Phoenix District Office

MINUTES

Attendees: Connie Stone, Chairperson
Pete Reilly, Member
Mike Hoogendyk, Member
Trudy Mertens, Member
Barbara Gronemann, Member
Mike Nushawg, Member
Chris Reed, Member
Peter Huegel, Member
Shelley Rasmussen, Member
Marie Davis, Member
Larry Kraft, Member
Ron Tipton, BLM AFNM Manager
Chris McLaughlin, BLM Archaeologist

Call to Order: Connie Stone called the meeting to order at 12:04 pm.

Minutes: The minutes of June 20, 2017 were approved as amended.

BLM Update: Chris McLaughlin, BLM Archaeologist, gave the BLM Update.

- 1. Brooklyn Fire:** The Burned Area Emergency Rehabilitation Team is now working on the monument in the wake of the fire. They are responsible for evaluating the burn area for all aspects: Cultural Resources, plants, animals, potential erosion, etc. They will work closely with BLM and the FS to check on damage and rehabilitation. The fire burned very fast across the land with low to moderate heat. The only intense or severe heat was in the area where the fire started – with a lightning strike in the Brooklyn Peak vicinity.
- 2. Committee Assistance Following the Fire:** The Cultural Resources Committee can help in coordination with Chris McLaughlin and Ron Tipton by checking on damage to existing sites within a ¼ mile of existing roads and looking for newly uncovered sites in that same area. Information (GPS coordinates, site condition and photos) should be forwarded to Chris McLaughlin. BLM will also be providing Committee members with a form on which to record information about each of the sites.
- 3. Volunteer Agreements:** Lawrence Harper visited for a few minutes to explain that it was time to begin completing volunteer agreements for next year, which starts on October 1, 2017. If you don't already have your form completed, you can email Lawrence at lharper@blm.gov and give him permission to send the form to you for completion, signature and return to Lawrence.
- 4. Monument Manager Update:** Ron Tipton visited for a few minutes and thanked the Committee members for their assistance and gave a little more background on the fire. He indicated that the fire fighters used no slurry on the monument. There were two concerns about doing so: 1) the damage it might cause to remnant populations of endangered fish in Lousy and Larry Canyons; and, 2) the damage residual slurry might cause to cultural sites such as ruins and petroglyphs. The number one priority in the firefighting was protection of human life. The second priority concerned protection of cultural resources and riparian areas. The BAER team is now working extensively and is preparing a fire map with Landsat material.

FAFNM Board Update: Pete Reilly gave the FAFNM Board Update.

- 1. Financials:** Pete passed around a copy of the June 30, 2017 financials prepared by Jim Riggs. There was a \$300.00 donation given to the Upper Agua Fria Watershed Partnership to help cover

cost of redoing their web site. As a result of the death of Cliff Hersted all their passwords were lost and they have no way of accessing the site for updates, etc. In addition, the \$4,500 BLM grant for the Teskey/School House trail has been given over to the Friends and will be held for some future Cultural Resources Committee project. At the moment the prime candidate for that project is continuation of the Pueblo La Plata interpretation signs and trail.

Perry Mesa Area Archaeological Happenings:

1. (No discussion held today in this area)

Old Business:

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New Business:

1. **Post Fire Activities:** Connie Stone had spent several days researching BLM and Forest Service post-fire assessment and strategies. With the information she found she prepared and presented a paper, "Consideration for Discussion of Activities Related to Brooklyn Wildfire". Using it as a basis for discussion, the Committee spent the next 1.5 hours working on a plan for how to proceed.
2. **Priorities:** 1. Sites within ¼ mile of roads. For example: Bull Tank area (Ag. Features, etc., - effects on terraces, fields and field houses). 2) Sites in areas of relatively higher fire intensity (compare site maps/fire maps). 3) Check sites reported by fire fighters. 4) Work with Chris McLaughlin using BLM forms. 5) Sites in areas determined by BAER team to be more vulnerable to erosion.
3. **Steps:** For the moment, and until BLM provides forms, Committee members who are in the field looking at known sites and exploring for newly uncovered sites should report their findings to Chris McLaughlin by email at cmclaugh@blm.gov. Again, try to get UTM coordinates, site description and status, and photos.
4. **Other New Business:**
 - A. **Iraqi Tour on Monument:** Chris McLaughlin recently assisted with a tour group of Iraqi scientists/cultural resource specialists (?) who were visiting the monument. This was accomplished using interpreters as not all of the visitors spoke English.
 - B. **Geocaching:** Chris Reed passed out a paper concerning how Geocaching is handled at Petrified Forest National Park. This will be the topic of a discussion at the August, 2017 Committee meeting.
 - C. **Summer, 2017 Sierra Club Newsletter:** Shelley pointed out that the current newsletter contains an article by Tim Flood about the Wet/Dry mapping on Agua Fria River. It also has an article by a former FAFNM president and has numerous local people included in one way or another.
 - D. **Arizona State Parks Archaeologist:** As reported last month, Will Russell has taken this position. Shelley spent some time going over Will's resume as reported to the Site Stewards.
 - E. **Committee Archaeological Survey Equipment:** Today Pete Reilly delivered to BLM (Chris McLaughlin) the equipment purchased for the Committee. BLM will store it in the Archaeology Bin. There are two keys to the equipment container which Connie Stone and Chris McLaughlin will manage. The equipment is for use on Committee projects such as the rock art recording done at the Sleepy Hollow and Wagon Wheel sites.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 2:02 pm.

Future Activities

2 nd Thursdays	6:30pm – 8:30pm	FAFNM Board Meetings at BLM Office
3 rd Tuesdays	12:00pm – 2:00pm	Cultural Resources Committee at BLM Office
8/10-13/2017		Pecos Conference, Pecos, NM
9/23/2017		FAFNM Annual Meeting, Location TBD
10/6-8/2017		URARA, Green River, UT
10/21/2017	9:00am	Three Corners Conference, UNLV, Nevada
12/2/2017	1:00pm – 3:30pm	2 nd Annual Canon Arizona History BookFest in BCC
1/27/2018	9:00am – 3:00pm	WinterFest at BCC Heritage Park

Planned Field Dates for BLM Archaeological Surveys

(None scheduled at the moment)

The next meeting will be at 12:00pm, Tuesday, August 15, 2017, at the BLM Offices on N 7th Avenue in Phoenix.

Michael J. Hoogendyk

Respectfully submitted,
Michael J. Hoogendyk