

Friends of the Agua Fria National Monument
Cultural Resource Committee (CRC) Meeting
Tuesday, June 20, 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
Peter Huegel, Member
Shelley Rasmussen, Member
Marie Davis, Member
Ron Tipton, BLM AFNM Manager
Chris McLaughlin, BLM Archaeologist
Scott Wood, Friends of TNF

Call to Order: Connie Stone called the meeting to order at 12:02 pm.

Minutes: The minutes of April 18, 2017 were approved as amended. No meeting was held on May 16th.

BLM Update: Ron Tipton, BLM Monument Manager, gave the BLM Update.

1. **Personnel Update:** Ron is trying to get Jon Shumaker from AZG&F to help with archaeology related to the Horseshoe Ranch Consolidated Resource Management Plan (CRMP). Brian Deaton, the Intern from Farmington, may also be able to help.
2. **CADO:** Pete Reilly gave out the new CADO info cards prior to the meeting and Ron has additional ones if anyone needs one.
3. **Fire Fighting:** BLM has been involved in several fires this past week: The Badger Fire which was about 100 acres west of I-17 on the hills near the Bumble Bee Exit and the Maggie Fire which was about 1400 acres, now 50% contained, SW of Sunset Point near Bumble Bee Ranch. The firefighting assets are coming in from all over the west, since our main fire season is just prior to the Monsoon. Once the Monsoon hits, many of those assets will be moved out to the fire season which starts mid-summer in the west and northwest. At the moment, even the Wet/Dry mapping project this next weekend will have potential emergency equipment available from the assets which are in the area.

FAFNM Board Update: Pete Reilly gave the FAFNM Board Update. Major items were as follows:

1. **Conservation Lands Foundation:** Pete attended a training session from the CLF regarding the Executive Order on National Monuments review.
2. **Grant Funds for the Teskey/School House Trail:** Pete will check with Chris Caseldine to find out if there was any decision about moving these funds from the Teskey/School House Trail to the Pueblo La Plata interpretive program.
3. **Adopt-A-Highway Program:** No new information.
4. **FAFNM Nominations:** Both the FAFNM President, Sarah Striker, and the Vice President, Chris Caseldine, will be unable to continue next year in those positions. Pete Reilly's Board position is also up at the end of this fiscal year. Therefore, nominations are in order. If you want to nominate someone or volunteer to be nominated, you should contact Tim Flood, Chris Caseldine or Sarah Striker.
5. **BLM/Hassayampa Mining Proposal:** BLM has a proposal in hand to mine Pozzolan (a substance used in the production of cement) on a 76 acre parcel near Skull Valley. An

Environmental Assessment will be required. There are prehistoric cultural resources in the area. A public hearing will be held on July 11th. Public scoping will occur June 26th to July 25th.

6. **Friends Administrative Assistant:** Beth Liebler has been hired temporarily to work on the Wet/Dry Mapping project, the Annual Meeting, and the association's response to the Executive Order (EO) on Review of National Monuments. Several people questioned hiring someone to respond to the EO which, at the moment, doesn't involve AFNM. In addition, the other work seemed to them to be work which should be done by Volunteers. Pete indicated that the Board would probably be happy to use a volunteer if one could be found. If you want to volunteer, go the Friends' Web Site or contact one of the Board members.
7. **Friends' Annual Meeting:** The date has been set for Saturday, September 23, 2017. No location has been selected yet.
8. **Wet/Dry Mapping on the Agua Fria River:** Tim Flood has need for an additional volunteer to hike with another Friend's member. That's this coming Saturday, June 24th. If you are able to help out, please contact Tim Flood quickly.

Perry Mesa Area Archaeological Happenings:

1. **Friends of TNF Surveys:** Scott Wood indicated that he and Dave Abbott from ASU met with Matt (?), the BLM State Archaeologist and Ron Tipton, AFNM Monument Manager last week to discuss expanding their study of early sites. They would like to start some survey and sherd collection work on the west side of Perry Mesa this fall, which requires a BLM permit. Scott was optimistic that the permit would be forthcoming. They are working on the project design over the summer. One of the main objectives is to locate sites with Wingfield sherds (tempered with phyllite) which are indicative of a pre-classic time frame. They are also interested in checking out some of the caliche islands on the monument – which may have been an attraction back in that time period. Hopefully, it can be a joint TNF/AFNM Friends project. Dave Abbott is hoping to publish the results someday.
2. **SHPO Site Stewards:** Will Russell, PhD, has recently been hired by the State to oversee this program.
3. **North Arrow and Measuring Stick on Black Mesa:** Pictures were circulated at the meeting of some archaeological photography tools found on Black Mesa recently. No one had any knowledge of why they might have been left out there.
4. **Bears in Hackberry Wash:** Both Mike Hoogendyk and Larry Kraft have encountered Bear sign in the area. Larry recently found a whole area of tracks near where Hackberry Wash encounters Bishop Creek. Mike saw the Bear. Up a tree. At a campground near BLM9014 and BLM9025. And got pictures.
5. **Center for Biological Diversity Tour:** Tim Flood and Mike Hoogendyk acted as guides for a group of CBD staff and members on Saturday, June 10, 2017. Tim took six people to the confluence of the Badger Springs Wash and the Agua Fria River looking at Riparian plants and animals. Mike took a group of five hikers up to the Badger Springs Pueblo, looking at and discussing prehistoric features and occupation in the area.

Old Business:

1. **Strategic Plan for the Committee:** Connie Stone continues to work on the Strategic Plan, making modifications and adding appendices.
2. **Black Mesa North Site Documentation:** Connie also continues to work on this project which won't really take place until after the hot summer weather is over. She explained the process envisioned for the benefit of Scott Wood.

3. **Committee Funds Budgeted for 2017:** It was agreed that Shelley Rasmussen and Trudy Mertens would purchase cloth for two table covers at outreach events for approximately \$50.00 total. Mike Hoogendyk is going to get a vector file of the association logo created which can be used for multiple purposes – banners, vehicle magnetics, signs, etc. That should cost about \$190.00. The remainder of the \$500.00 for the year could be used to supplement whatever Carsonite signs and archaeological decals for them that BLM has on hand, unless BLM doesn't need them. Mike Hoogendyk is going to contact Ron Tipton to figure out how to proceed with this.
4. **Regularly Scheduled Hikes for FAFNM Members:** Larry Kraft was traveling to cooler climates at the moment and was unable to discuss this project.
5. **Possible Workshop on Navajo Weaving:** This project is still pending, waiting for the Deer Valley Petroglyph Preserve to finish renovations. According to some of their volunteers, that could be anytime from July, 2017 on...
6. **NCLS Monument Managers Meeting:** Connie Stone, Pete Reilly and Mike Hoogendyk acted as tour guides for eleven NCLS related individuals and several BLM'ers. The group went out to Pueblo Pato and checked out the racetrack, pueblo, archaeological warning signs, petroglyphs and more. The group was provided maps, handouts and FAFNM information.

New Business:

1. **Update on Reopening of Deer Valley Petroglyph Preserve:** This was covered somewhat in Item 5 of Old Business above. However, discussion at this point indicated they were still having rodent problems, were having to re-plumb the restrooms and supplement the air conditioning. So, the process continues...
2. **Purchase of new Carsonite Signs and Decals:** Discussed in Old Business, Item 3 above.
3. **Volunteer Hours:** Mike Hoogendyk will email Chris Caseldine and Beth Liebler, the temporary Administrative Assistant, regarding the hours shown on the meeting sign-in sheet vs. the hours shown on the Friends' web site. There could be both double reporting and non-reporting involved in the current system.
4. **Executive Order Regarding Monuments Review:** Several people indicated they had received multiple emails from the association pointing out the review and indicating folks should get involved – but, not pointing out which side of the issue they should take. Someone questioned whether or not a 501 (C) (3) should be able to advocate on a legislative issue. Evidently at the Board meeting, one of the Board members read a section of the law which stated that they couldn't advocate on behalf of a candidate, but that they could on behalf of an issue or law. (Please don't accept this as professional legal advice.)
5. **Future Industry Meetings:** Urara is Oct 6, 7 and 8 in Green River, UT. ARARA is already over. Pecos Conference is coming up August 10-13, 2017 near Pecos, NM. The Three Corners Conference is being held at UNLV on October 21, 2017. The calendar following the minutes is being adjusted accordingly.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 1:58 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
6/24/2017		Wet/Dry Mapping on the Agua Fria River
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, July 18, 2017, at the BLM Offices on N 7th Avenue in Phoenix.

Michael J. Hoogendyk

Respectfully submitted,
Michael J. Hoogendyk