

Friends of the Agua Fria National Monument
Cultural Resource Committee (CRC) Meeting
Tuesday, October 17, 2017
BLM Phoenix District Office

MINUTES

Attendees: Connie Stone, Chairperson
Shelley Rasmussen, Member
Mike Hoogendyk, Member
Trudy Mertens, Member
Mike Nushawg, Member
Chris Reed, Member

Peter Huegel, Member
Larry Kraft, Member
Chris McLaughlin, BLM Archaeologist
Tim Watkins, Monument Archaeologist
Barbara Gronemann, Member

Call to Order: Connie Stone called the meeting to order at 12:05 pm.

Minutes: The minutes of September 19, 2017 were approved.

BLM Update: Tim Watkins, gave the BLM Update.

1. **CRMP:** Tim and the biologist have been out to the Monument several times in the past month. An outside company is preparing for a survey for a pipeline project. An ongoing project will be to digitize maps.
2. **Status of TNF Class 3 Cultural Survey on Perry Mesa:** The survey has started and being done by Josh Evans of Cornerstone. It involves strictly land on which grazing improvements have been proposed for the Copper Creek Allotment.

FAFNM Board Update: Larry Kraft gave the FAFNM Board Update.

1. **Leadership:** Tim Flood is the new President. There is a person showing interest in Vice President. The prior President and VP, Sarah and Chris, will continue on to update the organization web page.
2. **Black Canyon City Winterfest:** January 27, 2018. The Friends will participate.
3. **Boxes of brochures:** Our monument has an NLCS designation. (National Landscape Conservation System). These brochures are printed with this designation. The name has been changed to National Conservation Land. Larry will seek clarification.

Perry Mesa Area Archaeological Happenings:

1. **Perry Mesa Ceramics Project:** There was a training session on October 14th near 7 Springs. There will be field days on Perry Mesa on October 29th, November 11th and December 2nd. If you are interested, please contact Scott Wood.

Old Business:

1. **Post-Brooklyn Fire Activities:** Mike Hoogendyk recapped the findings of the weekly hikes being made by five or six of the Committee members. One day they found 11 new sites. Some of the highlights follow:
 - a. Line of rock 40 meters in length with terraces and check dams
 - b. A site with a dwelling, grinding slick and a check dam
 - c. An unusual looking mule show that may have been worn to haul heavy weightSite reports include a GPS location, artifact information, photographs, and drawing. Mike plans to share these reports with BLM Archaeologists at a later date,

- 2. Plant Growth at Both Teskey and the School House Sites:** A date was scheduled for Thursday, October 26th at 9:00am to meet at the 1891 School House site, work for a couple of hours and then move to the Teskey Homestead site to work there. An alternative meeting place is the Cordes Junction McDonalds at 8:30.
- 3. Replacement for CRC “Acting” Secretary:** If anyone is interested please contact Connie.
- 4. The 2018 Pecos Conference:** This will be held in Flagstaff next August. Since it is located so close, it was suggested that we might want to sponsor a monument hike for the attendees. Their hikes are normally limited to 15-20 people, on a first-come, first-served signup basis at the conference. There was discussion; no decision made.
- 5. 2018 Arizona Archaeological Expo:** This is scheduled for March 10, 2018 at the Arizona Museum of Natural History in Mesa. Connie will be the contact person and forward the paperwork regarding a public hike.

New Business:

- 1. BCC Storage Unit:** Shelly and Trudy have started to clean up the unit.
- 2. Update on Deer Valley Petroglyph Preserve:** It is reopening. The CRC meeting place will continue to be at the BLM building.
- 3. AFNM signage destroyed by fire:** Both the BLM and Site Stewards will review the replacement of signage within the Monument.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 1:40 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
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
6/6/2018		Arizona Historic Preservation Conference, Hotel Valley Ho in Scottsdale, AZ

Planned Field Dates for BLM Archaeological Surveys

(None scheduled at the moment)

The next meeting will be at 12:00pm, Tuesday, November 21, 2017, at the BLM Offices on N 7th Avenue in Phoenix.

Respectfully submitted,
Chris Reed