

Friends of the Agua Fria National Monument
Cultural Resource Committee (CRC) Meeting
Tuesday, September 19, 2017
BLM Phoenix District Office

MINUTES

Attendees: Connie Stone, Chairperson
Paul Vanderveen, Member
Mike Hoogendyk, Member
Trudy Mertens, Member
Mike Nushawg, Member
Chris Reed, Member
Lance Morris, Guest
Marie Davis, Member (arrived after the meeting adjourned)

Peter Huegel, Member
Shelley Rasmussen, Member
Larry Kraft, Member
Scott Wood, Guest
Chris McLaughlin, BLM Archaeologist
Tim Watkins, Monument Archaeologist

Call to Order: Trudy Mertens called the meeting to order at 12:02 pm. Connie Stone arrived at 12:10pm and began chairing the meeting at that point.

Minutes: The minutes of August 15, 2017 were approved.

BLM Update: Chris McLaughlin, gave the BLM Update.

- 1. Staffing Update:** Chris introduced the new Monument Archaeologist, Tim Watkins, who just started work yesterday.
- 2. Status of TNF Class 3 Cultural Survey on Perry Mesa:** Scott Wood spoke up at this point and indicated that the survey would start next week on the 27th or 28th and was being done by Josh Evans of Cornerstone. It involves strictly land on which grazing improvements have been proposed for the Copper Creek Allotment.
- 3. Other:** Chris apologized since he had not had the opportunity to get other information from Ron Tipton, the Monument Manager, since he was out of office. At the members' suggestion, he will talk to Ron about putting together an email for Mike Hoogendyk about the additional items on the agenda. Mike can then forward that to the Committee membership.

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

- 1. Committee Budgets:** Committees were given notice to prepare and submit budgets for the next fiscal year. If they aren't received, the Treasurer will most likely use the information from last year to complete the budget. There is still \$4,500 in the Committee coffers for some project. Currently that is being considered for the Pueblo La Plata interpretation signs and trail.
- 2. Annual Meeting:** This was scheduled for September 23rd at the Deer Valley Petroglyph Preserve, but has been moved to the Arizona Museum of Natural History in Mesa. This was because the Preserve renovations were not yet complete and the Horseshoe Ranch was unavailable. It will run from 11:00am to 2:00pm and will include food – at a cost of \$15 per person. If you haven't paid yet, you can do so on site. Connie Stone will not be present, but will provide information to Mike Hoogendyk who will give the Committee report.
- 3. Nominating Committee:** There are still no volunteers for the offices of President, Vice President and one Director position. Pete Reilly will be rotating off the Board. Larry suggested that it would be good if the Committee had someone who could fill that spot to continue having a strong

archaeology representation on the Board. It is urgent that folks step up to lead the organization. If no one volunteers, the remaining Board members will have to appoint someone after the elections.

4. **National Public Lands Day:** This will be on October 7th. No further information was presented.

Perry Mesa Area Archaeological Happenings:

1. **Perry Mesa Ceramics Project:** Scott Wood indicated that there will be a training session on October 14th near 7 Springs, north of Carefree. Later there will be field days on Perry Mesa on October 29th, November 11th and December 2nd. If you are interested, please contact Scott.
2. **A New Geraldine Haase Book:** Gerry has produced a new book, "The Robert Hopkins and Elizabeth Frances Bryand Schell Family. It chronicles several families in Central Arizona, some of whom ranched in the AFNM area.
3. **National Monuments Review:** Connie Stone recapped some information just "leaked?" in Washington DC regarding the recent monuments review. Evidently no Arizona monuments are targeted to be reduced in size or eliminated, but a section of the document contains a recommendation that all monument management plans should be reviewed to make sure that there are not overly restrictive limitations being placed on monument uses.

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. They initially located around 30 newly fire-exposed sites right along the various Perry Mesa roads, about half of which were directly impacted by the roads. They then made weekly hikes for the next month which located more than 30 more sites away from roads, the majority in an area on the NE flanks of Joe's Hill.
2. **Horseshoe Ranch Rock Art Interpretation Sign:** Mike Hoogendyk recommended that, after months of discussion, the sign should have reinforced mounting on the boulder where it is currently situated. The red tape and potential costs for doing otherwise are just not worth it. A motion to do so was passed unanimously. Mike will contact Pete Reilly and see if he can handle it once Pete gets back in town.
3. **Deterioration of the Teskey Homestead Sign:** Shelley Rasmussen had contacted Sandy Gauthier who had helped produced the interpretive sign. Sandy indicated that it was a two-sided sign and could be turned over. It was also mentioned during the Committee meeting that at one point BLM had indicated they were going to redo the sign in order to upgrade the BLM logo. This was left for a response by the Monument Manager.
4. **Plant Growth at Both Teskey and the School House Sites:** Shelley and Trudy indicated it was time for both sites to be revisited to remove unwanted plant growth. 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.
5. **Old Monument Signs:** Trudy pointed out that when the new monument signs were placed at each of the two-track entrances, the old signs were left in place. AJ, one of the BLM employees, said after the meeting that they were going to make a special trip out to retrieve those. The vehicle they used to place the new signs just didn't have enough space to also hold the old ones.
6. **Barbed Wire and Other Metal Rubbish at Point Extreme:** When this was discussed again today, Chris McLaughlin indicated that BLM would probably be able to provide a vehicle to carry out the materials if a volunteer crew could be raised to provide the cleanup effort. No action was taken on this for the moment.

New Business:

1. **NAU Rock Art Studies Database:** Trudy provided information about a new database with over 35,000 citations. The URL is https://musnaz.org/search_rock_art_studies_db/
2. **Utah BLM Takes the Lead on Graffiti Removal with Volunteers:** Trudy mentioned an article from URARA which talked about volunteers working with the BLM Moab Field Office to remove graffiti. It was hoped that eventually the AFNM BLM staff could work with their volunteers to do the same at the River View rock art site.
3. **Assistant Site Steward Program Coordinator:** Mike Hoogendyk discussed his new volunteer position with Arizona State Parks & Trails working with Will Russell, Ph.D. Because of his new duties which are mainly on Monday and Tuesday, Mike will be unable to continue working as “Acting Secretary” for the Committee. Therefore another volunteer position is now open.
4. **2018 Arizona Archaeological Expo:** This is scheduled for March 10, 2018 at the Arizona Museum of Natural History in Mesa. The Committee has normally also conducted a hike on the monument for the public. The deadline to send in the paperwork is November 1st. Shelley cannot continue with this project this year and needs a volunteer who can take over for her. It is normally a hike with no more than 15 people to a location approved by BLM for public access.
5. **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.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 1:20 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
9/23/2017	9:00am – 11:00pm	FAFNM Annual Meeting, Deer Valley Petroglyph Preserve
10/6-8/2017		URARA, Green River, UT
10/6-7/2017		AAC Conference. Tour of Goat Camp Ruin by S. Wood
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, October 17, 2017, at the BLM Offices on N 7th Avenue in Phoenix.

Michael J. Hoogendyk

Respectfully submitted,
Michael J. Hoogendyk