

Conservation Lands Advisory Committee Meeting

Date: 2/3/14

Time: 4-6pm

Headwaters in Currents Aquatic Center

Attendance:

Members: Chris Ryan, Kathleen Kennedy, Deborah Richie, , Giles Thelen, Greg Howard, , Paul Parson, Kevin Verlanic

Non – voting: Allen Byrd, Vicki Edwards

Absent: Bert Lindler, Beverly Dupree, Colleen Matt

Others: Morgan Valliant, Jim Habeck, Chris Carlson, Madeline Mazurski and Peter Lesica

Public/Guest comments on items not on the Agenda –

Jim Habeck – note on the role of the committee as it relates to research project and whether or not the committee is advised of the results. Valliant – if meets the goals then projects are permitted. In some case the project will be referred to the Parks Board for approval. Agreed there may be a need for a more direct permit process for research projects.

Minutes – Approve notes of January 6, 2014 – approved as submitted

Action Items - None

Updates/Discussion Items

Update on Special Event Permit pilot project

Valliant – per CLAC recommendation and Park Board approval for a pilot project to allow a special event on conservation lands. The pilot project was to help monitor the impacts, review the permit process and follow up on the permit. Run Wild Missoula was selected to host a run and be a part of the pilot project. However, Run Wild Missoula did not have sufficient time last year to submit their request to the Forest Service. They will submit for this year and results will be reviewed prior to finalizing the special use permit. There was an article in the Missoulian which triggered some public reaction to having special events on conservation lands. Valliant stated the special use permit will be all inclusive for all events. This will allow the Department to help monitor events which may normally not get approval.

Ryan stated the department had a well written PSA that went out to the committee and others regarding the special use permit. However, this PSA was not picked up by the local newspaper.

Update on Mt. Jumbo elk monitoring citizen science project – Valliant has thirty volunteer counting elk and reporting results. Volunteers can use a form on the web to report elk activity.

Presentation: Season summary of 2013 management and research activities on Missoula's Conservation Lands.

Per the Conservation Lands Management Plan – Valliant provided the 2013 annual update on management efforts and results on conservation lands. Chris Carlson also provide information on his research work for Morgan.

Presentation from Native Plant Society – Madeline Mazurski and Peter Lesica

Future items Review of recreational developments and access points along the Clark Fork
Adjournment @ 6:00 pm.