

Friends of the Agua Fria National Monument
Cultural Resource Committee (CRC) Meeting
March 17, 2015
Deer Valley Petroglyph Preserve, Phoenix, AZ

MINUTES

Attendees: Sandy Gauthier, Acting Chair	Pete Reilly, Member
Mike Hoogendyk, Member	Shelley Rasmussen, Member
Larry Kraft, Member	Larry Gauthier, AAS
Mike Nushawg, Member	Chris Reed, AAS
Connie Stone, Member	Chris Caseldine, FAFNM Director
Amanda James, BLM Monument Mgr.	Barbara Gronemann, AAS
John Klosinski, FAFNM Secretary	

Call to Order: Sandy Gauthier called the meeting to order at 11:02 am.

Minutes: The minutes of February 17, 2015 were approved as corrected.

BLM Liaison: Amanda James gave an update for BLM and several others contributed information also.

1. Coordinated Resource Management Plan (CRMP): The NEPA Scoping process is now underway. The comment period started March 13th and runs through April 13th. Amanda explained the process and the recent mailing that went out to Stakeholders regarding the upcoming April 1, 2015 meeting taking place from 6:00 to 8:00 PM at BLM on 7th Avenue south of Deer Valley Airport. Mike Hoogendyk questioned why the archaeology portion of the CRMP had not been completed in a manner similar to the grazing and wildlife sections. Amanda claimed that the reason was lack of participation on part of those interested in the archaeology. Mike Hoogendyk questioned that, feeling that Bryan Lausten, Scott Wood and he were representing the archaeology interests during the process and that he thought the lack of completion in the archaeology section was more due to inability of the two archaeologists for Tonto NF and Agua Fria NM, especially the latter, to dedicate the time necessary for the work. The result of today's discussion is that Mike Hoogendyk is going to email the meeting announcement out to the Cultural Resources Committee mailing list and request that AAS and Site Stewards forward it to their groups. The idea will be to have a show of force at the April 1st meeting. Mike Hoogendyk stated that is wrong for all the emphasis to be on the other sections of the CRMP when the primary purpose of establishing the AFNM was to protect the prehistoric cultural resources.
2. Status of YCSO Parking Concerns at I-17/Bloody Basin Kiosk: Amanda indicates that the Yavapai County Sheriff's Office concerns are regarding blocking views of the kiosk, obstructing traffic on Bloody Basin Road and overnight camping. Any of those will result in warnings. If you receive a warning, Amanda suggests calling the YCSO officer who issued the warning ticket and find out exactly what action it was that generated the warning. She would then like you to share that info with her at BLM.
3. Teskey Homestead Vandalism/Theft: Amanda explained that with no operations budget and Bryan Lausten in DC, it is hard for her to handle this type of situation. After input from Sandy Gauthier regarding the scope of the problem, potential costs for repair and the need for publicity/warnings about what had been going on, it was agreed that: a) Sandy will obtain a cost proposal for repairing the damage; b) Sandy will provide same to BLM for info and to the FAFNM Board as a funding request. It sounded as though this will cost possibly less than \$200.00; c) Sandy will

- provide digital photos of the damage to BLM; and d) Amanda will see if BLM can do a news release about the problem, similar to that they did for the petroglyph vandalism.
4. The possibility of using game cameras to monitor the Teskey Homestead and other cultural areas was also discussed. Amanda James is going to check into BLM's rules regarding the use of same. If it is okay to use them to monitor threatened sites, the Cultural Resources Committee could submit a budget request to the FAFNM Board for the purchase of same.
 5. During discussion it was stated that zero funds were raised in the FAFNM year end fund raising effort. The stated purpose of that effort was to provide funds for hiring an expert to evaluate the best way to remove the graffiti on the petroglyphs at River View. Possibly the fund raising effort was too little, too late.
 6. Sandy and Larry Gauthier also indicated that a number of large trees had been cut down by Big Bug Creek near the farm fields of the Teskey site. Amanda James did not think this was BLM initiated and will send someone to check it out.
 7. The growth of weeds at the Teskey Site was also discussed. Amanda James indicated that it was okay to come in and use a Weed Wacker to cut those down. An EA would only be required if you were going to do something that might move earth or be more substantial.
 8. If you spot vandalism, who do you call? Not Ghostbusters! Call BLM at 1-800-637-9152 to report it.
 9. Regarding Bryan Lausten's Work "Targets" for the Year: He has certain targets that must be met each year and with him in Washington, DC for 120 days, the Committee members can help by reporting their activities to Amanda. A) If you visit a cultural site for monitoring purposes, email Amanda at ajames@blm.gov. Let her know who, where, when and what you saw. B) Heritage Resource Protection can include installation of ARPA signs on major sites. Those and the equipment to install them can be obtained by emailing Amanda also. C) Cultural Outreach requires ten (10) activities this year. Public hikes, speeches and exhibits count toward the ten activities. D) "Road Closed" signs can also be installed. They are Carsonite posts and BLM has both them, the stickers that go on them and the equipment to install them. Again, email Amanda to obtain same.

Site Stewards Liaison: Shelley Rasmussen indicated that the Annual Conference for Site Stewards is going to be in Tubac, AZ, the last weekend of March. It will include a number of field trips. There is also going to be a training day (which is already filled up) in April provided by Lindsey Brown, the new Salt River Regional Coordinator. Lindsey also needs Site Packages for each of the Salt River Region sites. If you have any from previous administrations, please contact him.

AAS Liaison: Shelley reported that the Spur Cross Expo on March 7th was very successful. There were lots of hikes and Scott Wood made a presentation on the development of the various cultures in our section of the Southwest.

FAFNM Board Liaison: Chris Caseldine indicated that the last FAFNM Board meeting was cancelled due to lack of potential attendance.

Old Business:

1. Horseshoe Ranch Petroglyph Interpretation: Shelley Rasmussen has received a drawing prepared by Graphic Directions in Phoenix of the proposed sign as it would look installed. The cost will be under \$1,500.00, but it will require volunteers to install. The Committee approved moving ahead with the project.

2. Wagon Wheel Rock Art Recording: The initial day of recording is scheduled for tomorrow (Wednesday, March 18th). Although predictions are for cloudy and 30% to 40% chance of rain late in the day, it was agreed for the moment to proceed. Barbara Gronemann discussed logistics and was hopeful the work could be completed in less than one day – meaning before the rain.
3. Mike Hoogendyk reported on the February 26th hike to the Indian Creek Fort. Five members participated and also visited an artifact scatter area about a kilometer to the NE. Three of those five then went even further east to visit a rock corral high on a hill with a rock outcropping. It was a very enjoyable day and the participants even got to watch John Holbrook rounding up cattle in the same area.
4. APS Fiber Optic Fly and Pull Site Cleanup: Mike Hoogendyk reported that Jon Shumaker, the APS Archaeologist, had called him last week and there was a cleanup crew involved at that time visiting all the Fly Sites and Pull Sites to pick up any debris left from their installation work in 2013.
5. The Don Peru Artifact Collection: JJ Golio has successfully delivered all the artifacts to responsible individuals in the areas from which the artifacts were collected. Connie Stone reported that she is working with the folks at Alamo Lake to provide them with interpretive information for their use of the artifacts.

New Business

1. Archaeology Day Expo in Yuma, March 7th: Pete Reilly had volunteered to work at the Expo and he reported that there was really good attendance. The parking areas were filled with over 300 cars.
2. The Basics of Geocaching: This presentation was postponed until a future date. Chris Caseldine will arrange it.
3. Sherds from Halfway House below Las Mujeres: Several members visited the site recently. Scott Wood was sent photos of sherds found at the site. He identified some of them as Prescott Black on Gray and indicated that the site probably dated to prior to 1300AD.
4. Proposed Future Committee Hike: JJ Golio is arranging one for April 16th to the New Boots Mesa. Shelley Rasmussen and Mike Hoogendyk both indicated they want to participate. Others should email JJ at jjgolio@aol.com.
5. Proposed Future Committee Hike: Mike Hoogendyk is arranging a hike for May 14th to a small ruin near the center of Perry Mesa with a petroglyph of a potential warrior lying on his side. If you are interested, contact Mike at hoogendykm@aol.com.
6. Connie Stone is working with The Public Lands Foundation (retired BLM employees) to set up a tour for their Annual Meeting here in Arizona this fall. She's planning a hike to the Badger Springs petroglyphs and is looking for volunteers. The tour is scheduled for Wednesday, September 23rd in the morning. There will be lunch at the Black Canyon City Heritage Park afterwards.
7. Archaeology Café: Pete Reilly reminded everyone about the Archaeology Café tonight at Macayo's on Central Avenue. The speaker will be Will Russell, a grad student at ASU who will be speaking about the racetracks on Perry Mesa.

Future Activities

2 nd Thursdays	6:30pm – 8:30pm	FAFNM Board Meetings at BLM Office
3 rd Tuesdays	11:00am – 1:00pm	Cultural Resources Committee at BLM Office
March 18 & 20, 2015		Wagon Wheel RA Recording
April 16, 2015		Committee Hike to New Boots Mesa
May 14, 2015		Committee Hike to Fallen Warrior

Bryan's Planned Field Dates for Archaeological Surveys

(Cancelled until Bryan's return from DC)

The meeting adjourned at 12:45 pm.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, April 21, 2015 at 11:00 AM, at the BLM Offices on 7th Avenue just south of Deer Valley Airport. Larry Gauthier volunteered to be Acting Chair for the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Hoogendyk