

Friends of the Agua Fria National Monument
Cultural Resource Committee (CRC) Meeting
Tuesday, March 21, 2017
BLM Phoenix District Office

MINUTES

Attendees: Connie Stone, Chairperson
Pete Reilly, Member
Mike Hoogendyk, Member
Trudy Mertens, Member
Larry Kraft, Member
Chris Reed, Member
Shelley Rasmussen, Member
Marie Davis, Member
Barbara Gronemann, Member
Chris McLaughlin, BLM Archaeologist

Call to Order: Connie Stone called the meeting to order at 12:06 pm.

Minutes: The minutes of February 21, 2017 were approved as corrected.

BLM Update: Chris McLaughlin, Acting Monument Archaeologist, gave the BLM Update.

1. **Personnel Update:** Tony Juarez is Acting Ranger on the monument for the next 60 days. He is on detail from Fire. BLM is also hoping to get a temporary Archaeologist for the monument in April – detailed from elsewhere.
2. **CADO:** Nothing new. However, if you see burros on the road (4-legged, not Mexican food), then CADO is the number to call to report same.
3. **CRMP:** The Tonto National Forest side of Perry Mesa has released an EA for the Copper Creek Grazing Allotment. You can go to http://www.fs.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=50942 to see the EA. When you get there, look for the clickable word, “Analysis” and then click on it. You will see a link to two documents, the first of which is the EA. It is 116 page long .pdf. There are several pages regarding cultural resources towards the end. The comment period closes VERY quickly at this point, March 27th. You must comment on this EA version if you want to have legal standing to object when the final EA is issued.

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

1. **Grant Funds for the Teskey/School House Trail:** No change.
2. **Adopt-A-Highway Program:** No change.
3. **Prescribed Burns:** BLM is going to hold prescribed burns of Juniper 5 miles NE of Cordes Junction between March 22 and March 29.
4. **IMB (Inventory of Migratory Birds):** Pete indicated that an IMB is going to be held. He wasn't sure of the date, but thought Tim Flood might know since he is an Audubon member.
5. **Arizona Gives:** This is planned for April 4th. Watch for announcements.
6. **Rain Gauge Workday:** Coming up on March 28th. Dana Warnecke at AZGFD is the contact. If you are able and willing to participate you should email her at dwarnecke@azgfd.gov.

Perry Mesa Area Archaeological Happenings:

Nothing new.

Old Business:

1. **“Annual Action Plan” for the Committee:** Connie Stone explained the document which had been sent out to the Committee over the weekend. It was entitled, “Strategic Plan for the Cultural

Resources Committee”. Six pages long, it included historical background for the Committee along with descriptions of functions that the Committee would normally undertake during the year – even though being thought of as a three year projection. Discussion about the plan generated multiple ideas for plan expansion, but mainly in the area of additional informational Appendices, such as a list of the “public sites” on the monument so that one would not have to refer back to the Resource Management Plan. Committee members all thought the new Strategic Plan was awesome and much needed. It will really help guide the Committee as we move forward.

2. **Badger Recording Project Steps:** This was another document distributed over the weekend to the members by Connie. It was renamed “Black Mesa North Site Documentation Project” and refers to Site 1 and Site 2. Committee comments included that we should specify which forms would be used for the recording of rock art and other site features. Site 1 is a small possible field house and associated rock art, grinding slicks and sherd scatters. No decision was made regarding first scheduled field activity, but there was a recommendation made that we research what was known about other nearby sites which have already been recorded. Doing so might guide us better in understanding what we find as we document Site 1.
3. **Horseshoe Ranch RA Interpretive Sign:** Mike Hoogendyk has had several communications with Jon Shumaker from AZGFD regarding the sign. Jon received quite a few photos and pieces of correspondence from Shelley Rasmussen covering the history of the sign and will visit the ranch to look at it in the near future. It might be possible for the sign to be placed in a location which will eliminate any need for expensive archaeological test holes and/or permits. If so, he will so advise. If not, we may need to just accept where it is now located on top of a boulder and merely work on making it more stable.
4. **Committee Funds Budgeted for 2017:** Discussion continued today regarding possible uses for the funds. New thoughts included obtaining new copies of “Tory Tortoise” (although BLM probably has copies available), buying new association banners and table cloths, and developing some educational films aimed at young people about archaeology on the monument. No definite decisions were reached, but as regards this being an “Outreach” oriented discussion, Larry Kraft felt it would be incumbent upon the Committee to coordinate closely with the Outreach Committee.
5. **3/18/2017 Hike to Lost Jupiter:** This was an event scheduled as part of the Arizona Archaeological Month celebrations. Shelley and Trudy made serious attempts to find a pathway into the site several days before it was scheduled, but running high waters on the Agua Fria River made passage impossible. As a result Shelley contacted all the folks who had RSVP’d and cancelled the outing.
6. **Regularly Scheduled Hikes for FAFNM Members:** Larry Kraft got approvals from both the Board and the monument manager to proceed with this project. He will get some hikes posted on the Friends’ web site. They will probably be scheduled for late April or early May.
7. **Rescheduling Sherd ID Workshop by Scott Wood:** Scott provided Mike Hoogendyk with several options regarding dates for the workshop during the month of April. The Committee members present were all able to attend two of the dates provided. Mike will work with BLM to figure out which of those two dates the conference room will be available and then set up a Doodle so the Committee members can RSVP. As with the previously scheduled date, there will be room for twelve people on a First Come/First Served basis.
8. **Project Archaeology Webinars:** Marie Davis has attended several webinars on Project Archaeology and reported about them to the Committee. She was of the opinion that the subject matter and the premise behind Project Archaeology are valid and good, but she doesn’t have the time or the resources to continue the project to its conclusion, which would involve a presentation to an actual class of possibly 4th grade students. As individual Committee members, all of us were

in the same situation. The acting monument Archaeologist, Chris McLaughlin, does this kind of outreach for BLM and there might be some way to work with him in the future. This discussion will continue.

9. **Possible Workshop on Navajo Weaving:** Barbara Gronemann explained how she presents classes to young school people regarding Navajo Weaving and expressed her willingness to put on a workshop for our Committee members. It was agreed that the members would enjoy it and it should be done either in May or early August of this year. Barbara will provide Mike Hoogendyk with some Saturday dates when she is available during that time and Mike will set up Doodle with those dates for the members. The workshop will be only a couple of hours in duration. It will possibly be held at the Deer Valley Petroglyph Preserve.
10. **2nd Annual Canon Arizona History BookFest in BCC:** Shelley indicated that this BookFest would only be a couple of hours long (1:00pm to 3:30pm) on December 2, 2017 and recommended that we participate and sell some of our Perry Mesa Symposium publications. The Committee agreed this would be a good idea. Mike Hoogendyk will add it to the calendar.
11. **WinterFest at Heritage Park in BCC:** Shelley also discussed this event which will be from 9:00am to 3:00pm and January 27, 2018. She thought this would be a good event to exhibit on behalf of the Friends. Again, Committee members seemed to think this would be a good idea. Mike Hoogendyk will add it to the calendar.

New Business:

1. **Recap of 2017 Arizona Archaeological Expo:** Shelley Rasmussen, Trudy Mertens and Marie Davis all attended this in event. With typical flair, they gave a slide presentation which included images of rock art, burros (the four legged kind), art work, Native American Agave Roasts, the motel they utilized, and much more. It was very interesting.
2. **Recap “Celebrate Cedar Mesa” in Bluff, UT:** Mike Hoogendyk attended this event on behalf of the Friends of AFNM and participated in a panel discussion entitled, “Debunking Monumental Myths”. The Friends of Cedar Mesa got 300 people to attend the event. They are a non-membership Friends group with a Board of Directors, officers and a three person hired staff. The panel, and the whole day-long program, were extremely successful.
3. **Chris Caseldine Dissertation at ASU:** Chris, the FAFNM’s Vice President, is defending his PhD dissertation on Friday, March 24th at 9:00am. The location is the Center for Archaeology and Society Repository classroom center, 734 W. Alameda, Suite 120, in Tempe, AZ. The dissertation is entitled, “Growth of Hohokam Irrigation Systems, Water Insufficiency, and Social Change: Reconstructing the Dynamics in the Lower Salt River Valley, Arizona”. There is room for a few of the Committee members if they would like to attend.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 2:15 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
Mid-May		BioBlitz
6/17/2017		Wet/Dry Mapping Training at BLM Offices
6/24/2017		Wet/Dry Mapping on the Agua Fria River
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, April 18, 2017, at the BLM Offices on N 7th Avenue in Phoenix.

Michael J. Hoogendyk

Respectfully submitted,
Michael J. Hoogendyk