

LKL Working Group Conference Call  
March 9th, 2021 1:00 p.m.

Participating in the conference call: Ron Leach, Terry Langley, Manette Anderson, Suzy Meredith-Orr, Marlene Crosby, Corinne Truesdale, Ryan Vinciguerra, Shelley Grail, Roland Mason, Charlotte Graham, Kevin Warner, Dr. Melanie Armstrong and Heather Leigh.

Discussion of proposed closure of CR 3 east of Marble for ATVs– Ryan reported on the discussion by concerned citizens at the most recent Marble board meeting concerning an ATV ban on CR 3 and in the town of Marble. Roland reported that the county had a call including reps from the county, the forest service, the sheriff's office and others. They discussed the option of closing CR 3 but there is no proposal at this time. This is the only county road section that allows OHVs on in the county. Other options are noise, time, speed and parking restrictions. Suzy Orr reported that CVEPA has not developed a position on the ban, but they do support preservation of the environment and quality of life. They want data collection and work of the LKL group to continue with a possible test of rescinding the exception allowing ATVs on CR 3. She reported that there is a state ban on OHVs on county roads with counties able to make exceptions. Shelley explained the agreement with Pitkin County – they fund two year-round employees that enforce, patrol and educate. Roland said that they discussed having personnel 2 days a week at a cost of approx. \$10,000 as a short-term solution. This would require finding the funding as well as a buy in by locals. Shelley said that there would need to be an agreement between the county and the Forest Service for funding and that it can be put in place this summer. There was discussion about a need for communication of any plan to those who have written letters, etc. Marlene and Ron will work on this and submit it to the group. Things to include the following:

- The fact that this is a discussion group and does not set policy
- that citizen concerns have been heard
- that work, including data and survey gathering, continues to be done
- who people/media can contact
- identify any solutions as experimental
- explain how each entity is involved and what their constraints are (for instance, the FS cannot close their portion of the LKL per travel mgmt. plan)
- emphasize that enforcement would only be 1-2 days a week due to funding
- explain the process necessary to close CR 3 and that it will not happen this summer
- include what each entity would need to do to change their part of the road, clarifying the role of each.
- include what the community believes vs what actually happens on the loop.
- parking issues and plans

Ryan would like to see an educational component, possibly having volunteer team handing out info and explaining use requirements. Sheriff says there will be another deputy in the area but this needs to be confirmed before it is communicated as the town has heard this for years.

Roland addressed enforcement being a multi-pronged with involvement by the FS, county/sheriff and education. He suggested looking at the Crested Butte model. He also said that CPW would be enforcing the hunting/fishing license program at Beaver Lake.

Charlotte Graham asked if there are other access points to LK basin. Shelley said that the only other access was via Scofield Pass/Crested Butte. There has been an increase in traffic from that direction due to the capabilities of the new ohvs, atvs and motorcycles. Corinne said that there are more hikers and dirt bikers from that side. Charlotte asked if there had been any discussions as to the amount of traffic that generates business in Marble? Ryan said there has not been too much conversation but he believes that there are more trucks & trailers bringing ATVs and going to the mill and back. Charlotte asked if they are spending \$ in town and spoke to the fact that parking of trucks and trailers impacts the ability of other type of tourists to enjoy what the town has to offer.

Roland said that any proposed ATV ban discussion needs to include stakeholder/users, the town of Marble and enforcement with Sheriff's office. Kevin asked what it would take to begin working on a ban. Where will they park if atvs are not allowed in town/ or on CR 3. We don't want to cause other problems when trying to fix one.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, April 6 at 1 p.m. This will include discussion of Corinne's report.

Roland encouraged citizens to contact Commissioners regarding CR 3. They want to hear from as many people as possible.

Manette asked about restoring Beaver Lake as non-recreational. CPW will be encouraged to participate with this group.

Ron will get with Dr. Armstrong about having another MEM student from WCU for this summer. summer 2021.

Adjourn - The meeting ended at 2:20 p.m.