

LKL Working Group Conference Call
April 6, 2021, 1:00 p.m.
Notes

Participating in the conference call: Ron Leach, Terry Langley, Ryan Vinciguerra, John Armstrong, Manette Anderson, Marlene Crosby, Shelley Grail, Roland Mason, Heather Leigh, and Dale Will. Curtis Wackerly, Aspen Journalism sat in.

Corinne Truesdale's convening report – Marlene said there was confusion about jurisdiction. County – Beaver Lake to the top of Daniel's Hill. Forest Service Road 315 & 314.

Update, April 1st Marble Trustee Meeting, LKL discussion, Ron – Ryan said the town reported on the last working group committee call and the meeting with the Gunnison County commissioners, including information on the Forest Service/County agreement, the educational component, and the plan for a Sheriff's deputy.

Update, FS protection agreement with Gunnison County and Town of Marble, Shelly – Shelley has been working with Matthew Birnie, Gunnison County Manager, on an agreement between the county and the Forest Service to provide some FS personnel for enforcement.. The town, county and FS will sign a Memorandum of Understanding. John asked what \$10,000 translate to in terms of time and Shelley said the goal is for 2 days up the Crystal, Beginning the end of May and the end of September. It will not be the same person each time.

Ryan explained the vision of the three-pronged educational component. The parking area near the Mill Site park has deep parking that trucks and trailers can fit in and that the town has been encouraging them to use. The plan is to have volunteer personnel there to inform about etiquette, speed and noise; written information and an educational kiosk. The Forest Protection officer presence in the mornings will help a lot. Marlene asked that the verbiage about etiquette toward residents should include the town of Crystal. The Marble Chamber is working toward an educational platform as there is not a need to increase tourism. Roland reported that Joe Lavarini, stewardship coordinator (SOAR) has heard from CPW, FS Trail Manager, Roaring Fork Outdoor Volunteers who are interested in helping with this. Heather asked if they could have copies at sites in Crystal. Will they have some official logos on them? Ryan is also talking with groups such as Wilderness Workshop on developing the materials. Marlene said having this information available in Crystal would also catch users coming over from Crested Butte. Dale suggested having the working group take a look at the materials and those that would like to include their logos can. Dale suggested pointing out that this is a privilege, not a right and it can be modified if there are problems. John suggested a volunteer orientation/training on what they can expect and what is expected of them. Roland said that they have a group and can be used as a resource. He will send contact information to Ryan and Ron.

Enforcement efforts – Roland reported that the Sheriff has a cadet who lives on this side going through the academy and following his ride-along training he will be able to go solo about the second week in August. In the interim, the Sheriff said he would focus more enforcement coming from the Gunnison and Crested Butte side. The availability of space for an officer in Marble will be a key component. There will be a mixture of marked and unmarked vehicles.

Ryan spoke to the visual impact of a sheriff's car at the town building. Roland said the location would also allow for immediate response to such things as parking problems in town. Marlene also said that illegally parked vehicles around Beaver Lake CAN be ticketed without the presence of a driver. Marlene mentioned replacing the big boulders along the road next to the lake.

Ron reported that the town trustees are traveling to Gunnison to meet with the commissioners on April 13. This will also be available via Zoom. Roland reported that the idea of closing CR 3 to OHV traffic will be a topic of discussion with the Marble Trustees.

Manette asked if there would be a student from Western State. Ron reported that they do not have a firm commitment and that Dr. Melanie Anderson has indicated that there will be. Ron will be talking with Dr. Armstrong on Friday and have more to report at the next meeting. Manette said that data collection methods are those that have been prescribed by an authority so that the effect of the efforts can be measured. Marlene said that the trail counters have been replaced. Shelley suggested meeting with the student to formulate a clear plan of data collection.

Heather asked if there would be press releases, encouragement to reporters to report as a Know Before You Go effort. Ron said a person appointed as the public information officer should function as the single point of contact if needed. Shelley said that a communication group was formed with the Marron Bells plan. She suggested having groups' public information personnel meet once the message is more finalized.

The next meeting of the working group was set for May 4th at 1:00 pm.

Terry Langley