

RAC Conf Call/Meeting Agenda

August 21, 2008

10:00 – Noon

(888) 576-2912

Passcode: 395323#

RAC members in attendance: Carl Albrecht, Paul Jacobs, Gordon Topham, Lynn Stevens, Ashley Korenblat, Tom Clawson, Lowell Braxton

RAC members not in attendance: Fee Busby, Ray Bloxham, Drew Sitterud, Dell LeFevre, Manuel Morgan, Mike Jenkins, Jerry Spangler

BLM employees in attendance: Glenn Carpenter (Act. DFO, West Desert District Manager), Sherry Foot

Members of the public: None present

**Welcome and Housekeeping** **Sherry (RAC Coordinator)**

Glenn will be acting DFO in State Director's absence

Each BLM office has been made available for public participation

**Update on Search and Rescue Support Letter** **Ashley Korenblat**

In addition to Search/Rescue (S/R), in general, improve recreation activities on public lands. Funding is short. S/R costs could go up and improvements may not. Could involve the NRCC (interagency group made up of federal and state agency reps) to provide feedback, or get on their agenda. Ashley would like to check back with some of the people she interviewed and get their input again. If RAC gives support, this could carry a little more power. Gordon asked about the 25 cent surcharge on motor vehicles—answer: those additional monies could be used for signage. Agency/user groups could also apply for this money and also avoid S/R efforts. Could bring this to the Legislature. Gordon did have a few editorial comments on the letter. Motion was made to approve the letter with two caveats: Gordon/Ashley will revise the wording and Ashley will resend the letter to the RAC next week. She'll also seek additional input from the S/R group. Lynn seconded. \*Voting – because we did not have a quorum in Category 3, all other members in attendance voted “yes” (contingent upon Gordon contacting the Category 3 members who were not in attendance).

\* Minutes will then be amended with Category 3 members' votes.

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**Five-Mile Pass Draft Plan Amendment Feedback Glenn Carpenter and Gordon Topham**

Glenn asked for additional comments based on the documents the RAC had received.

-Continued concern for the historic railroad grade and unique structures

- Pg. 41 – socio economics, update the statistics

- Preferred alternative – no play areas – restricted to roads and trails (how is this being accepted by those who use the areas?). Glenn said that there will be open play areas
- Have small trails where there are campgrounds
- Kids trail or campground trail
- Concerned about open areas – freedom to ride
- Utilize the large parking area (open space to play)
- Close areas? Compliance difficult to maintain?
- Identify key areas (few acres in size) to be open to play areas
- Concern about the circumstances of personalities (state govt) – need govt support. Lynn is willing to work with the Lt. Governor. Set up an informal meeting with Glenn, Gordon, Lowell, and Lynn prior to meeting with Lt. Governor. When did “hang-up” occur? When it went to NRCC—timing, concern statewide about wilderness inventory and then private fuel storage radioactive waste storage. Making sure there was some curb on land use planning effort. Lowell made a motion that RAC support the West Desert DM’s effort to revitalize plan. Lynn seconded. \*Voting – because we did not have a quorum in Category 3, all other members in attendance voted “yes” (contingent upon Gordon contacting the Category 3 members who were not in attendance).
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**Public Comments**

**Gordon Topham**

No public comments

**Set up next meeting date/location**

**Gordon/Sherry**

**Adjourn**

Tentative date – month of November  
 Tentative location – Salt Lake City  
 (both are subject to change)

Sherry thanked the outgoing RAC members (whose terms expire this FY) for their years of service, dedication, hard work and friendship. They were valuable assets and team members on the Council. They will be missed.

Meeting adjourned (Ashley moved to adjourn—Riley seconded)

Approved:

/s/ GW Topham

August 28, 2008

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 Gordon Topham, RAC Chairperson

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 Date