

August 14, 2015 meeting between FOTHL and LNF

Attendees: Megan Mallowey, LNF District Resource Officer (Recreation and Lands)
Kathleen Nelson, LNF District Ranger
Louis Johnson, Chairman FOTHL
Doug Poppelreiter, Adopt-A-Trail Coordinator FOTHL
Doug Teeter, Butte County Supervisor

1. Graffiti, acceptable methods of removal
 - a. Paint: **Approved by Megan. Megan will purchase and supply approved graffiti remover to FOTHL.**
 - b. Sandblast: **Approved by Megan**
 - c. Pressure wash: **Approved by Megan**
2. Soda Ridge
 - a. Have there been any FS requests to work the burn area?: **Kathleen stated possibly this fall as part of Garnet Danger Tree Project.**

Note: Megan offered to provide a chainsaw and first aid training and LNF would pay for ten (10) volunteers this fall. This is a three (3) day course, (weekdays only) and attendee must attend all day for all three days to be certified. Soda Ridge would be an ideal location for the chainsaw field training. Training day nine (9) hours long.

Chain saw cert is valid for three (3) years and first aid is valid for two (2) years. Travel time and meals are NOT paid for.

3. Key to kiosk at Spring Valley
 - a. Substituting new poster(s) in place of existing (missing) map.: **New poster presented was approved by Kathleen. Megan will locate and provide a key for the kiosk to FOTHL**
4. South Side
 - a. The High Lakes cannot be reached from this entrance. SPI has locked many additional gates. The concern is that people could become stranded (not enough fuel to get through).: **Kathleen stated No progress has been made. SPI is not interested in working with the FS.**

Doug Teeter stated Butte County is working on setting up a meeting with Steve Roberts (SPI) and the public in Sterling City. Louis requested an invitation to meeting when date is finalized.

5. Fall Cleanup
 - a. Can LNF provide stickers for carsonites?: **Megan will purchase and provide stickers for carsonites. Stickers may not be ready before the Fall Cleanup. Megan approved to use a paint pen/sharpy to mark carsonites until stickers arrive.**
 - b. Does LNF have a carsonite driver?: **Megan will provide drivers for the Fall Cleanup.**
6. Flagging agenda for Campbell Lake and Long Lake?: **Kathleen stated FS held a meeting yesterday regarding this area for things that are out of compliance i.e. trails next to lake, erosion. This is part of the Story Fire Settlement Fund Project combined Long Lake and the "T" into one project. Hydrologist and soil resource have been looking at the routes to determine what they can do to fix.**

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7. The T general campsite agenda?: **Kathleen stated FS held a meeting yesterday regarding this area for things that are out of compliance i.e. big bare area that is creating erosion. This is part of the Story Fire Settlement Fund Project combined Long Lake and the "T" into one project. FS is looking into making this an overnight staging area for people that are headed to the High Lakes. FS does not want to make this a paid camp ground but rather a place for trailers and overnight staging area.**

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Note: Kathleen stated that NF is pursuing having a ranger reside in the High Lakes area. Doug Poppelrieter suggested using the cabin (Brycen Cabin) off of the Lotts Lake by pass.

8. Status of land swap with SPI to get Spring Valley Lake and Section 3 (Pipejam) into the Forest. Important because those two entrances go through private land, and SPI has gotten very active with their gate policy.: **Kathleen stated progress is being made. Unfortunately, this is at a regional level and can take a very long time. Kathleen will send a recent letter concerning this matter to Louis. At this time there is no time line for when it will be complete or at the next phase.**

Note: Megan stated that she could not find an issued permit for the communication site. Also, the driveway to the communication site will need to be gated in order to be

in compliance. Louis will check with FOTHL BOD Gerry Mc Elroy to see if he has a copy of the permit.

Louis asked Megan who should receive the volunteer use information? Meagan stated that she is the person to send this information to. Currently NF uses Share Point Site and Megan will send Share Point forms to Louis and work collaboratively to form data in a useful format.

Megan asked if FOTHL can remind people to pack it in – pack it out. This includes fecal matter. Louis offered to post to Facebook and FOTHL website and hand out wag bags at the cleanup.