

## Yellow Pine Rail Trail Meeting

November 7, 2006

### Attendees:

Corky Poole

Bobbie Poole

Mickey Moran

Liz Warren

Kim Hutson de Belle

Mary Blake

Donn Blake

Bill Durbin

Ron Gregory

Dave Beisecker

Stephen Fleming

Ram Lamb

Robert Wandel

Julie Newberry

Liz Roberts

Liz Smith-Incer

### Next Time

When: Monday, December 11

10:00am to 12:00pm

Where: Nevada Department of Wildlife Conference Room

(building just north of the Nevada State Parks Conference Room)

### What:

- Review "story" additions.
- Review advice from BLM regarding reserving trail corridor for project.
- Share experiences regarding how others are "telling their story".
- Consider outcome of award for funding feasibility study and list next steps accordingly.

### Action Items

Who	What	When
NPS Liz	Pass any contacts for Amargosa Land Trust to Liz Warren.	November 10
All	Review how other jurisdictions are "telling the story", observe visual messages and what exhibits look like. Share findings at next meeting.	December 11
Ron	Advise Yellow Pine Rail Trail	November 20

	Partnership whether Feasibility Study Funding was awarded.	
Donn & Steve	Seek recommendations for preserving trail corridor from Carrie Ronning (702) 515-5143 at BLM and share ideas with group at next meeting.	December 11
Liz W.	Check with the Amargosa Land Trust regarding their experience with railbeds and rights of way.	December 11
Lia & Steve	Write 3-4 sentences for "story" related to Geology/Natural History.	December 11
Dave	Write 3-4 sentences for "story" related to Recent History.	December 11
Mary	Write 3-4 sentences for "story" related to Railroad (narrow gauge, movement of tracks, etc.).	December 11
Liz W.	Write 3-4 sentences (each) for "story" related to Mojave Desert and Cultural History.	December 11

General suggestion from one partner, during introduction of partners: Goodsprings should be referred to as "Clark County Outback" rather than "rural Nevada."

### Story Discussion

- How will story be used? Story will be used to help identify all project activities with "rail trail" project. At last meeting, group decided that before moving forward with tasks to accomplish goals, the group needed to agree on the "story" for the Yellow Pine Rail Trail. This story will serve as the "uniting" piece behind the Yellow Pine Rail Trail Partnership. Since partners represent various agencies and organizations and various agencies and organizations will participate in the project during different phases, the group found it important to create a "story" that would remain constant through the trail development process.
- Once the group has agreed on the text of the "story", then development of an outreach brochure will begin.
- Text from the "story" will be used in brochures, kiosks, presentations, etc.

- When we reach the step of kiosk design, we should remember that kiosks serve as a large footprint on the landscape.
- When developing text, we might keep in mind the opportunities to parallel with Clark County Schools' curriculum in order to involve more students in the project.
- Topics that might be further discussed in brochures: Mojave Desert, Mines, Yellow Pine Rail Road, Wildlife, Old Spanish Trail, Native Americans, Mountain Biking, Goodsprings Outdoor Recreation Opportunities, etc.

### **Next Steps for "Story" Development**

Add paragraphs for the following topics to draft story and share at next meeting:

- 1) Mojave Desert (what does it mean to live in the Mojave Desert, climate, environment, geologic past created enormous deposits, etc.) - Liz W.
- 2) Geology/Natural History - Lia & Steve
- 3) Recent History - Dave
- 4) Cultural History - Liz W.
- 5) Railroad (narrow gauge, movement of tracks, etc.) - Mary

### **Outreach Brochure Discussion**

- Good Sample Layout: Spring Mountain Ranch Brochure
- Purpose of the brochure is to build interest in the Yellow Pine Rail Trail Project and Goodsprings Outdoor Recreational Hub.
- Before going forward, we should review how other jurisdictions are "telling the story", observe visual messages and what exhibits look like.

### **Yellow Pine Rail Trail Feasibility Study**

- The feasibility study will determine viability of project.
- SNPLMA (Southern Nevada Public Lands Management Act) Working Group will discuss awarding projects November 13-15. Ron will let us know if the project was approved.
- Process of approval: Discussed/approved by SNPLMA Working Group, then final approval by SNPLMA Executive Committee. If approved, Clark County submits "task order" to BLM, BLM approves "task order" so that Clark

County will be reimbursed. Then Clark County begins the process to hire a contractor to complete the feasibility study.

- SNPLMA working group is made up of local, state and federal representatives. SNPLMA Executive Committee is made up of the top federal land managers in Nevada.

### **Seeking to Reserve Corridor for Trail**

- We should explore protecting trail corridor via easement, right of way, designation of BLM Scenic Byway, etc.
- Seek recommendation from Carrie Ronning (702) 515-5143 at BLM. Donn & Steve will meet with her.
- A Capital Budget Allocation from Clark County might exist to apply for Right of Way for trail. Ron Gregory would be our contact for this.
- Sally Underwood, Site Stewardship for SHPO, might have suggestions for the group. Her office is at the Nevada State Museum.
- We might want to check with the Amargosa Land Trust regarding their experience with railbeds and rights of way.
- FYI: 24 hour Dispatch for all Federal Law Enforcement (702) 293-8998.

### **Transition to New Partnership Facilitator**

- Liz confirmed that she will be moving to Mississippi to open a new RTCA Field Office in January 2007. RTCA has accepted the Yellow Pine Rail Trail Project as a continuing project and will continue to provide technical assistance via the Oakland Office pending congressional budget approval.
- Outside Las Vegas Foundation (Alan O'Neill & Kim Hutson de Belle) has offered to assist with the transition process and will provide facilitation assistance if needed.