

Yellow Pine Rail Trail Meeting
December 11, 2006

Attendees:

Corky Poole
Bobbie Poole
Kim Hutson de Belle
Mary Blake
Barbara Rice
Alan O'Neill

Bill Durbin
Julie Newberry
Donn Blake
Patricia Poole
Liz Smith-Incer
Barbara Rice

Next Time

When: Monday, January 29
10:00am to 12:00pm
Where: To be announced.
What: Continue discussing "story" of Yellow Pine Rail Trail and work toward agreement on final "story".

Action Items

Who	What	When
Liz	Type meeting notes, action items and draft agenda(s), email this to partners.	December 15
Liz	Contact Steve, Lia & Dave regarding their write-ups for Yellow Pine Rail Trail "story".	December 15
Liz	Remind folks that wrote text for "story" to email this text to Julie.	December 15
Kim	Coordinate next few meetings with Ron G.	December 15
Kim	Share copy of EIS completed during "Wind Project Study" with Donn Blake.	January 5
Kim/Barbara	Contact Rails to Trails Conservancy to see if they could present "example trails" to work group in early February.	January 15
Julie	Gather all text for Yellow Pine Rail Trail "Story" into one word document and request edits/comments from group.	January 15
Kim	Send meeting reminder to folks for January meeting and facilitate next meeting.	January 25
All	Send edits for "story" to Julie.	January 25

Julie	Incorporate edits and bring final copy to January meeting.	January 29
Barbara/Kim	Coordinate and facilitate February Yellow Pine Rail Trail Visioning workshop.	Mid February

Meeting Room Reservation Information:

Nevada State Parks Conference Room (booked for January 29)

Melody Garland - 702/ 486-5125

Nevada Department of Wildlife Conference Room

No specific contact - 702/ 486-5127

Outside Las Vegas Foundation Office Conference Room

Kim Hutson de Belle - 702/ 461-8062

Developing the Yellow Pine Rail Trail "Story"

The group only had time to read through a few of the texts and discussed potential additions as follows:

Railroad: Add information regarding date of last load.

What is narrow gauge and why it was used.

Mojave Desert/ Geology:

Write about transition in plant communities from Jean through

Goodsprings to trail end. Cactus? Joshua tree? Other plants?

Could pull information from Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)

completed for Wind Project study. Kim will track down a copy of this and share with group.

- Good to create a comprehensive story to work from.
- What are the absolute nuggets that you would share with someone visiting the trail?
- "Map" text of story at future meeting. This could assist with presenting information graphically.
- Once the group has agreed upon the "story" of the Yellow Pine Rail Trail then decide how to use it in a brochure, website, text for signs.
- Make sure Ron is here when we start talking about developing an outreach piece/brochure.

Next steps for "story":

- 1) Julie will put text together in early January and email it to rest of group.
- 2) Group should send comments to Julie before next meeting.

Yellow Pine Rail Trail Planning Group Needs:

- Trail description (See Spring Mountains Perimeter Trail for a good example)
- Planning area description and map
- Planning guidelines/framework
- What are the parameters? What is the preferred future for the Yellow Pine Rail Trail?
- Visioning for "the trail", do this before feasibility study.
- In addition to taking field trips to view local trails, Folks should consult with Rails to Trail Conservancy regarding potential types of trails and trail layouts.
- Some similar local trails: River Mountains Loop Trail, Cottonwood Valley, Historic Railroad Trail at Lake Mead National Recreation Area and Mesquite to Bunkerville Trail.

Feasibility Study Funding

\$250K for Pre-Proposal Planning Funding for Yellow Pine Rail Trail Feasibility Study was positively recommended by SNPLMA Working Group to Executive Committee.

**Yellow Pine Rail Trail Work Group should request to work with Ron on Scope of Work for feasibility study.

Feasibility study should cover the "big picture", the entire trail from Jean through Goodsprings to Yellow Pine Rail Trail Observation Deck.

Right of Way Reservation

The group decided that it is best to meet with BLM after it is clear who will be the "steward" of the Right of Way for the Yellow Pine Rail Trail. The feasibility study will provide some insight for this.

RTCA Transition

Liz introduced the work group to Barbara Rice, Team Leader of the RTCA Program for the Pacific West Region. Barbara, in close coordination with Kim and Alan of the Outside Las Vegas Foundation will facilitate the next steps for the Yellow Pine Rail Trail Partnership.

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