

Santa Catalina Bighorn Sheep Reintroduction Advisory Committee Minutes

October 15, 2013

Attendees: Mike Quigley, Brian Dolan, Joe Sheehey, Trica Oshant Hawkins, Brian Ham, John McGehee, Martin Guerena

Guest Speaker: None

Note Taker: Kandis Glavin

Location: Tucson Arizona Game and Fish Department Office

Time: 6PM-8PM

Meeting announcements: Announcements: Calendar good dates for meetings- October 29th is not good for a lot of people. How about November 5th? Keep meetings at once a month unless incidents occur.

Fire scape a big challenge, trail issue is going to be an issue also.

Trail regulations- may have to wait till after the Federal shutdown for Forest service.

Minutes:

Hiking organizations involved

Get Catalina parks involvement

Pima County was going to mark all trail heads.

Worth thinking about being proactive in publishing a pamphlet on trails currently in the closure. Linda may be working on this. Mail to hiking clubs? Or designated trails?

Invite Catalina state park to next meeting

Depends how the volunteer or education pans out. If someone walks by three signs, not our fault.

They established a level of carelessness. No citing for the first year. How important do you think it is to the success of the sheep? Very important, people start walking up and down that trail, it can be a bit of a problem.

No dogs 365 days within recovery area, and no off trail hiking, never an all-out trail closure.

That doesn't apply to hunters with permits, special use permits. Could be over 3,000 deer permits. Already exists with state land. Hunting license or tag? If you are actively hunting, ok. Depends on what

you are doing out there. I bought a hunting license and looking for lizards, they would be valid. When it says permit, does that mean deer, or scouting?

If there is someone at the trailhead, who would be doing that? Volunteer groups.

We're going to have to be adapted to that, how are we going to get the forest service to close areas?

Landing areas, if we identify new ones, how are we going to protect their areas?

The more people we reach, the more effective it will be.

Can the forest service put some signs on the wildcat trails? We're going to have to get clubs on our side. We can win this by citing people.

Educational pamphlet needs to be made.

Most are not hiking clubs, mostly weekend hikers.

Maybe invite some good hiking clubs to next meeting?

If the telemetry data shows they aren't using their habitat, might become worried.

Release in my mind doesn't seem to bother me.

Newsletter some of those groups have?

Bullet list of these ideas and give to Linda, who already has relationships with the hiking club.

Provide volunteer education. Peer reassurance or educated.

Kind of stuck waiting on Forest service.

More work on hiking groups to educate them.

I think we should do this whenever Linda is ready to release.

Have Linda hold the meeting and BHS group will attend her meeting.

Kerry Baldwin is going to help support this, maybe have Pima County attend.

Forests service has lost close to 20 to 30 signs. Trailhead signs.

First Tuesday of every month- November 5th. Tuesday, October 29th meeting cancelled.

23rd is the next public meeting

Were some questions on how publicized the meetings are.

On the 6th Martin is going to be making a presentation to Sabino Canyon.

Fundraising opportunity??? Hitting different groups, etc. no more than 20 minutes.

Is it okay if there are two slides on fundraising? Yes.

Flyer out, public meeting to get out in public. Flyers to hand out Mark can develop a 1page PDF to email ad use the template form the fundraiser flyer.

Post at all sporting goods have to have it done before the weekend. REI, Summit Huts, Big 5, sportsman's warehouse, wal- marts.

If Randy sends it out to his people, you will get a lot of people opposed.

Someone mentioned these are a meeting to get your questions answered, not for comments, that was very good to them announce.

Wanted to see what groups thought about people being allowed to go off trail with permits. Those trails aren't very used by many sportsmen. Not worried about the sportsmen.

Table- how do we inform our groups?

Need to get time to do fundraising, kind of been on hold since Ben sent out that one list.

Tend on going to places that have an icon on door or truck, etc. and knock on door to ask.

Bring back project/ fund raising status?

Maybe do events at a RESTAURANT, some of the profits go to BHS?

Brian will contact Ventana canyon and will let us know what he says.

If we don't have that many people donate that will be invited to the release. How are we going to do that? Who can go? Who can't? How do we decide?

Not closing park on release. After party, do we invite VIP'S?

November 23rd is the after party. Joe is still working on a place, Catalina state park.

We as advisory committee are invited, can we bring someone???

Need to cover logistics of the release.

As long as it's not a place people usually go too.

Shutdown will affect capture? As far as we know, no.

Previous Action Items:

Next Meeting(s): 11/05

Future Agenda Items: