

Kevin answered questions about the visible tree damage in the valley. There is a Douglas fir beetle which is attacking a small part of the forest. It will continue to do damage. Douglas fir is a small portion of our forest. The Mountain Pine Beetle is now dormant.

Kevin answered a question about the Frying Pan River Ranch. He basically has no information on it. The USFS is in correspondence with the owner. Options are three: the owner could plan to operate it, he could sell the buildings and improvements on the lease, or he could close it down and remove the improvements.

Kevin mentioned the weather forecast is for above average temperatures and below average precipitation for the next 10 days. Winter snowpack was low and the soil is taking up a lot of water leading to low streamflow. There will likely be Stage 1 campfire restrictions at the end of the week.

Kevin discussed the extensive blow-down of trees that happened in the last couple of years. It will take multiple years to remove them. Many locations are in Wilderness areas so cutting must be done by hand. Volunteers are needed to help with that.

The Eagle Thomasville road is open now. Miller Creek road is open. Hagerman Pass is not open.

Peter Boyatt, the representative from Colorado Parks and Wildlife spoke to the group. He lives on the Frying Pan road at Toner Creek. Peter reminded us of new regulations that all users of CPW sites must have a hunting or fishing license, or an access license (available soon). The purpose is to fund State wildlife areas that were purchased for hunting or fishing. It is a pay-to-play plan rather than increase taxes or fees for everyone. The areas include Coke Ovens, Toner Creek, Lake Christine, Beaver Lane, pull-offs on the Frying Pan road, Sam Caudill area and many others across the state. The licenses include a fee to pay for rescue. Fines are up to \$139.50 for use without a license. The inspectors of watercraft at Ruedi found lots of contaminated boats at the beginning of last season, most coming from Lake Powell. All watercraft should "Clean, Drain and Dry" to be sure to get rid of invasive mussels.

Some voluntary fishing closures will happen soon to protect the fish during excessive heat.

There is a new plan for mountain lion management. Licenses will be given for combined areas in the region rather than hunting only in one area such as area 44. It will now be okay to use calls when hunting. They will manage for stability not decrease.

Colorado passed Prop 114 by referendum to reintroduce wolves into Colorado. It passed primarily in eastern slope areas and calls for introduction of wolves into western Colorado. There will be paws on the ground by end of 2023. There will soon be meetings for public input including in Glenwood Springs.

CPW plans to reduce the number of fish to be stocked in Ruedi as they were just feeding the lake trout. Instead, they will be put into other lakes.

Dale mentioned he had a call from Carly Senst from Pitkin County Health. She offered to come to the next meeting to give Covid 19 vaccinations if we wanted it. Please call Dale if you have an opinion on that.

Dale mentioned a program for fire mitigation that is available to organizations. We could apply for a grant over the winter to get funding from the State for next year. Please volunteer.

Trashmaster Monroe Dodd reported on the trash and recycle program in Meredith. The fund is managing quite well. Please continue to pay your \$30 per month to support this program. Recycling is removed at a lower cost. If you are moving or doing a big house/garage cleaning please consider a trip to the Landfill, only 8 miles beyond Basalt. Also, please do not share the dumpster padlock code.

John and Pat Crowley spoke for the committee to create a memorial plaque to honor members who have passed away. They showed the plaque and now have a few more names to add to it. John will verify that it is okay to hang it in the Firehouse.

Dale opened the nominations for all officers and directors.

Lea Vasten sent a letter to nominate Dale Coombs for Chairman and Dale accepted. There were no other nominations for Chair.

Bette Ortell nominated John Crowley for Vice Chair and John accepted. No other nominations.

Marilyn Lee nominated Melanie Buchholz for Secretary and Melanie accepted. No other nominations.

Bette Ortell nominated Pat Crowley for Treasurer and Pat accepted. John Swomley nominated Abby Stern.

For Directors the following nominations were made and accepted:

Mary Jane Sledge nominated Cory Mian

Dick Shell nominated Carolyn Shell

John Swomley nominated Rueben Sadowski

Jean Dodd nominated Pam Woolley

Rueben Sadowski nominated John Swomley

Jean Dodd nominated Marilyn Lee

Bette Ortell nominated Jacque Schoon

Marilyn Lee nominated Jean Dodd

Abby Stern nominated Danny Hundert

Betty Ortell nominated Lea Vasten

John Crowley moved that nominations be closed and Dick Shell seconded. All voted in favor.

A Tabulation Committee was set up to update our mailing list, prepare the ballots, send them out and tabulate the results. The following people volunteered and are set to be on the committee. Drew Barnes – Committee Chair, Karen Toth, Mary Whalen, Monroe Dodd, and Melanie Buccholz. Pam Woolley moved to accept the committee, including Melanie Buchholz since she is running unopposed. Jean Dodd seconded. The vote passed. The committee should work with Secretary Marilyn Lee and Dick Shell regarding the mailing list.

The Corn Boil was discussed. The Diamond J has agreed to host the Corn Boil and they have set the date for August 8, which is a Sunday. There was discussion and more planning will be needed.

Carolyn Shell is to be the Chairperson and she will set other volunteers. A further report and discussion will happen at the July meeting. Please volunteer.

There was a discussion of the 4th of July festivities. Many people plan to be away. Nothing was organized.

The next meeting will be July 12 and the August meeting is August 9.

Jean Dodd moved to adjourn the meeting and John Crowley seconded. All voted in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Lee