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Trail Users Meeting 1/5/12

I. Introduced three new people: Bruce McKeeman fo the Prescott Outing Club. Jim Gilsdorf, the new Chino Valley District Ranger, and Jim Higgs, from the BCHCAZ and also on the national Board of the BCHA.

II. Higgs said the national BCHA is studying the biker/rider/ safety issues on a national level. He is asking anyone who has had a safety issue on the trails to please send him a report stating all the details. He is collecting thes reports to send in to national BCHA who is collecting data from all the states.. His e mail is jghiggs@commspeed.net

BCHA is looking into what the FS is doing on all public lands regarding this issue. BCHA is sepecially keeping an eye on the PNF and the PTSC as a possible model to share with other state BCH chapters. The national meeing will be in Eugene, OR this year and they plan to discuss this issue. Also the IMBA has approached BCHA asking BCHA to help support them in allowing mtn bikes in the wilderness areas.The NFS is looking into the further demands of the mtn bikers for Pump Trails and other special needs track, especially for speed techniques. For the FS it is a capacity need and where to put specific trails and planning for the next three to five years

III. The Sign:The octagon shape sign (stop sign) and the color red can not be used. Red is only for "stop". The requirements for shape and color are in the Signing Manuel for theFederal Hwy and Trail Requirements. What can be used:Color: Black and yellow for warning signs.Shapes: Circle, square, rectangle, diamond.PTSC wants to keep the text in the center and the organizations listed on the edges. Note: need to add Prescott Outing Club.The sign below listing the cautions, ie. head phones, etc., is still good.Denny Murray will check to see if Karen Fann's company will donate the signs.

IV. Trails:TR #332 needs better sinage and brushing where it croxxed Iron S[pg. Road.TR #347 still need a by-pass location for equestrians.

V. Special Rides:The third weekend will be an Endurance Ride for equestrians.The last weekend in April is the Whisky Row Ride for bikers.The dates of these rides need to be published in the PTSC web site as well as each coalition group's web site.

VI. The new city maps are out and well accepted by the PTSC. The PNF will get some to have available at the FS offices.

VII. Conflict Resolution Meeting: Betty Matthews reported that a group of eight met with her seeking specific regulations for the mtn bikers and for the separation of trails. The FS has contacted the L.K. Udahl Foundation of Tucson that specializes in conflict resolutions between groups. This is a government organization set up for environmental conflict resolution issues. Betty wants PSTC and all interested user groups of non-motorized trails to meet with this Conflict Resolution Group. The NFS has used this group before and found the experience to be very successful. We will be informed when the meeting will be. We all agree the issues were about consensus, self regulations, and education

VIII. Action Items: Short: Education for local businesses by providing a handout/pamphlet for them to hand out, as well as the FS offices to hand out. The pamphlet will be designed by Diana Norris and Brad DeVire. Suggested ideas included "why we meet", "why we care", "what people can do", "what are the issues involved", etc., and also include the new city map to be provided also. Jason will need helpers to put up signage on TR #396. Looking for an equestrian bu-pass on TR # 347 and #396. Leaders of group rides carry whistles for blind corners and warnings. Jason will call for help in locating "slow down" areas, places needing brushing. Re-designing the sign to meet Federal requirements. Developing the pamphlet for businesses. Long: Meeting with the Conflict Resolution Group.