**Friends of Monument Preserve**

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**Board Meeting**

**March 10, 2015**

**I. Call to Order and Attendance:** The Board meeting of the FOMP began at 7:00 p.m. in the Fire Center Classroom. Members present were Jon Nordby, president; Chris Tirpak, vice president; Diane Strohm, treasurer; and Marianne LaRivee, secretary; as well as Brian Mullen, Bill Benson, and Diane Bandle, members at large. Dan Cuvala, Dorrie Stewart, and Oscar Martinez, USFS District Ranger were also in attendance.

**II. Issues:**

**A. Limbaugh Canyon 40:** Chris Tirpak reported that the Nevins property land swap may be nearing a successful completion. The exchange is scheduled to occur late 2015.

**B. Trail 715 Problems:** Rick Elsworth has volunteered to repair—with his seasonal crew—the portion of Trail 715 destroyed by the Mt Herman road crews.

**C. Snow Mobile Damage:** During the most recent snowstorm, snow mobiles apparently dug up a large portion of the meadow at the intersection of Mt Herman and Red Rocks.

**D. Archaeologist Interest:** Local archaeologists from Pueblo or Denver may investigate graffiti damage done to foundations and stones in the preserve.

**E. CMC Palmer Lake Reroute:** Chris Tirpak sent a final message to Phil Comer, co-chair of the Colorado Mountain Club, requesting a response regarding FOMP and the Town of Palmer Lake’s concerns about the unacceptable reroute completed last summer by the CMC.

**F. Shooting/USFS Concerns:** Oscar Martinez, District Ranger, stated that the shooting ban in place along Mt Herman Rd will probably be renewed for another year. He intends to work with all forest users along the Front Range to formulate an overall plan. He hopes to have closer contact with FOMP than his predecessor. He appreciates nature.

**G. Tree Planting:** Diane Strohm stated that we will plant the seedlings she ordered from USFS some weekend in mid-April.

**H. Elections and Membership Dues:** Diane Strohm was re-elected treasurer; Jon Nordby was elected vice president, and Chris Tirpak was elected president. Annual membership dues were collected ($15 individual membership, $25 family membership.)

**III. Adjournment**. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.