FOMP 1/12/2021 Board Mtg Minutes

Attendees:

Brian Mullin, President; Bill Normile, Vice President, Karen Jensen, Treasurer; Ken Baker, Secretary; Bill Benson, Trail Boss; Art Fuellenbach, Marianne Larivee, Larry Bryant, Gail Humm, Sharann Mills

* USFS is reviewing recreational target shooting regulations for Pike Natl Forest, given increased usage of areas close to roads, trails, etc; safety is a concern, according to the USFS
* Details can be found here: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57807> and on the right nav bar, there is a link to “Comment/Object on Project”
* Comments are open thru 2/22/2021, we believe
* Bill Normile met with Town of Monument; Ken Baker met with Madeline Van Den Hoek, also from Town of Monument; Town etc. has social media pages, newsletters, that we can leverage to promote upcoming volunteer days, when we get USFS clearance
* Town also is interested in a town employee volunteer event, possibly a half day during the week; Town Mgmt gives time off for this
* Kohl’s (Monument/Jackson Creek store) also has a volunteer program lead (Bob), and if employees attend an event, Kohl’s corporate donates $20/hour/volunteer; good oppty for volunteers and fundraising, but their volunteer program is on hold due to covid; see link for more info: <https://corporate.kohls.com/corporate-responsibility/associates-in-action/FAQs>
* Trail’s End Tap Room will be opening in Monument; their location near Red Rock Canyon Open Space is popular with the Col Sprgs mtn bike crowd, and they may be a good future resource for volunteer recruitment
* Briefly discussed the sign board at the main trailhead, and agreed in February mtg to discuss how to revamp and improve it
* Will also have the Chamber of Commerce present for 15 mins at February mtg
* Discussed trail restoration/protection education signs, that we may need to leverage in the future; shared concern that some trails are getting too wide from over use, and many users don’t understand why sticks/rocks/logs are placed on the sides of trails to narrow tread width, promote revegetation
* Ken to send 2nd draft of trail sign to broader group