FOMP 2/9/2021 Board Mtg Minutes

Attendees: Brian Mullin, President; Bill Normile, Vice President; Bill Benson, Trail Boss; Karen Jensen, Treasurer; Art Fuellenbacj, Marianne Larivee, Gail Humm, Chris Tirpak, Brad Frieden

* Brian/Bill N reviewed what they know about the Pikes Peak Natl Forest Target Shooting Review; from public Q&A sessions, seems like there may be 7 dedicated sites, 1 per region; in Q&A, questions raised about how many facilities, how they would be monitored, how users would get reservations
* Shooting ban remains up most of Mt. Herman Rd, per signs; call Sheriff or USFS Law Enforcement if illegal shooting is noticed; Monument Police are also deputized by El Paso County, they may be able to assist
* Comment period closes 2/22
* Growing concern generally about shooting in areas where there are more users present, due to growth of surrounding areas; safety is the major concern
* Bill N reviewed two events coming to the area in 2021: Pikes Peak Apex stage of mountain bike race and Sasquatch Endurance Trail Run
* Both are permitted by USFS, and will use system trails/roads; members of FOMP have provided some feedback as to parking, etc, to help organizers optimize the events
* Art F. will check on the QR code at main trailhead
* Bill B. reviewed potential sign order; Board was in favor, and follow on emails fine tuned some of the recommendations; Bill N. has reached out to USFS for funding/assistance with the larger trail maintenance/volunteer work/penalty for unauthorized work signs
* Will also seek input from USFS on No Parking, Camping policy signs
* Board agreed to Ken B recommendation to get on the calendar with Town of Monument for a summer half day volunteer project; date will be conditional on USFS approval for volunteer work to resume, but we want to plan for it assuming covid trends will continue in the right direction, and approval will be granted
* Ken B reviewed Trailforks based maps, with numbers, and work descriptions, that can be used for volunteer planning, pending USFS approval; multiple small projects will help drive social distancing

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.