FOMP 3/9/2021 Board Mtg Minutes

Attendees: Brian Mullin, President; Bill Normile, Vice President; Bill Benson, Trail Boss; Karen Jensen, Treasurer; Ken Baker, Secretary/Outreach Lead; Art Fuellenbach, Marianne Larivee, Gail Humm, Josh Vonloh (USFS), Samantha Gooch (USFS)

* USFS representatives Samantha Gooch (Recreation Planner) and Josh Vonloh (Recreation, Partnership, Volunteer Coordinator joined first half of mtg.
* There will be a significant fire mitigation/fuel reduction project beginning this Spring in the Monument Preserve. There is not yet a public web link available from the USFS for more information on the project, but this is a strong positive, to reduce fire risk for the Preserve, but also surrounding communities.
* Marianne Larivee shared that Team Rubicon, a veterans group that does disaster recovery work, but also mitigation, will be reaching out to USFS management to offer support for clearing work north of Mt. Herman Rd. where USFS land is adjacent to residential neighborhoods
* Volunteer group activities are still on hold due to the pandemic, per Josh, but there were meetings scheduled after the board mtg, where the USFS was going to review this situation
* FOMP will need to complete a Risk Assessment form for 2021, similar to what we have done in previous years
* Josh had offered to check for USFS inventory “no unauthorized trail work” signs, in Woodland Park office, but assumed it would be week of 3/15/2021
* Broader sign order is still pending, but expected to be completed soon
* Brian Mullin will be meeting with Cory Sutella from Medicine Wheel, to discuss joint participation in trail work activities, pending USFS approval of volunteer work for any FOMP work
* Bill Normile reviewed the latest information on the APEX mountain bike stage race; APEX is working with USFS on approval for a stage using USFS trails, but approval is pending; guidance was provided to the APEX team to have start/finish closer to Town of Monument, as better parking and facilities exist for parking, spectators, and for pre/post race festivities at Monument businesses
* Board voted to maintain current directors in current roles
* Next mtg is 4/13/2021

Meeting adjourned 8pm.