

VALLEY COUNTY GROOMER ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

SEPTEMBER 11, 2025

Chairman Ron Platt called the meeting to order at approximately 7:00 pm at the Valley County Rec and Road Department building in Lake Fork. Members present were Ron Platt, Mark Sabin, Larry Meredith, Vic Greenfield, and Terri Klanderud. Also present were Larry Laxson, former Valley County Park & Rec Director; Lori Ellis, Cougar Mountain Club President; Danny Amen, Valley County Groomer Coordinator; Doug Bingaman, Valley County Park & Rec Director; Justin , Donnelly Snowmobile Club President; John McClain, McCall Area Snowmobile President; and Carol Lundgren, the Baum Shelter, Warren, Idaho.

Approval of August Minutes – Vic Greenfield motioned that the minutes be approved as presented; seconded by Terri Klanderud. Motion carried.

USFS – There was no one in attendance.

SHERIFF'S REPORT - There was no one in attendance.

NEW BUSINESS

OLD BUSINESS

Action Item – Letter to Road Department regarding agreement with DF Development. Ron Platt brought up the letter that was discussed at the last meeting. The letter of support for the partnership between DF & the County, regarding shared winter maintenance on the first six miles of Clear Creek; to be reviewed annually. Terri Klanderud motioned that the letter to the Road Department from the Groomer Committee be approved and sent as presented; seconded by Mark Sabin. Motion carried.

Parking Lot Ordinance – Discussion took place regarding the comments and responses to the parking lot discussions and decisions.

Warm Lake Area – Terri Klanderud brought up the issue that we don't have anyone that has been attending the Groomer meeting from the Warm Lake area, and it

is drastically effects the committees ability to have a quorum to vote. Discussion took place regarding several ideas to help facilitate getting this area active again.

Mark Sabin, Lori Ellis, Larry Laxson, and Danny Amen all added suggestions as to how to help support the Warm Lake Club. Jason Wright commented that there is a significantly higher number of riders than sticker sales for that area.

Ron Platt mentioned that he will review the State Code to verify if the majority vote of the attendees suffices, or if it has to be a quorum of the appointed members.

Ron Platt talked to Spencer today, and they are going to get with the engineer this week or next week to discuss how to get rid of all those relays on the Challenger. There are approximately 15 relays there. There are a couple of parts that need replaced and are being ordered. If they can get this accomplished, it would help out the operators. Ron thinks that the cost will be under \$5,000.

Groomer Coordinator's Report – Danny Amen has talked to Peterson's and they took the information on the two Cats to see if they are still under warranty. One has a front seal leaking and they can fix that. The other one has a leak on the diesel tank. They have a couple of people that have put in applications that have previously ran a groomer.

Director's Report - Dave Bingaman reported that they have about 9 applications already this year. They have also talked to applicants about being ambassadors in the parking lots. Most of the existing groomer operators are coming back this year.

We don't have a signed contract with IDL, and there has been no response.

Dave met with IDPR a couple of weeks ago. He went and looked at skunk creek road; that is an 18 mile route. There are a lot of opportunities there. Clear creek is 6 miles.

AREA REPORTS

Smith's Ferry – Lori Ellis reported that they are having their fall clean-up on September 20. They have been talking to the kayakers about use of the Warming Hut during the summer.

West Mountain – Larry Meredith reported that he needs to go up and check out the wood supply.

Donnelly – Jason Wright reported that the shelter is coming along. The Fun Run permit has been submitted, but the special use has to go through a longer process.

McCall Area – John McClain has started conversations about working on their safety shelters; they need some basic maintenance. The permits have been submitted. Ron Platt informed everyone that there is a difference between tilling and grooming. Tiling can be done anywhere.

Terri motioned that the meeting be adjourned; seconded by Larry Meredith. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.