

VALLEY COUNTY GROOMER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

NOVEMBER 13, 2025

Chairman Ron Platt called to order the meeting at the Lake Fork Road and Rec Building. Present were Ron, Terri Klanderud, Mark Sabin, Mark Wood, Larry Meredith, Vic Greenfield, and Lori Ellis. Also present were Danny Amen, Valley County Groomer Coordinator; Dave Bingaman, Valley County Park & Rec Director; Carole Lundgren, The Baum Shelter, Warren; John McClain, McCall Area Snowmobilers President; Jason Wright, Donnelly Club President; Ben Esplin, Mountain Meadows owner; Anna Eveland, Cougar Mountain Snowmobile Club; Greg Eveland, ISSA Region III Rep; Dorothy Stillwell, Cascade Riders Sec/Treasurer.

Approval of October Minutes - Mark Wood motioned that the October minutes be approved as presented; seconded by Mark Sabin. Motion carried.

USFS **There was no one in attendance.**

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

NEW BUSINESS

Front Loader/Back Hoe & Hires - Terri asked if the back hoe has been moved down to Wellington yet. Danny informed everyone that it is being checked out and will then be moved. Rich will still be grooming down at Wellington and Joe Person will be clearing the parking lot and be acting as campground host.

ISSA Convention/Groomer Training – Dave Bingaman said that he and Danny will be discussing whether or not to send new groomers. Lori Ellis reported that the dates are January 23, 24, and 25, and a tentative schedule.

OLD BUSINESS

Update on Francis Wallace expansion – Mark Wood reported that Dave received a call from IDL and they want to look and see what timber needs to be removed for the possible expansion. They don't have the go ahead yet, but would like to add it to the existing contract. It will give them approximately 35% more parking. It was also approved to gravel the entire area. Dave Bingaman is applying for a grant this year to do so.

Update on Clear Creek – Larry Meredith reported that Dave Bingaman went out with IDPR regarding a parking lot at Skunk Creek Road (417). There is a significant amount

of snowfall that happens there, so they would recommend that they do like Warm Lake, and use the side of the road. Dave discussed the semantics of the roads and who would be responsible with plowing. Larry Meredith added that if you used the side of the road there could be more parking, but he feels 417 isn't the best option. Discussion took place, and Dave explained the plan for the coming year. Larry also touched base about Anderson Creek and the private property there. Discussion took place regarding ideas and possibilities. Larry Meredith locked the warming hut up while he was up there. He left it full of firewood at the beginning of summer and by the end, there was no firewood left.

Warm Lake Route – Mark Wood and Ron Platt met with Belinda Provancher from Perpetua, after the meeting last month, and they have covered all the bases. Dave Bingaman reported they have permission from the Boise Forest to go ahead with the temporary plans. Ben Esplin added that his PB Rep said that the newer CATS will start up to negative 40.

GROOMER COORDINATOR'S REPORT – Danny Amen reported they are waiting on snow. They are waiting for Piston Bully to let them know if it's covered under warranty. Ron Platt was able to talk to a guy about the Challenger and being able to alter it, and make it compatible with the other CATS; they are able to make the adjustments. Mark Wood brought up having a relief driver, and Carol Lundgren offered that they would provide overnight accommodations if needed. Extensive discussion took place regarding semantics of getting groomed into Warren more frequently.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Dave Bingaman updated everyone that the Forest Service has approved a fuel tank up at Titus. Rangers agreed that the island behind the bathrooms has been approved to fill it in. They will need letters of support for the grants. There are four grants for snowmobiling, access, and improvements. Corkill will write them a letter so that they can move forward without a signed contract. They are ordering the toilet for Francis Wallace. They are also working on a grant to put in a parking lot up at Boulder, and on a grant at Wellington for campground and Warming Hut improvements. They would also like to apply for an expedition work sled for the program.

AREA REPORTS

Smith's Ferry – Lori Ellis reported that they had a meeting two weeks ago with IDPR, DF, and Dave came down and spoke. At the December meeting, Ron Platt will be speaking. The Christmas Party is December 6th, and the Fun Run is January 17th. Greg Eveland has the snowmobile raffle tickets for sale that benefits the ISSA Legal Defense Fund.

West Mountain – Larry Meredith talked about the West Mountain Club. He had been invited to the Warm Lake Club meeting last week and was asked about combining the

Warm Lake Riders and West Mountain Clubs. They will be now called the Cascade Riders Association. Dorothy Stillwell spoke and revealed their new logo. They are working on the letters for their Advisory Board representatives. They are putting some rides together.

Donnelly Club - Vic Greenfield reported on the trail before the cattle guard, there is a big rock that needs to be moved. The cattle guard is also busted; there is also a broken marker that needs replaced. Jason Wright mentioned that they got their shelter permitted. They hired a local truck driver that placed it up there and it's set up. Ron Platt talked to Jeff at the Road Department and they are going to do a double chip seal.

McCall Area Snowmobilers - Mark Wood stated that the Club has located a bunch of blocks and they are going to start laying out the proposed parking lot. The proposal for the parking lot will be presented to the Commissioner's on Monday. There is some verbiage in the agreement that the deputies feel that they will be able to work well with.

Lori Ellis motioned that the meeting be adjourned; seconded by Terri Klanderud. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

VOLUNTEER HOURS

Mark Wood	McCall Area	Groomer Meeting	4 hours
Mark Sabin			4 hours
John McClain			4 hours
John McClain		Prkg Lots/Shelter	37 hours
Sara McClain			3 hours
Alex Martinez			5 hours
Dave Pfof			4 hours
Drew Kirsh			5 hours
John Simonson			5 hours
Pat Nix			5 hours
Mark Wood			30 hours
Mark Sabin			10 hours
John McClain		Parking Lot/Meet	10 hours
Mark Sabin			10 hours
Mark Wood			22 hours
Mark Wood		Concrete Block	46 hours
Ron Platt	Donnelly	Groomer Meeting	8 hours
Vic Greenfield			8 hours

Jason Wright			4 hours
Ron Platt		Meetings/Prep/Agencies	16 hours
Justin Wright	Donnelly	Shelter	56 hours
Justin Wright		Permitting	9 hours
Larry Meredith	Cascade Riders	Groomer Meeting	4 hours
Dorothy Stillwell			4 hours
Dorothy Stillwell		Recreation docs	38 hours
Nikki Landers			18 hours
Dorothy Stillwell		County meetings	3 hours
Dorothy Stillwell		Meeting Prep	8 hours
Larry Meredith		Meetings/Warm Hut	14 hours
Dorothy Stillwell		Meetings/phone calls	12 hours
Terri Klanderud		Groomer Meeting	8 hours
Lori Ellis			8 hours
Terri Klanderud		Minutes/Agenda/Emails	4 hours
Terri Klanderud		Volunteer hours/pprwk	12 hours