

VALLEY COUNTY GROOMER ADVISORY BOARD

SEPTEMBER 8, 2022

Chairman Ron Platt called the meeting to order at 7:00 at the Lake Fork Road and Recreation Department. Present were Ron Platt, Terri Klanderud, Larry Laxson, Mark Sabin, Larry Meredith, Rob Workman, and Vic Greenfield. Also present were Danny Amen, Valley County Parks and Recreation; Marv Limbaugh, Cougar Mountain Snowmobile Club; Jay Jacques, McCall Snowmobile Club; Chris Newland, No Business Road resident; John McClain, McCall Snowmobile Club President; Jason Wright, Donnelly Club President.

USFS - No one was in attendance from either the Boise Forest or the Payette Forest. Michael Beach has left and is no longer on the Payette.

SHERIFF'S REPORT – No one was in attendance.

NEW BUSINESS

Fire Report & Repercussions – Larry Laxson reported that the entire backside of Anderson Creek and Sheep Creek has burned and we will have lost all the signage; there will also be tree removal that will need to be done. Brundage Reservoir and Brundage Lookout Road will need the same.

ISSA Convention – Terri Klanderud informed everyone that the ISSA Convention will be November 11 & 12th at the Boise Center on the Grove. Sign up is on the ISSA website, www.idahosnow.org.

OLD BUSINESS

Update on Operating Agreement/Payette Forest – Larry Laxson reported that because everyone is out on fires, he is having issues getting the Payette Forest Agreement signed. The Payette agreement was heavily corrected and sent on to be signed, but neither Forest has signed yet.

IDPR is negotiating right now with all the forests in Idaho to get a single page operating agreement that is consistent throughout all areas.

Update on No Business Road – Larry Laxson stated that the RAC grant that Jeff McFadden, from the Road Department, received to resurface the No Business Road was approved to hold over until next year due to lack of employees and equipment problems.

COORDINATOR'S REPORT – Larry Laxson discussed that they are applying for a vaulted toilet and seven camping spaces for Brush Creek.

Jay Jacques asked about the No Business MOU; he would like to get together and have a discussion with the appropriate parties regarding the requirements of the groomed trail. He would like to discuss marking the road, snow level to plow to, etc. Ron Platt added that there needs to be some work done in there, but they can't do anything until there has been some moisture and the traffic is slowed. Larry answered that the verbiage will be done by the Attorney's office, Commissioner Maupin, and the Road Department.

Larry also mentioned that the bid specs are in for the new Cat, and it will be the same as last year. When Peterson's gets the Cat, it will be outfitted in mid October and we should get the Cat in November, and we will move it directly to Titus. They are putting an advertisement in the paper for six new groomer operators.

AREA REPORTS

Smith's Ferry – the materials for the new roof have been delivered and they will be starting on it September 15th. Rick Dolphus discussed connecting the east side trail at Wellington to 670 or 671 to connect with the Terrace Lakes groomer.

West Mountain – the groomer has been moved due to the fire.

Warm Lake – no report

Donnelly – Jason Wright is the new Donnelly Club President.

McCall Area – They received the permit to place the race shack for a warming hut. Mark Wood has been working on rehabbing it. They still need a stove.

VOLUNTEER HOURS

Mark Sabin	McCall Area	Groomer Meeting	3 hours
John McClain		Groomer Meeting	3 hours
Jay Jacques		Groomer Meeting	2 hours
Ron Platt	Donnelly	Groomer Meeting	6 hours
Ron Platt		Meetings/Calls	11 hours
Vic Greenfield		Groomer Meeting	6 hours
Vic Greenfield		By Pass Trail	3 hours
Jason Wright		Groomer Meeting	3 hours

Larry Meredith	West Mtn	Groomer Meeting	2 hours
Terri Klanderud	Smith's Ferry	Groomer Meeting	6 hours
Terri Klanderud		Emails/Minutes/Report	2 hours
Rick Dolphus		Groomer Meeting	6 hours
Rick Dolphus		Trail Maintenance/Roof	12 hours
Rob Workman		Groomer Meeting	6 hours
Marv Limbaugh		Groomer Meeting	6 hours