

# **VALLEY COUNTY GROOMER ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

## **DECEMBER 8, 2022**

Chairman Ron Platt called the meeting to order at approximately 7:00 pm at the Lake Fork Road and Recreation Building. Present were Ron Platt, Mark Sabin, Mark Wood, Vic Greenfield, Ron Theisen, Sharon Bixler, Larry Meredith, Rick Dolphus, and Terri Klanderud. Also present were Jay Jaques and John McClain, McCall Snowmobile Club; Danny Amen, Valley County Recreation; Carole Lundgren, Warren – The Baum Shelter; Todd Hailey, Cougar Mountain Snowmobile Club; and Ben Esplin, Mountain Meadows Rental.

Mark Wood motioned that the minutes be approved as presented; seconded by Larry Meredith. Motion carried.

### **USFS**

**No one was present from the USFS at the meeting.**

*Payette Forest* – Mark Wood received a call about the sign that they had picked up on Red Ridge. Jascha put the signs up on Michah saddle. Ben put up J & D, and M & N got put up today.

*Boise Forest* - Larry suggested that they are plowing down to dirt, but Ron Platt received a call that they are done logging.

### **SHERIFF'S REPORT**

**There was no one in attendance at the meeting.** They were funded for two recreationalist and they have been hired.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

No new business.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

**Update on equipment** – The new cat will be here next week. The Cascade CAT is leaking; the nickel is worn.

**Update on Grant** - Larry Laxson reported that we are good for the vaulted toilet at Brush Creek, as well as a toilet at Lick Creek. The property value on the east side of No Business has escalated to 1.5 million, making it an impossibility to purchase the property for a parking lot.

**Update on Smith's Ferry Roof-** Rick reported that the roof is almost done.

Mark Wood reported that the NEPA is still valid for Titus. The issue is whether or not it can be expanded.

**Employee Update** – we could use another groomer for Smith's Ferry.

**Coordinators Report** – the County has hired an attorney to complete the work into the FAA road. Mark Wood discussed the article in the paper about the Valley County Advisory Rec Council. There is a comment in the article that insinuates the Valley County Advisory Recreation Council is taking over the Groomer Advisory Board. Larry Laxson answered that we are set up by State statutes. Mark Wood stated that there was a gross miscommunication that it sounded like the new committee would oversee the Groomer Advisory Board.

## **Area Reports**

**Smith's Ferry** – Rick reported they are still logging Joe's Creek. They informed Larry Laxson that they would be done December 15<sup>th</sup>. Discussion took place regarding grooming on the back trail and the other side. Scott Freeman has six mile road gated; that is a county road and can't legally be gated. The Fun Run will be held January 14<sup>th</sup>.

**West Mountain** - Larry Meredith had nothing to report. There has been a lot of grooming done.

**Warm Lake** – Sharon Bixler presented a rough draft of their presentation to the Valley County Commissioners for funds from the American Republic Recovery Plan to purchase a groomer for up at Warm Lake; Valley County received 8.5 million dollars. Sharon asked for a letter of support from the Idaho State Snowmobile Association and the other Valley County Clubs. Discussion ensued regarding shelters and funding avenues for a new groomer. They are having a meeting this Saturday at 11:00 am, and then a ride.

**Donnelly** – Vic Greenfield reported that they are having their Fun Run on December 31<sup>st</sup>. Concern was raised regarding the private homeowner's access and the trail. Jay Jaques requested that we put the signs at the end of the trail so that they can more easily see the direction of the trail. Ben Esplin reported that they have permission from DF Development to use parts of their property. Please make sure that everyone knows to stay on the trails.

**McCall** – Mark Wood reported the Club was going to have a work day on December 10<sup>th</sup>. They are going to have signs for the parking lot for Brush Creek. They looked into getting a sign made like the sign they have in Francis Wallace. The sign will be approximately \$300.00, and additional costs for design. Mark passed out the map that they had been working on to put into the McCall businesses.

# VOLUNTEER HOURS

|  |               |                      |          |
|--|---------------|----------------------|----------|
| Mark Wood                                | McCall Club   | Groomer Meeting      | 3 hours  |
| Mark Sabin                               |               |                      | 3 hours  |
| John McClain                             |               |                      | 3 hours  |
| John McClain                             |               | Warming Hut/etc      | 15 hours |
| Mark Sabin                               |               | Meetings/Tires       | 8 hours  |
| Mark Wood                                |               | Warming Hut          | 43 hours |
| Mark Wood                                |               | Trails/Grooming      | 42 hours |
| Mark Wood                                |               | Meetings             | 16 hours |
| Rick Sironen                             |               | Grooming             | 10 hours |
| Rick Sironen & Mark Wood                 |               | Signs                | 18 hours |
| Jay Jaques                               |               | Trails/Meetings      | 20 hours |
| Jay Jaques                               |               | Signage              | 10 hours |
| John Hicks                               |               | Financials           | 6 hours  |
| Jackie Laramore                          |               | Signage              | 4 hours  |
| Ethan Templeton                          |               | Signage              | 4 hours  |
|  |               |                      |          |
| Ron Platt                                | Donnelly Club | Groomer Meeting      | 6 hours  |
| Vic Greenfield                           |               |                      | 6 hours  |
| Ron Platt                                |               | Grooming             | 20 hours |
| Vic Greenfield                           |               | Meetings             | 12 hours |
| Ben Esplin                               |               | Meetings             | 4 hours  |
| Ben Esplin                               |               | Grooming/Signage     | 86 hours |
|  |               |                      |          |
| Sharon Bixler                            | Warm Lake     | Groomer Meeting      | 4 hours  |
| Ron Theisen                              |               |                      | 4 hours  |
| Sharon Bixler                            |               | Grant/Research       | 16 hours |
| Ron Theisen                              |               |                      | 10 hours |
| Sharon Bixler                            |               | Meetings/Present     | 12 hours |
|  |               |                      |          |
| Larry Meredith                           | West Mountain | Groomer Meeting      | 4 hours  |
| Larry Meredith                           |               | Meetings             | 2 hours  |
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| Terri Klanderud                          | Smith's Ferry | Groomer Meeting      | 6 hours  |
| Rick Dolphus                             |               |                      | 6 hours  |
| Todd Hailey                              |               |                      | 6 hours  |
| Terri Klanderud                          |               | Minutes/Corres       | 3 hours  |
| Rick Dolphus, Greg Eveland, Ron & Nadine |               | Beacon Checkboard    | 18 hours |
| Rick Dolphus & Greg Eveland              |               | Mtn at Smith's Ferry | 14 hours |

