

Attendees: Malcolm Edwards, Bob Castaneda, Kirsten Kaiser, Paul Leimbach, Robyn King, Joel Chandler, Tony Johnson, Noel Williams, Rita Windom, Megan Gill, Donna O'Neil, Lee Disney, Rick Karuzas, Dianne Dunning, Eileen Carney, Dave Deevy, Phil, Eric Klepfer (Mines Mgmt).

AGENDA

- Welcome
- Introductions
- Review Ground Rules
- Background
- Present Starting Option changes
- General Comments/ Questions
- Question: Treasure Mountain Ski Area
- Montanore/ East Face / MA 5A-5B

Following are brief notes documenting group agreement and concerns.

Group agreed on 5C MA = winter snocat use and summer non-motorized

- Zulu, Gold Hill West, Flagstaff
  1. Zulu- 5C – retains existing snocat use
  2. Gold Hill West- 5C – majority wanted 5C
  3. Flagstaff- 5A – South Face  
5C – remainder (north half) – concern is area needs improvement via forest health
- Treasure Mountain (note: attendees voted more than once)
  1. Option 1: Recommended Wilderness, no future development (4 votes)
  2. Option 2: MA 5A and allow a feasibility study of ski area. MA would become MA7 if ski area was to be developed, MA1B if not. (11 votes). All participants agreed that MA5A would not be changed to 1B during the life of the plan.
  3. Option 3. same as option 2, beginning with MA5B (5 votes)
  4. Option 4. same as option 2, beginning with MA5C (6 votes)
- Cabinet Face East
  1. Currently MA 5B (10 people voted to maintain this allocation)
  2. Recommendation = 5A (4 people voted to change from MA 5b to 5a)

Donna O'Neil said area is bear use area and potential routes are not groomed; therefore, 5b is okay (vs 5c).

Lee Disney says lots of snocat use in the area already.

Concern is to maintain motorized summer access.

Concern about Montanore mitigation and if MA5a would preclude management by Montanore.

Other concerns (not in the E Face area):

Concern about illegal snocat use in MA5A near Zulu via MA5C (Megan Gill. )

Pink Mountain: Donna and Robyn agreed to discuss further. Both are concerned about illegal use. Group agreed to honor Robyn and Donna's findings.

Miscellaneous:

Joel: multiuse trail between Libby & Troy. Both GA's have collaborative agreement on this trail – groups want a MA 5b to allow the trail study to proceed.

Lee: Wild, Scenic and Recreation Rivers – concern about limiting uses that are encouraged.

MA 2A and 2B – Concern about the inability to utilize aircraft in these areas as the suitable use table says aircraft use is not permitted. The group does not want to preclude the movie industry from filming over WSR segments; the group agreed that if FSM does not prohibit aircraft use in these MAs they would like to see aircraft use permitted.

Wrap-up:

Group felt pretty good about process.

Would have liked an opportunity to look forestwide.

First round was very uncomfortable for some.

Concern expressed about permanent designations (ie., wilderness).

Questions about Forest Plan process, timelines and public involvement.

Proposed wilderness in known snocat use areas is of concern.

Bob told folks that desire is to work with Commissioners via Governor's petitioning process.