

GMF TRAILS COMMITTEE MEETING
July 11, 2019- Mucky Duck Restaurant- 6 pm
MINUTES

1. **Meeting called To Order** at 6:01 PM by Chairman Rocco Blasi
2. **Attending:** Rocco Blasi, Dick Bratton, Robert Brown, Rebecca Ochkie, Jan Smith, Don Walker
3. **Agenda Approval-** M/S Blasi/Brown. Passed 6:0.
4. **Approve Minutes** of June 13, 2009- M/S Blasi/Smith. Passed 6:0.
5. **Public Input-** none. Items not on Agenda-
 - None
6. **Progress Reports-** since last meeting
 - Frank Gerig notified Blasi he did not want hikers on Angels Trail since it crosses their private property and they posted "No Trespassing" signs. Blasi acknowledged and will discuss Scott Ave re-route with BoT on July 16th. Ochkie began obliteration of Honda access to Angels Trail.
 - Blasi attended June 26th Waldo Canyon Roundtable. The group is weighing public comment from April 17th and refining the 3 trails concepts into one overall proposal for additional public comment on October 23rd. More info at: waldocanyonplanning.com. There will be no Hwy 24 access at the former parking lot.
 - On July 1st, Smith, Townsend, Brown, Walker, Wines and Blasi cleaned Wallace Reserve for 3+ hours. Elk Root, most of lower Castle Rock, Peyote, Bear, Fat Mans Squeeze and most of Kirkpatrick are in much better shape.
 - Jesse Stroope provided Blasi laminated trails maps for Wallace Reserve and Mt Dewey Open Space. Blasi has posted them on trailhead boards.
 - July 4th Green Box hike support: Smith, Ochkie and Piazza guided 16 hikers up to Mt Dewey Summit. Brown, Walker, Wines and Blasi guided 15 hikers to Wallace Reserve to showcase fire mitigation efforts in the area.
 - June 15th Workday #2: 18 volunteers finished a second day of Bratton Trail maintenance, cleaning the upslope side of the trail with some digging into the slope to widen the trail surface. Two crews finished lopping obstructions and removed vegetation from the trail. Two crews widened the trail and built 10 rock walls to reinforce the trail and reduce trail erosion during heavy rains. Bratton Trail west of El Paso county line is in great shape.
7. **TC Website and Maps**
 - We have enough maps for the year
8. **Education- Trails Watch Program/ Trail User Ethics**
 - Blasi waiting to hear from the Marshal involving enforcement of Trails Watch Program and wording for trails maps
9. **Training**
 - Crew Leader and Tech Advisor training next Spring- any interested parties?

10. TO DO LIST:

- Prep for July 21 work day #3
- Build and install trail signs at Bratton/Catamount intersection and at Mt Dewey Summit probably using Pueblo Mtn Park as a template
- Design and install Catamount trailhead board
- Lead 2 hikes for Sallie Bush bingo winners. Smith/Ochkie will do one.
- Receive latest digital files for trail maps and provide to Jason Meyer, El Paso County for upload
- Red Devil Mtn Trail layout- Bratton

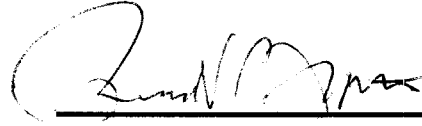
11. Other-

- Parking- Jane Newberry heard from a citizen who recommends that hikers pay for parking
- Input to prep for July 16 BoT trails update- show photos and proposed projects. Recommend removal of debris from Olathe St so the parking area can be used, possibly use diagonal parking along Ute Pass Ave to save space.

12. NEXT MEETING- Sept 12, 2019 at Mucky Duck 6 pm.

13. ADJOURNMENT at 7:36 pm.

ALL MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC



Vice Chairman- Dick Bratton



Recording Secretary- R. Ochkie