

**BIGHORN BACKCOUNTRY
STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING**



OCTOBER 7, 2021

9:00AM – 12:00PM

Online Meeting

MEETING SUMMARY

Don Livingston	Suzanne Comfort	Ian Stewart	Chiara Feder
Brad Jones	Margriet Berkhout	Dale Marshall	Simon Dyer
Loyal Ma	Amada Halawell	Grant Santo	Lisa Schrader
Doug King	Adena Earl	Dominik Kmet	Jim Duncan
Sarah Froese	Marla Zapach	Michael Doyle	Michelle Swanson
Lorne Hindbo	Barry Wesley	Jamie Bruha	John Tchir
Morgan Titford	Logan Van Imschoot	Paul Radchenko	Rita Stagman
Curtis Nichol	Kristofer Heemeryck	Wayne Crocker	Laura Raivio

Item #	TOPIC
1.	<p><u>Activities</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Construction on parking at Abraham Slabs and Cavalcade, upgrades to Siffleur Falls. Planned installation of bearproof lockers at backcountry lakes this fall. <p><u>Signage</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Extra signage for bed and shore. Tershishner trails inspected and planning in place for improvements. New toilets at Bighorn Dam and along Hwy 11 corridor. <p><u>Enforcement</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Over half of enforcement actions were under PLAR for failing to obey signs and notices. Variety of files included wheels in water, damage to public land, fire restriction, liquor and traffic safety act charges for OHVs. Report included observations and statistics for violations from June to October 2021.
2.	<p><u>Trails Act/Designating Trails</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Brief overview of the proposed Trails Act and Sustainable Recreation Initiative including background and intent.
3.	<p><u>Prescribed Burn Proposal</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Overview of possibilities for a joint prescribed burn with Banff National Park for the Upper Clearwater / Ram area. Map presented and comments requested.
4.	<p><u>FOESA Update</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Highest number memberships ever sold. New sites and upgrades at Eagle Creek, upgrades to staging area for Eagle Lake. Maintenance and highlines at Eagle and Panther PLRAs.
5.	<p><u>Bighorn Bikepacking Project Update</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Presentation to update usability findings of potential trails and interactions with other users.
6.	<p><u>North Ram Trail</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Approached by a group to inspect and allow repairs to North Ram trail up to old

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	Kiska lookout. Committee input.
10.	<p><u>Open Floor</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Wesley - Asking for communication with user groups to be aware of encounters, particularly during harvest season. - Berkhaut – If deadfall occurring on trails after prescribed burn operations, please notify. - Duncan – Rail Trail update. Hoping to have trestle redecked by end of October. - Dyer – Possible permanent display regarding local trail info, camping and Respect the Land at Nordegg Discovery Centre? - Dyer – Would like to see big entrance signage when entering PLUZ.
11.	Next meeting – Thursday, February 3, 2022

Action Items	Description	Assigned To:	Due Date
1.	Prescribed burn proposal – send map to committee.	Laura Raivio	Oct 8/21
2.	Bikepacking – send spreadsheet of color coded trail list	Loyal Ma/Laura Raivio	Oct/21
3.	RTL item – ebike/bear conflict avoidance	Laura Raivio	Oct 21/21
4.	Bikepacking presentation to First Nations-contact for arrangements	Barry Wesley/Loyal Ma	Oct/21
5.	Single track possibilities at Kiska or Dutch Creek - connect	Morgan Ttiford/Don Livingston	Oct/21
6.	Anticipated user group information/social media messaging regarding First Nations harvest times	Barry Wesley/Don Livingston	Oct/21
7.	Contact regarding Nordegg Discovery Centre and PLUZ entrance signage.	Simon Dyer/Don Livingston	Oct/21