

## SRBCH Meeting Minutes

September 5, 2024

Emery County Administration Building

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Eric & Angela Sandstrom, Dale, Wayne, Tom, Don and Terri

### **MEMBERS COMMENTS:**

**Dale:** Voiced concern over the condition of Flood Cyn. Also, Horse Cyn from Huntington Cyn. side is very narrow and could also use some work.

**Wayne:** Horse Cyn from Huntington Cyn to Scad Valley trail has been adopted by our group. We do need to focus on that trail every year. Tom stated the trail is passable, but needs some work.

BCHU sent him to the BLM Blue Print for recreation meetings. BLM is moving in more of a recreational direction and going to expand the recreational areas. The Forest Service has a lot of volunteers, but not enough staff to supervise or do the necessary paperwork. Several other agencies were in attendance.

Emery Co. Public Lands meeting discussed the Utah law suit against the BLM. Utah states it is unconstitutional for the Federal government to own land that is not designated for something. Utah wants to control the land. There are many pros and cons to this law suit. If Utah wins, we could possibly lose a lot of public land for horseback riding or user fees may be implemented. Near Bryce Cyn. is the Thunder Mtn. trail head. This is a beautiful trail and felt it could be a possible group campout and ride the Red Canyon Trails in 2025.

Wayne is going to take Dana Truman, BLM on a horse ride up North Salt Wash on Sept. 18. It's mostly going to be a public relations building ride.

**Don:** stated he thought the Forest Service was going to work on Flood Cyn in 2025. He will follow up with Myron or Wade on the status of the trail. He will also follow up on the CCC trail.

**Erick:** asked if the Forest Service was going to work on the CCC trail at Joe's Valley. Once you get beyond the rock issues, there are major washouts further up the trail by Flag Lake at the south end of Trail Mtn.

### **FUTURE PROJECTS:**

Goblin Valley – State Park ranger, Drew, stated we can place the highline/tie rails at campsite 5 anytime. Any work at Indian Springs is still up in the air. After discussion, it was decided to combine the work with our annual ride on February 21 - 22, 2025. Don will follow up with Drew about the possibility of placing both sets of highline/tie rails at site 5. If Indian Springs becomes available in the future, we will build another set and install. This would complete grant #3 and Terri can get it closed out.

Don expressed concern over the amount of money in the account and suggested we use some of this money to pay for a crew to come in and do some of the trail work next year. Possible trail work for 2025:

CCC trail

Flood Cyn, Mill Cyn

Horse Cyn to Huntington Cyn to Scad Valley

Don will follow up with Forest Service on their planned work for 2025. Snow College will have a group in Emery County designated to non motorized next year. We could work with the forest service and pack in supplies and possibly use the crew to help with some of our work.

Equestrian camp on East Wedge – not sure when this will happen. Tom expressed concern with the work we complete and the highline/tie rails we build and place then not being able to use them because other non horse campers are in the spots. This is an on-going issue and concern.

Possible Emery County Trails grant with the BLM if they need more barrier rock for placement.

**Finances:** we are still in very good shape \$23,707.

**Christmas Dinner:** Mark your calendars now, December 5, 2024 @ 5:30 Orangeville, Old Firehouse community center. Terri will make the reservations. Food will be discussed at a later date.

**FUTURE RIDES:**

Don will not be available to ride in September, other members will need to plan the ride. TBD at a later date. Dale will send out a text when a ride is decided upon.

**NEXT MEETING OCTOBER 3, 2024 @ 6:30 @ Emery County Administration Building in Castle Dale.**