SRBCH Meeting Minutes September 4, 2025 Emery County Administration Building

MEMBERS PRESENT: Wayne, Dale, Eric, Angela, Don, Terri, Jim, Tom

MEMBER COMMENTS:

Don:

Forest Service: Follow up with Kacie Healy's presentation from last month. All purchases have been completed. The gravel has been delivered to the trail head at Horse Canyon on the Scad Valley side. A work day has been scheduled with the Forest Service **for October 8 & 9, 2025** at the Scad Valley trail head to pull barrier posts and spread gravel. Metal has been purchased for the building of the bridge supports. Tom will do this during the winter. Kacie has purchased other material for the bridge to be stored at the Forest Service. This will be a 2026 project.

Historical Sites: The only site they would like us to cover is Sid's Cabin. The training will be a 2 hour on line training. Don is waiting to hear on the date for the training.

Gary Sidoway, High Uinta BCH is working the Forest Service in his area. The forest service has applied for a grant to clean trails in the Yellowstone and Lake Fork drainages. If they receive the grant, they have written into the grant BCHU will assist by packing in/out supplies and equipment for the trail crews. High Uinta BCH will need help from other groups to assist with this. Don, Terri, Wayne and Erik have expressed an interest in helping next year.

Ken: Update on Ken. He had surgery to repair his break at the C1 vertebra. It was a less invasive procedure and everyone is pleased with the outcome. At the time of the minutes being typed, he has been moved out of ICU into a private room and will be transferred sometime this week to a rehab center in SLC.

<u>Wayne:</u> Northern chapters wanted another chainsaw training. However, with all that has happened to Ken, this will not be possible this year. The forest service will have a comment period on the federal regulation draft EIS on road less rule to be eliminated. Wayne felt this could open the road less trails to motorized travel. Jim Jennings stated if approved, the forest service will open up for the timber companies to allow steep incline equipment into the road less areas. This could create a lot of damage to create roads. Jim felt we would see more damage from the timber companies than off road vehicles if the road less rule is eliminated. More discussion followed.

With Ken out of commission for awhile, Wayne will reach out to the DWR about assisting with planting fish in the Big Bear creek.

FUTURE RIDES – September 18, 2025, Candland Mtn.. Meet at BK's @ 9:00 a.m.

NEXT MEETING: October 2, 2025, Emery County Administration Building, Castle Dale, UT @ 6:30.