

HELENA OPEN LANDS MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

NOTES

August 10, 2010

Chair Mary Arnold called the meeting to order. A quorum was present. Mary, John, Melissa, Lois, Brad, Amy, Greta, Andy Baur

There were no notes to approve.

REPORTS

Parks and Recreation Natural Resource Coordinator:

The Mount Helena parking lot and road were being paved improving safety considerably. Permanent parking and access to the McKelvey trail is still in process. Work will start soon on the archery range fence. More thinning should start up in September with work on the face of Mount Helena for the next year or so. A state historic preservation office archeologist will conduct a cultural resource survey of the south hills from Beattie to the archery range. Brad requested each of the subcommittees to come up with a tangible project for the next year.

Weeds: Greta hopes to get into mapping since weed complaints are slowing down. The archery range has been sprayed and will be done again in late Sept.-early Oct. Will also do Davis Gulch. Nob Hill done and will also do Tubbs trailhead area.

Trails: John? Forest Service working on trails? (Most of this discussion was overdubbed by thunder.)

Cultural Resources: (ditto)

Wildlife: No report but Amy noted the Urban Wildlife Advisory Committee is struggling to get where it needs to go. Exploring options in subdivision process.

Forestry: Seed stock nursery. Fir seed stock down because everyone is getting that to replace dead pines.

Amy brought up the concept of a special use fee for open land events where fees are being charged to participants. She would like to reach out to veterinarians to sponsor mutt mitt stations at trailheads.

PUBLIC COMMENT: none

NEXT MEETING DATE: Sept. 7, 2010

AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING:

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