

ARIZONA STRIP ALLIANCE, LANDSCAPE SUBCOMMITTEE

December 13, 2002 at 9 to Noon at Fire Station in Fredonia, Arizona

Attendees: Joy Jordan, Chris Newell, Bill Towler, Sue Pratt, Jon Beck, Larene Layton, Chris Ballard, Diana Hawks

Excused: Ken Sizemore, Oliver Barlow

Next meeting: Friday, February 14, 2003, 9 am to Noon, Colorado City Town Hall (basement)

Minutes

1. Approval of October meeting minutes – minutes approved
2. Water Issues Update – There is a need for a Water Subcommittee meeting next time. We suggested having the Landscape Subcommittee meeting in the morning on February 14 and the Water Subcommittee at the same date and place in the afternoon. Joy Jordan will get complete list of all Water Subcommittee members to Diana Hawks who will forward a message to the Water Subcommittee members about this meeting. We suggested Colorado City for the next meeting location or Fredonia, if Colorado City was not available. Diana Hawks will call Oliver Barlow and check to see if we can meet in Colorado City.
3. Socio-economic analysis -

Census tract information (Tracie Hughes, Coconino County), where do we go from here?

Some of the questions we asked at the last meeting in October and which we further discussed and brainstormed at this meeting for some solutions and additional questions are;

1. Who is the typical Arizona Strip user? Include profiles of different users on the Strip.

Sources of information on this include visitor registers from Pipe Springs NM, Paria Contact Station, Toroweap, Bundyville, Fredonia Welcome Center, Jacob Lake, St. George BLM Interagency Office, Utah Visitor Center south of St. George, Nevada Welcome Center in Mesquite, Kanab Creek Wilderness Use Data from the N. Kaibab NF (Dave Irwin), Glen Canyon NRA, backcountry permits from the Grand Canyon NP, Paria Canyon permits, hunting numbers and special tags, grazing permittees, fuelwood/rocks/seed permits, pinyon/firewood/ceremonial permits, Kaibab Paiute gathering

2. Ask questions at the Fredonia Welcome Center and the Interagency Information Center in St. George to find out where people are from, where they are going and what services they want.

3. What services are missing that the local communities will/may take up? What amenities does the agency provide? What does the consumer/user need or want?

1. How can local communities take advantage of other economic opportunities associated with the monuments?
2. How can an economy be built around restoration and resource use?
3. What's here and how do we preserve it?
4. Create community, not just economic opportunity.

Suggestions included meat packing, pay showers, pay dump sites, OHV rentals, small timber manufacturing, native seed nurseries and collection, OHV or camping stores

Institutional – medical services, law enforcement, search and rescue, fire, ambulance
Colorado City – ambulance, medical

Fredonia – commercial

Agencies – interpretive services, timber harvest, recreation opportunities

Check into the Mohave County law enforcement agreement with the BLM for the Grand Canyon-Parashant – think about maybe applying it for Coconino County.

Check also Luther Probst's work on Gateway Communities and Anchor communities.

Look at employment trends 1980,1990,2000. What do people do and who are they?

How prepared are local communities to address the needs of the visitors?

4. Compare other remote national monuments and parks to see the trends in visitor use (Capitol Reef, Canyonlands, Great Basin NP, Grand Staircase Escalante). How did it change? Who brought about that change? Was it demand driven or agency driven?

Look at the communities surrounding these monuments as well to see what happened socially and economically. Diana will followup on this.

5. Are there destination points on the Arizona Strip?

Tuweep

Grand Canyon – North Rim

Jacob's Pool Trailhead

The Wave/Coyote Buttes

Saddle Mtn. Wilderness, North Canyon, South Canyon, Nankoweap Trail

Gunsight Point

Mt. Trumbull

Buck Farm Point

Paria Canyon, Buckskin, Wire Pass Trailheads

Lee's Ferry	Rainbow Rim Trail
Kanab Creek Wilderness	Snake Gulch
Hack's Canyon	Pipe Spring NM
Ferry Swale	West Clark Bench
Jacob Lake	Arizona Trail
Great Western Trail	East Rim Overlook
Dog Point	Paraswampits Trailhead
Woodhill Road	Coral Pink Sand Dunes
Rosie Canyon	Kanab Creek Trail between Kanab and Fredonia
(Parks and Recreations Space Program)	
Little Black Mountain	Ft. Pierce/Dinosaur Tracks/Honeymoon Trail
Red Pockets	Nampaweap
Gravel pits – Yellowstone Mesa	Woodcutting areas
Bar 10 Ranch	Whitmore Canyon
Mt. Dellenbaugh	Black Rock/Mt. Bangs
Sunshine Trail	Uinkaret Pueblo
Tassi Spring	Pakoon Springs
Twin Point	Kanab Point
Kelly Point	

The subcommittee's mission statement might be something like this "Preserving the landscape of the Arizona Strip while providing services."

Summary Table 3 of the Census data is now out – we can extract information at the census block group level. Tracie Hughes, Mohave and Coconino counties will talk after the first of the year about extracting this data.

3. Brief summary of ongoing planning efforts; Coconino County, Mohave County, Arizona Strip

N. Kaibab NF – Jon Beck

The forest has a partnership position which is not filled. Jon passed out a map and list of NEPA projects and spoke about the "Ghost of NEPA Past." Bark beetles are showing up on the forest – maybe because of drought stress.

Arizona Strip – Diana Hawks

The Scoping Report summarizing all the public comments this past summer is on the website at www.az.blm.gov and the latest planning bulletin was just posted there as well. This planning bulletin is crucial because the BLM is requesting public review and comments on the planning criteria (sideboards for the planning effort), and the missions, purpose and significance statements for both monuments. The plan will use an ecozone approach dividing the Arizona Strip into smaller regions based on soils, vegetation, topography, and elevation. The Arizona Strip will have public meetings to address alternatives around mid-March.

Coconino County – Bill Towler

County Comprehensive Plan is currently working on the Parks, Recreation and Open Space Context. The plan is being done with a conservation framework and a Science Advisory Group – Bill made a presentation at the Arizona Strip Cooperating Agency meeting yesterday about their framework and use of the Science Advisory Group. The Interagency Workgroup will meet in January before the Land Use meeting.

Mohave County – Chris Ballard

Mohave County will readopt their Comprehensive General Plan (it currently meets Growing Smarter criteria). They are several months into it already. They are updating the Citizen participation plan for the document. The county must do Sec. 208 under the Clean Water Act (Regional governments are supposed to do it). So they are in a scoping mode and will present information at the RIPPLE meeting on a water quality management plan on the Arizona Strip on January 27, 2003.

Assignment	Person Responsible	Due Date	Completed
Socioeconomic data on AZ Strip	Tracie Hughes	2/14/03	
Merge Landscape and BLM/NPS outlines – info to Jutte	Diana Hawks	01/15//03	
Comparison chart of NPS, BLM and county outlines	Jutte	2/14/03	
Next meeting arrangements	Oliver Barlow	2/14/03	
Water Subcommittee members list to Diana Hawks	Joy Jordan	1/10/03	
Comment on Arizona Strip Planning Guidance – Planning Bulletin #3	All	3/28/03	
Obtain use surveys from N. Kaibab, Dave Erwin	Diana Hawks	1/10/03	
Sent Fredonia Welcome Center Visitor logs to Diana Hawks	Joy Jordan	1/10/03	
Census Summary Table 3 data – conference call to discuss with Tracie Hughes	Bill Towler, Chris Ballard	1/10/03??	