

Teton County WPLI Advisory Committee

Meeting Summary

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USFS Building, Jackson, WY

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<p>Committee Members Present: Gregory Buchko John Hebberger Jr. Mike Mielke Don Saner Dan Smitherman Peggie dePasquale (<i>alternate for Bruce Hayse</i>) Lloyd Dorsey Tony Ferlisi Steve Kilpatrick Rob Shaul Tom Turiano Jim Woodmencey Siva Sundaresan Abby Moore Lisa McGee Harry Statter Mike Brennan</p> <p>Members Absent: David Sollitt, Bruce Hayse</p>	<p>Others Present: Linda Merigliano, <i>USFS</i> Mike Merigliano, <i>public</i> Mark Newcomb, <i>Teton County Commissioner</i> Jon Shick, <i>High Mountain Heli-Ski</i> Ben Read, <i>Wyoming Wilderness Association/public</i> Wade Kaufmann, <i>public</i> Matt Richards, <i>public</i> Len Carlman, <i>public</i> Kim Springer, <i>public</i> Franz Camezind, <i>public</i> Ted and Peggy Sobey, <i>public</i> Deb Kleinman, <i>UW Ruckelshaus Institute</i> Steve Smutko, <i>UW Ruckelshaus Institute</i> Nicole Gautier, <i>UW Ruckelshaus Institute</i></p>
<p>Agenda 2:00 – 2:15 PM Old Business / Administrative Matter</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approve Agenda, May Meeting Summary • Other Old Business <p>2:15 – 4:45 pm Updates & Revised Proposals – Presentations, Discussions, & Straw Polls <i>Straw polls will only be conducted with those updated revised proposals that are considered during the meeting and therefore do not necessarily the full suite of comprehensive proposals being considered by the committee.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Len and Tom – NBCA proposal • Rob Shaul – “Golf” proposal • Lloyd Dorsey – Sierra Club updates • Motorized update? <p>4:45 – 5:30 Next Steps / What Next</p> <p>5:30 – 5:50 PM Public Comment</p>	<p>Handouts</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Turiano proposal narrative

<p>5:50 – 6:00 PM Next Steps / Next Meeting Agenda</p> <p>6:00 PM Adjourn</p>	
<p>Actions Taken</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Steve Kilpatrick offered to provide a document with existing grazing allotment retirement language 2. Rob Shaul said he would send email highlighting the differences between the MAWG and Team Turiano proposals 3. Abby Moore and Lisa McGee offered to bring the proposal to the Forest Service with Len Carlman. 4. Deb Kleinman will update an online matrix of proposal options for the committee to review and compare 5. Nicole Gautier will create a Doodle poll to determine the date of the August meeting 	
<p>Meeting Summary</p> <p>Mark Newcomb spoke to the WPLI committee about what the Board of County Commissioner’s would like to see in terms of a recommendation, and expressed his support for an August deadline. The charter and consensus were discussed. Lloyd Dorsey presented an updated Sierra Club proposal. Len Carlman and Tom Turiano presented an updated proposal. Both proposals were discussed. The committee agreed to take a July intermission for outside work to progress, and meet again in August, date TBD. Public comment was given.</p>	
<p>2:01 Deb Kleinman convenes meeting</p> <p>Lloyd Dorsey asked the committee to consider a public comment period after each proposal was presented. He said the message had been conveyed to him that the committee could be more considerate of the time for public comment. The committee responded they would like to follow the standard public comment format.</p> <p>The May meeting minutes were approved.</p> <p>Steve Smutko presented on facilitator takeaways from last month’s meeting. Link: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1UITScivSJ_At8it5ZJh8v9reyMOsY9XYkw9GIU3T1ml/edit</p> <p>Siva Sundaresan asked if lack of consensus on Palisades would hold up other areas of agreement. Greg Buchko responded that for him [areas of consensus] are part of a larger agreement, and a larger agreement would have to benefit his constituents. He said as standalone, no, he wouldn’t support conservation measures without something that benefits his constituents, which is probably related to Palisades. Mike Mielke noted he didn’t recall there being unanimity on commercial timber, and said he was pretty much in line with Greg. Mielke said the committee was assembled to deal with the two WSAs.</p> <p>Mark Newcomb, Teton County Commissioner</p> <p>Mark Newcomb thanked the committee for their continued effort, and said the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) also recognizes the amount of work put in outside these meetings. He said the commission remains committed to the goal of a single proposal coming to the BoCC. Newcomb said he recognized there is language in charter that a super majority can send single proposal if that is what it takes. He asked the committee to do what they can for a single proposal, and that if two more months are required, the commission is supportive.</p> <p>Mielke asked Newcomb to define a super majority. Newcomb replied in his mind, a super majority is 2/3s. John Heberger Jr. commented that there is no mention of a “super-majority” in the charter.</p>	

Mielke said if 2/3 majority is a super majority, the majority of this group is 2/3 on the environmental side vs the motorized side. Mielke said that tells me his voice wasn't heard over the last two years. Newcomb responded he would disagree because there has not been an outcome yet. Newcomb continued if the outcome doesn't include a single thing [Mielke] said, then you would have valid point. Newcomb said he thinks [Mielke] is taken seriously here.

Dorsey commented that he shares Mike Mielke's concern about a super majority, and looking at the charter, hadn't found that language. Dorsey suggested finding time to clarify that. Newcomb expressed his desire to work within the charter. Steve Smutko noted the charter is silent on what would happen with no consensus. He said those who vote fives have to submit letters. Newcomb said that was what BOCC was interpreting as a super majority. Smutko said the word "super majority" is not in the charter. Newcomb apologized for using the word "super majority". Sundaresan clarified that Newcomb was encouraging [the Teton WPLI committee] to take another 60 days, and if [the committee] absolutely cannot come to a complete consensus, the BOCC is willing to entertain something with the most agreement amongst the committee. Newcomb replied that this was correct. He noted the commissioners can remand all or part of [a committee proposal] back to the committee.

Steve Kilpatrick commented that his perception of what other counties have done deviates from consensus. Kilpatrick asked if it becomes a county commissioner decision if the group can't reach consensus.

Smutko shared what happened in Sublette County. Sublette couldn't reach agreement. They decided to submit three proposals to the county commissioners, and include who was on board with the different components. These three proposals are going to that county's BOCC to review and decide what they want to do. Smutko said one board member was very concerned and principled around consensus, not wanting anything to go to the county commissioners without consensus. There was discussion, and that individual relented, making sure his concerns were known to the BOCC.

Dan Smitherman noted the Sublette proposals are not going forward as a recommendation, rather, as report.

Newcomb said what the Teton County commissioners won't accept is being the decision maker between multiple proposals. He said that creation of a proposal is the responsibility of the WPLI advisory committee. Newcomb said if there is a five vote, something can still be produced, and those fives have chance to write their specific concerns. The BOCC then could, should it choose to, remand that portion (five) back to the [Teton WPLI committee].

Abby Moore commented that the [Teton WPLI committee] is a work group, not a political group. She said [the committee] works to make best recommendation, but are not decision makers, rather they do work for the decision makers. Moore said ideally the resultant proposal is unanimous, but if not, the county commissioners might decide they like 90 percent of the recommendation, and it might get tweaked at each level. Mark Newcomb clarified [the commissioners] would tweak very little, and what he meant by super majority is that if there is a number of five votes, that bears scrutiny. He said If the commissioners don't like something, rather than tweak it, they could remand it back to the committee. Newcomb said the [August] timeline works, keeping Teton County on track, but it would be the last proposal in the hopper in terms of getting language written for the next step, which will occur during the first quarter of 2019.

Mike Brennan commented that the greater number of people around the table that support what goes forward, the more value it has from the commissioner's standpoint. He said [the proposal] should not just be a head count, but show an effort to anticipate and respond to other interests Brennan said he would hate to see efforts left by the wayside because of a single five vote.

Dorsey said he worried about creative interpretations of the charter, and noted there is ambiguous language, which he quoted.

Newcomb said if something comes up that has significant consensus, yet still reflects some fives, it is still a lot for [the commissioners] to deal with. He said he knows Mike Mielke has had the concern we stacked the committee, but the commissioners don't believe that, and knew who they picked to represent each interest.

Lisa McGee suggested moving forward, and launching in to strive for consensus.

Smutko spoke about the process and divergent thinking. Divergent thinking is moving from very specific interest oriented proposals, only to start to diverge on those and look at other ways to satisfy other interests. Smutko said bringing in other areas outside the WSAs is a good example of divergent thinking. This place, the groan zone, oh man too much, to some method approach, to convergent thinking - the committee is beginning to see that in latest round of proposals. There is an expectation that the committee will continue to converge, based on work done inside the public meeting room, and outside of room especially. Smutko said the committee might see some drop out on convergence, but the goal is to keep as many in as possible.

Mark Newcomb departed.

Deb Kleinman suggested the final vote happen in August.

Tom Turiano commented they were merging the Turiano and MAWG proposal presentations, and it would be followed with an explanation of areas of disagreement.

Rob Shaul said he definitely wanted to see a vote on the proposals.

Lloyd Dorsey, Updated Sierra Club Proposal

Link: https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1C_dRRUmbRPOZOsi-hDFn1ZDW6NY39-7M

Dorsey noted there are significant changes to the proposal he was sharing today from when it was first presented in February. He said a significant change is that the proposal is now limited to Teton County.

The presentation was followed by questions from the committee.

Smitherman asked if the new grazing prescriptions do away with domestic sheep allotments. Dorsey said yes, they could be phased out. Smitherman clarified that essentially motorized is limited to 102 thousand acres. Dorsey replied yes, and to other areas in the BT Forest that are not WSAs, IRA, or Wilderness.

Kilpatrick said relative to grazing allotments, he would get Dorsey a wildlife document next week, and suggested the committee use some verbiage used over in ID. Dorsey said the term "willing retirement" could be used. Kilpatrick suggested use language that has been accepted by congress. Kilpatrick then asked what Dorsey meant by no WUI projects. Brennan asked if that meant no commercial logging or WUI thinning projects. Dorsey said the proposal allowed no WUI projects.

Turiano asked why the removal of park wilderness areas from the proposal. Dorsey said he is concerned about the lands at biggest risk in Teton County. NPS lands already has level of protection. Have mineral withdrawal. Dorsey said he is concerned about the perception that an area of NPS is given wilderness status, then forest service lands may not get the level of protection they deserve.

Kilpatrick asked about the WUI, allowing fire to play its historic role, and allowing structures to exist adjacent to wilderness. Dorsey said there was a vigorous discussion Teton area wildlife protection plan, multi-agency plan, has plain language best areas to protect areas, at private land and structure. A lot of the

science is the Forest Service's own. Recognize Forest Service put out virtually every lighting strike in Palisades area. Not a policy that is backed up by its own science. Better and more cost effective is to mitigate impacts to structure, rather than degrade wildlife habitat on public lands; he is not inclined to favor bad policy. Kilpatrick said science indicates that current day fires are much hotter, and more intense because we put out fires in the past...combat unnatural situation, and he worries about palatability to public.

Len Carlman asked why the North Fork Fish creek was not in Mt. Leidy. Dorsey said he was very open to that inclusion.

Jim Woodmencey noted that six C and D [in Dorsey's proposal] seemed to be conflict. He suggested it should say with the exception of livestock known to transmit disease.

Tom Turiano and Len Carlman Proposal Presentation

Presentation link:

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Len Carlman introduced the proposal. He said it was important to send a recommendation that has thematic purpose, and spoke about the Teton County comprehensive plan. "preserve and protect areas ecosystem...."bottom up approach to public lands management. Why not use this, this is who we said we are as a county, as a community. Describes our ambitions. Applies reasonably well to public lands. Has urban orientation (land use planning). Another take...provide for perpetual welfare...operating on its own as a wild place, active on own schedules, viable. Public land ecosystem management framework. Process stuff, administrative dimension matters. Help USFS get staffing and budget that amends goals. Recommend we offer these kind of goals through the WPLI proposal, so if we haven't anticipated something...USFS has to figure it out...the proposal will provide decision making guidance...where a particular use conflicts, conflict resolved in accordance with the overriding goals. Keep finding boundaries to tune up/clean up. Committee members should work with Forest Service to present maps and especially to get feedback. The structure of WPLI curious, committee come up with recs, bring to county community, com then hold hearings to get more public feedback, then vote, send to fed delegation, then law. Forest Service not included in process. Carlman said he hopes [the committee] takes their proposal to the Forest Service, at least on informal basis. Carlman and Turiano went through the presentation, which displayed maps of each area under consideration.

Turiano clarified that they began boundary adjustments from 2008 Inventoried Roadless Areas, and expanded them to become NBCA.

Carlman noted that by lopping off the boundary on the county line, headwaters get cut out. He said straight lines don't make much sense in ecological terms, but the county line follows the continental divide reasonably closely. Carlman brought to attention a state parcel which must be managed in order to maximize the benefit to state schools. He said this area is threatened by development, and asked that the proposal include West Turpin Ridge non-motorized access. Carlman said it would be a preventative step to prevent proximate offsite impacts. The proposal included Grizzly Lake as an easy boundary adjustment to the Gros Ventre Wilderness.

Turiano said they are asking for full Wilderness designation of Shoal Creek. Carlman clarified for the Teton County portion, which would become part of the Gros Ventre Wilderness.

Hebberger Jr. clarified, Wilderness under the '64 Act.

Committee members asked questions.

There was discussion around Camp Creek. Rob Shaul said he lives right by Brian Flats, and that it is world class mule deer habitat. He said it gets hammered by out of state hunters.

Brennan commented the entry to Brian Flats is protected by land trust easements. Shaul said his understanding was there was no private land around the old road to Adams Canyon, and he thinks it could be included in a wilderness area. Kilpatrick asked if the boundary could be taken to the county line. Carlman mentioned the Snake River Sporting Club's private property. Kilpatrick asked why not just extend Camp Creek to the highway. Shaul noted the presence of a natural gas pipeline. Kilpatrick suggested putting pipeline exemption in wilderness. Linda Merigliano said she would highly not recommend that. She said an exception can be added, but it creates a huge management issue, because every time they go in, a minimum requirement analysis is required. Merigliano said if it is going to require constant maintenance with motorized equipment, it is just not compatible with wilderness. Kilpatrick said okay, throw that out.

Carlman mentioned inspiring remarks from Wade Kaufmann about good conservation strategy with appropriate recreational use that fits the NBCA designation. He said there is a chance to have dialogue with federal leaders in Idaho, so they would be looking at a mountain range instead of being limited by a county box. Carlman mentioned a Trans Palisades trail for motorized use. He said Greg Buchko and his constituency asked for way to come from Mosquito Creek road, a route that would get a person up and over hydrographic divide.

Don Saner asked about laying that on the existing trail. Carlman asked about the character of trail, and said it looks like it has motorcycle use already. Buchko said he thinks there is a conflict with mountain bike trails. Believe that goes into Mike Sell. Turiano displayed the mountain bike trails on Google Earth. Buchko offered that when you go up Mosquito Creek, it is the road that forks up to left. He said a trail correction was needed, we don't want it going from existing mountain bike trails. Carlman said they would take that as direction to relocate that line. Turiano said he's okay with that existing trail.

Turiano described the proposed Special Management Area.

Carlman said the Special Management Area is 14 thousand acres, and they attempted to look at where the trails are, where do they connect, and where are they being used. They looked at Tony Ferlisi's map of mountain bike priority trails, and built that in.

Kim Springer asked how the management differs. Turiano replied purple is a mountain biking zone, and non-motorized with exception of one trail.

Dorsey noted the Sierra Club proposal included not exceeding ten thousand [for motorized/mechanized], and said he suspected the Sierra Club acreage was fairly close to the Turiano et.al proposal acreage.

Mike Mielke asked about winter motorized in the special use area. Turiano responded in winter state line the Mosquito Creek area would be non-motorized.

Shaul commented that a difference in the Turiano proposal from the MAWG proposal was to legislated winter motorized use. He said MAWG's approach was that instead of being legislative, it would go through USFS winter planning process. Carlman said the argument of the Turiano et. al. group was that the [WPLI committee] is tasked to make major land use decisions, and that level of planning is on the committee's plate.

Mielke asked about Mail Cabin access for snow machines. Turiano said there would be an allowance after April 1. Lisa McGee asked if that worked for Mike Mielke. Mielke replied on Mail Cabin that works, and it is better than current access, which was taken way in 2004.

There was a discussion over trailhead management.

Hebberger Jr. asked about jurisdiction over county right of ways and access; what is to keep the access areas, the parking areas from being greatly expanded. Turiano replied federal law can tell WY DOT what to do. Turiano said they were initially going in and drawing the size [of parking lots], but that didn't give flexibility. Linda Merigliano commented it is federal land, that WY DOT has an easement for maintenance, but doesn't control other activities. There is cooperation with the Forest Service.

Heli skiing was discussed.

Carlman explained their proposal recommended 65 [heli ski] user days in the Teton County portion of Palisades NBCA. He said the current adjudicated outcome is 65 user days for the entire Palisades. He said they recognized [heli-skiers] have listed use in Willow Creek. The proposal would double the number [of user days], because it includes the entire Palisades.

Turiano said there is concern if there's too much helicopter flying air making noise it takes away from the wilderness quality of the area. He said helicopters are more intrusive than snow mobiles. Turiano noted they haven't had much feedback on numbers. Respect to 65 days from '06 lawsuit. 65 days in whole area is meant to compensate for loss in the north part of Willow: for 130 in the whole area.

Jim Woodmencey responded [he would prefer] to let the Forest Service decide, and as it is a commercial permit, it should be treated differently. Woodmencey said he sees [this proposal] protecting places you want for back county skiing, and don't want mechanized interfering with experience.

The West side of the Tetons were discussed.

Turiano commented the proposal included Rendezvous Mountain as non-motorized, and reclamation of Cane Creek N. Fork for commercial backcountry skiing. He said there is considerable snow mobile use by the yurt. Tour to connect Baldy Knoll yurt with Plummer canyon yurt. Snow mobile access to terrace creek deadwood creek. Beard mountain. Commissary Ridge yurt, would be a Wilderness addition.

Carlman said they elected not to include winter wildlife closure in legislation aside from the Turpin Ridge piece, because they want to trust USFS and Game and Fish to work that out.

Statter asked if this proposal was palatable to motorized side. Mielke responded no. He said [motorized reps] sat down with Len Carlman and Dan Smitherman, and a lot has changed since that conversation. Mielke said he admires the work done, but it was too far in the weeds. Forest service has the Forest Plan for a lot these issues, and the public is not involved in this. Mielke said the motorized users are not here. Turiano asked about specific areas of concern. Mielke said Willow Creek, that they could not support that.

Statter asked about the concessions [to motorized] in this proposal for Palisades.

Mielke said there were some prescriptions [the motorized community] could live with. Mielke brought up the motorized communities' BATNA, and that they see letting things run their course outside of the room, as a better choice than having to do tough deal through the WPLI process.

Shaul commented that Mielke's approach throws mountain bikers under the bus. Mielke disagreed. Carlman noted [mountain bikers] have no legal standing in WSA, with the operative word being legal.

Tony Ferlisi said from beginning, for the mountain bike community, guaranteeing certainty in Palisades to continue to ride there was critical. Been movements I've made on behalf on mtn bike community haven't always been popular, but the overwhelming majority want to continue to ride there. Ferlisi said he wants to avoid a situation equivalent to that on Gallatin crest in 2010 where mountain bikes were removed from management. Guarantee access to that area. Have opportunity to guarantee with in Palisades not ideal, adventure riding opportunities ideal. He said it never will explode with use in central Palisades. Ferlisi said he has been having discussions with members of agency, and outfitters. He said mountain bike use doesn't go everywhere. Ferlisi said it was important to guarantee some certainty.

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Shaul said he would send email highlighting the differences between the MAWG and Team Turiano proposals.

Smutko asked what committee members needed to provide feedback on today.

Buchko asked about the trails at Munger. Turiano replied they need to add that. Carlman said there is existing use going on now, with seasonal limitations, and that will continue. He asked Buchko to send him a note. Buchko said the proposal doesn't list the existing trails just built at Mosquito. Carlman said that is an oversight. Buchko asked if Shadow Mountain wouldn't be effected. Carlman said that is correct. Buchko clarified that that in the summer time [motorized] would be limited to forest service system roads. Carlman said at Shadow Mountain, the network of system roads continue to be open and available. He said he would be grateful for email from Greg about Mosquito and Munger.

Rob Shaul requested [the committee] go ahead and do strawman vote on these proposals. Smutko said yes, but wanted to continue to clear up any questions before voting.

Carlman asked to committee to direct the proposal writers to consult with the Forest Service. There was a discussion over how this would happen. The committee agreed it was a good idea, and Abby Moore and Lisa McGee offered to bring the proposal to the Forest Service along with Carlman.

Dorsey commented that the Sierra Club is using Forest Service data, and they have met with FS personnel. Ferlisi said in regard to management prescriptions, he talked to Linda Merigliano and, **Tim [Last Name?]** at USFS.

Kilpatrick suggested using Forest Service DFCs, and said he was happy to help. Carlman said he'd like to see DFC 12.

Peggie dePasquale said thank you Tom and Len for their proposal. She said Bruce Hayse, left me with a question, that there seems to have been a large exception made to have Len Carlman at the table, and asked what was process of welcoming Carlman in. Smutko noted any committee member has the right to bring in expertise. Carlman said Tom Turiano is his boss. dePasquale noted the committee as a whole doesn't have opposition to Carlman's involvement.

Harry Statter commented that it seems like there are two proposals that make major concessions to find common ground and convergence. Statter said Mielke spoke about his BATNA, and asked why make major concessions to motorized if it is just going to be met with a 'five' vote.

Smutko said that brings up the point of whether it is worth moving towards convergence, and hopefully there is room for convergence. Siva Sundaresan asked if Statter was suggesting that if today Mike, Greg, and Jim feel like there is no proposal they could support, that they go their own way. Jim Woodmencey responded, looking at the proposals in their entirety, there are things in there he personally doesn't like, and things he could be agreeable to... something we can all agree on consensually. Smitherman asked Woodmencey, if an option would be for [the committee] to identify all those things we agree on, and submitted that, while leaving Shoal and Palisades as they are. Woodmencey says that is not an agreeable option to him.

Deb Kleinman will update an online matrix of proposal options for the committee to review and compare

Brennan said to response to Harry's comment, ultimately, there is an elected body that looks at what we provide it. He said the BOCC has to make judgments that represent the interests of Teton county as whole, so there is reason to continue to push to sharpen areas of agreement and conflict because it advances that objective.

Lisa McGee commented on the limitations of the options spreadsheet, due to contingences.

Sundaresan said he was under the impression interest in meetings declined.

Shaul responded that after all the work put in, he was disappointed to have people sit around table and nitpick when they were invited to participate. He said there have been four or five people grinding, and that

MAWG has totally transparent, with all committee members invited. A lot of people didn't even bother to comment on the proposals.

Brennan said he is interested in participating in a discussion in July to superimpose proposals, and offer everyone chance to participate. He said hopefully this would provide a single set of options in August. Shaul said he was certainly willing to continue. Statter said an overlay is a mapping exercise, and Google Earth is the tool. He suggested the Conservation District could help. Brennan suggested alternate times for MAWG meetings, such as after work.

Smutko asked how many members of the committee want a conversation that will involve Turiano Team and the Rob Shaul MAWG component. Mike Mielke and Greg Buchko were not in favor.

Mielke said he would submit a letter to defend his position. He said there were only two months left, and he felt that his best effort had already been put forth, that a further 2 months would not result in the changes he sees as necessary.

Smutko asked about avenues for others to come join [Mielke]. Mielke said the letter to commissioners.

Moore asked so you see no path forward. Mielke said he didn't. Smitherman asked so there is nothing [Mielke] could support. Mielke said there was nothing that could happen in next two months, as he saw things, so no.

Buchko said he was open to discussing proposals with folks if interested. He said he went to two of Rob's meetings, and some of his concerns were heard, while others were ignored. He said he lost interest the last couple of meetings. Buchko said he can't say he is optimistic, but he is open to discussions.

Ferlisi commented that his constituents are focused on Palisades, and moving forward, there are things he can green light, while some things are yellow or red. Woodmencey said he was willing to continue to work until August. He said he wants to still be able to provide input for things he sees as important.

Mielke said he was not suggesting he was not going to be here. He clarified he was not interested in spending evenings, weekdays, and weekends going through this stuff.

Shaul commented that when Greg stopped coming to meetings, he reached out to other guys on the motorized side, which led to a trail that met Greg's needs. He said there are ways to reach out if Mike (Mielke) and Greg don't want to show up. Shaul said personally he is right in middle, and disagrees with [the motorized BATNA] position.

dePasquale said looking at the Team Turiano proposal, Palisades is key land [conservation] wants something from. She said there is no proposed Wilderness in Palisades, so it seemed to her like there was a gain for motorized. Buchko said there are eleven wilderness additions, and one motorized trail. dePasquale replied in regard to Palisades, that is our crown jewel of the WSAs, and we did not get wilderness.

Next Steps

Smutko clarified the committee would not meet in July. Hebberger Jr. commented that July would be reserved for the work leading up to what Commissioner Newcomb said should be the end of the process, that being in August. Shaul said he wanted something big to present for the August meeting. He said he wanted to be transparent, and meet once or twice a week to grind it out.

Public Comment

Matt Richards, public. Richards said he has been to plenty meetings. He said he hope there is an account for humans with recreation needs and representation of the public. He expressed concerns over the high concentration of visitors in the valley. He said everyone needs an outlet, this is America, and we have the freedom to do what we want. Richards said the Forest Service is lacking management in the county. He said the county is failing, and they don't want to enjoy the mountains but want people contained within National

Park and Forest Service lands. He asked if it was wildlife land or human land. Richards asked the committee to leave a little bit for everyone.

Jon Schick, High Mountain Heli Skiing. Schick said he has come to a lot meetings, sat at the table as Jim Woodmencey's alternate, and seen a lot of proposals put forward. He said every single one puts him out of business, and no one has bothered to ask him what it takes to stay in business. Schick said all he sees is people with personal interest. Dorsey wants Wilderness, Turiano wants a ski carve out. He said you have no idea who it affects, and the unintended consequences. Schick said if you think you are making wilderness without Lincoln County and ID you have absolutely no chance.

Peggy Sobey, Pacific Creek. Sobey said she is grateful for foresight and courage of others to place protections on the landscape, and said she has personally witnessed the gradual encroachment on wildlife habitat. She said she cannot imagine that access holds same level of consequence, and asked the committee to please consider the wildlife.

Ted Sobey, public. Sobey said the reason we've got 4.5 million people visiting is because it is one of last places left that has these wilderness. Sobey said he has seen the destruction, and that they want to continue to go in and disturb. He said there would be no progress with the attitude "my way or the highway".

Mike Merigliano, public. Merigliano asked the committee not to forget about the big stuff they mostly agree on. Merigliano said don't forget what ties all this together is wildlife habitat. He said his pet peeve is bighorn, and in the Snake River Range, there is potential for a big addition to improve the situation. He said this is all about future potential impacts, and asked the committee to give the Forest Service guidance on what you want to see from wildlife perspective. Again, he suggested the committee not forget the big stuff they agree on.

Franz Camezind, public. Camezind commented it was interesting hearing people carving up a piece of ground like it was a piece of meat and forgetting about the land itself and what is best for the land. He said it is being carved up for special interests. Camezind continued that Palisades is an integral part of low elevation habitat. He asked the committee not to forget the land, and put aside what we think we want. He said what is best for the land is best for the people. He in said in regard to the argument "Wilderness locks me out" he would argue that wilderness is a filter, that it filters out only mechanized and commercial use. He thanked the committee for hanging in.

Peggy dePasquale commented as the Wyoming Wilderness Association representative here in Jackson, she said she wanted to speak to those at table with real appreciation for Wilderness. She said when the process started, consensus included sacrifice, giving something up to get something better. dePasquale said we are working with last remaining parts of wildlands in our country, even in the world. The proposed National Backcountry Recreation Areas are not giving us something better, and that Wilderness by any other designation is not wilderness. She said she appreciates those trying to come up with middle ground, but the land has value beyond use, that it has intrinsic value. dePasquale shared comments from WWA members.

Next Meeting
August 8, 2018