

Participation and Communication Subcommittee
Conference Call Notes
6/18/04

The charge of the group:

1. Assess who is missing (individuals/ interests/ organizations) from the NWCOS table and how to get them involved
2. Think about ways to to educate the “community of place” about NWCOS (i.e. outreach options/ bring the meeting to the people)
3. Think about ways to educate the “community of interest” (i.e. working within the interest groups represented at the table, and outreach to others)
4. Determine what is needed to get new members up to speed on the issues at hand (i.e. the new member “welcome wagon”)

This call focused on the first task. Below are the categories identified by the group and during previous interviews with NWCOS members, the lead person for that category, possibilities of participants, and those who may have contacts.

The assignment for each lead includes the following:

1. Before Tuesday’s meeting, think about whom are the right possible contacts to pursue for the category. Who is likely to be interested in what NWCOS is doing?
2. Provide a VERY BRIEF summary at the Tuesday evening meeting of who you plan to contact and ask that they contact you during the picnic with additional ideas. For example: “I am in charge of contacting the wild horse interests. I plan to talk to these three individuals _____, ____, and ____.” Please do not allow the broader group to engage you in a big conversation during the full meeting or we will never get to the picnic!
3. After the Tuesday meeting, begin making some phone calls. Suggested speaking points when contacting possible participants:
 - Explain the purpose of NWCOS.
 - Explain types of participation opportunities (full participation, on mailing list, NWCOS to brief their group, etc.) Please contact or have them contact Helen Littrell at Keystone with their desires. She can be reached at 800-842-7485, ext. 5825 or hlittrell@keystone.org.
 - Inform them of the next meeting dates if they are interested. These include: June 28, July 26, August 18, and August 25. All from 5-8 p.m. Tell them we are working on setting up a brief information session for new members and to please inform Helen about their interest in participating. It will probably be something simple set up a half hour before the meeting.
 - If they would prefer to have a briefing for their group, please obtain a few details as to how, when, and where they would like NWCOS to brief them and provide this information to Becky at 800-842-7485, ext. 5839 or rturner@keystone.org.

Missing Participants, NWCOS Lead, and Possible Contacts
(Please excuse the misspelling of people's names.)

- **OHV – (T. Wright** with help from Rick Hammel)
Rob Strickler from Steamboat, Craig Little Snake Motorcycle club, Jeff Wilden, Tony Lauden (ask for suggestions) Possible briefing to Blue Ribbon Coalition; Jerry Bood and local representation.
- **Wild horses – (Rick Hammel** with help from Jeremy and Reed)
Valerie Deeger, coordinator for the region; Patty Mosbey of wild horse clinic
- **Cooperating Agencies - (Jeremy and Jeff)**
To include but not limited to: State Parks, State Dept. Nat. Resources and Shane Henry, County Commissioners in Rio Blanco and Routt County
- **Hunters and Anglers, Guides and Outfitters - (Wes** with help from Jeff)
Bert (last name?) may have leads, Northwest Colorado Outfitters located in Meeker.
- **Larger oil and gas companies – (Vanessa)**
Western Gas, Tom Brown; Incanna with Dave (last name?) Representatives from service companies, Keith Panky, United Supply (Jean Stetson may have contact information), Ben (last name?) with Tipperary- Qwest Star, Wexborrow, oil and gas commission has quarterly meetings in Rifle (Jeff to help with contact Ryan Mackey)
- **Federal USFWS – (Keystone to talk to Suzanne Halverson)**
Jerry Roam is Yampa river coordinator, may be contacts in the Grand Junction office
- **Chamber of Commerce – (Jeff?)**
Groups to be updated or have a briefing by NWCOS: Kathy Veneta, Downtown Craig, Meeger and Dinosaur business, tourism boards, economic development partnership, Steamboat interests
- **Non-affiliated citizens, Latin American population, Economically poor, Ute Indian Tribe – (Jane Yazzie)**
Local associations (rotary club etc.), Catholic churches, the Ute CMC group, Pam Burwell, gambling issues liaisons, ESL contacts, Fort Davy Crockett, Mona Charles, Fort Louis College, Karen Mackenzie, Jackie (last name?) with the elementary school is on mailing list. Professors from BMCC, CMC (T.Wright and Les Hampton to help with contact names.)
- **Wildlife organizations - (Reed)**
National Wildlife Federation CO chapter, Michael Saul, North American Grouse Association, Biodiversity Conservation Alliance
- **Environmental Groups- (Suzanne Jones)**
NRDC and others.

- **Western Watershed Project - (Jeremy with help from Rick)**
John Marvel, John Carter to call with recommendations, follow-up
- **Rafting interests – (T. Wright and Jennifer to help)**
Tom Clinsnets, Grand Junction state leadership, Centennial Canoe, Blue Sky West

Other issues touched on during the call include how to respond to groups contacting NWCOS members and press outreach. Jeremy is the lead as to getting meeting dates posted in the community calendar and the group will discuss this and other issues in more depth at a later time.