

**Northwest Colorado Stewardship (NWCOS)  
Planning Committee  
April 19, 2005  
Meeting Summary**

**Action Items**

Keystone	Write a proposal to NWCOS regarding changes to the Planning Committee. Place this issue on the May 18 full NWCOS meeting agenda.
Keystone	Post Dana Bishop's letter to Moffat County on NWCOS website
Keystone	Send NWCOS an email regarding having Kathleen Clarke attend a meeting
Keystone, Reed	Work on funding proposals to foundations
Keystone, Jeff	Work on identifying possible community sources of funding
Jane	Talk to Bill Lawrence and Mrs. Gray about participating in NWCOS and Special Designations subcommittee
Keystone	Contact recipients of hard copy mailings about switching to email. Identify locals who would be willing to print out documents for others. Start sending only agendas out in hard copy with a list of documents that are also available.

**Attendance**

Jeremy Casterson, Jeff Comstock, T. Wright Dickinson, Steve Hinkemeyer, Reed Morris, Marianna Raftopoulos, Jane Yazzie, Kristi Parker Celico, and Heather Bergman.

**Agenda Items (Each is summarized below.)**

1. Planning Committee Issues
2. OHV Monitoring Committee
3. Funding for Keystone
4. Participation of Archaeology Interests
5. Cost of NWCOS Mailings

**1. Planning Committee Issues**

The committee discussed who would replace Reed Morris and Steve Hinkemeyer on the Planning Committee, as their terms have ended. Marianna Raftopoulos and Suzanne Jones have offered to fill the "resource user interest" and the "environmental or cultural resource interest" respectively. The addition of the proposed two new Planning Committee members will be formally addressed at the May 18 full NWCOS meeting.

The committee also discussed changing the make-up of the Planning Committee to increase the number of members so that more interests are represented. It was decided that action will not be taken on this now, but rather some immediate steps that do not require changing the Protocols may best serve NWCOS for now. Proposed steps include:

- ♦ Having each Planning Committee member appoint an alternate to attend if they cannot make a meeting;

- ♦ Requesting that Steve Hinkemeyer and Rob Stickler attend meetings to ensure that coal and OHV interests are addressed;
- ♦ Continue to make all Planning Committee meetings open to any NWCOS member.

The Planning Committee will not recommend that any of these suggestions be formally adopted into the NWCOS Protocols given the number of other issues on NWCOS's plate at the moment. Rather, the committee will simply encourage their occurrence for now.

## **2. OHV Monitoring Issues**

Kristi reported that Jeff Whilden has agreed to co-chair the OHV (off-highway vehicles) Monitoring Workgroup and that Dana Bishop and Rick Hammel are currently working to change the amount of land/trails that will be studied in order to avoid overloading the Workgroup. To keep NWCOS as a whole abreast of the workings of this subcommittee, Keystone will post Dana Bishop's letter to the Moffat County Land Use Board on the NWCOS website. Jane reminded the committee that Dana has been providing monitoring equipment that she has borrowed from Colorado State University and that this resource will eventually disappear. The OHV Monitoring Workgroup will need to be thinking about getting funding for equipment in the future.

## **3. Funding for Keystone**

Kristi told the committee that Keystone will need more funding around the beginning of October (assuming little or no NWCOS activity in August and September). She identified three options for getting this funding:

1. Foundations
  - a. Keystone and Reed will start working on applications for foundation grants
  - b. Keystone has already identified some foundations that might be interested
2. BLM
  - a. Jeremy reported telling the BLM budget office that more money is needed for The Keystone Center.
  - b. He also said that he would mention this to Ron Wenker (Director of the BLM State Office), as well as NWCOS members' willingness to contribute in-kind services or possibly even matching funds as a demonstration of their commitment to keeping Keystone involved.
  - c. There is also a possibility of additional funds from BLM in September as the agency's fiscal year winds down, but this is not a sure thing, the amount could vary, and this money would not be available until approximately September 15 and would need to be spent immediately.
3. NWCOS members
  - a. Keystone and the Planning Committee would like to see NWCOS members' contributions going to specific, programmatic efforts instead of facilitation.
  - b. It was suggested that there may be other sources of funding in the community. Jeff and Keystone will discuss/pursue this.

## **4. Participation of Archaeology Interests**

The committee discussed the need for having someone representing archaeology and cultural resource interests come to the next NWCOS meeting to give a community perspective on this resource similar to the community perspectives we have heard for other resources. Jeremy said it

may not be necessary, because the Resource Management Plan (RMP) does not allow for many decisions regarding archaeology concerns. Implementation measures for cultural resources are mandated by statute. Bill Lawrence was identified as someone in the community who has an interest in petroglyphs, and Mrs. Gray from the high school also has an interest in archaeology. Jane will speak with these individuals.

The committee decided not to have someone from archaeology speak at the May 18 NWCOS meeting and to include archaeology discussions in the Special Designations Subcommittee.

#### **5. Cost of NWCOS Mailing**

Moffat County is finding NWCOS mailings to be increasingly expensive, due to their growing number and length. The committee identified the following solutions to this problem:

- Since some people have email but have requested to receive hard copy mailings, we can explain the problem to them and ask them to receive mailings by email.
- We can contact the people who are receiving hard copies, explain the situation, and ask them if switching to email is an option for them.
- For people who will continue to receive hard copies in the mail, we can send them agendas only, along with a list of additional documents that are available and some names of people in the community who would be willing to print out documents for them. Documents can also be obtained from Jeremy at BLM or via the NWCOS website.

Keystone will pursue these options.

#### **Discussion with Kathleen Clarke and BLM Senior Staff**

T. Wright Dickinson provided a quick briefing regarding his meeting with Kathleen Clarke, Director of BLM, and other senior BLM staff while on a recent trip to Washington, D.C. Based on T. Wright's briefing and that Clarke will likely be in Colorado during the week of June 13, the Planning Committee requested that The Keystone Center contact Clarke's office and invite her to attend a NWCOS meeting in June when she will be in Colorado for other business. Keystone agreed to do this, but noted that they would run the idea by the full NWCOS group before proceeding.