

Hermosa Creek Workgroup Meeting

Tuesday, July 1, 2008

6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

VFW Meeting Hall

1550 Main Avenue, Durango -- *Please note the different location* -- (This is the building on the east side of Main Street by Rotary Park and directly north of City Cleaners.)

Proposed Outcome:

- To discuss values on Hermosa Creek in-depth and determine if there is consensus on the values to focus on in the rest of the process

Agenda

- I) Introductions
Update: No to Rec. Center in August and please sign in
- II) Agreement on Meeting Outcomes and Agenda
- III) Past Meeting Summary – review (please download)
Updates:
 - New maps on the Web
 - Refer to Web site for draft USFS/BLM land management plan and information related to Hermosa Creek (via work groups)
 - Win Wright information?
 - Did the “Tools” document reach you? Read. Input. We’re not there yet, but we will be.
- IV) Update on Information Requests from Last Meeting
 - Recreational Data from USFS (on email and handout)
 - 8/5 meeting from CDOW on cut throat trout
 - At the last meeting, a request was made for discussion on various water rights issues including: How much is available? How much does the Animas-La Plata Project affect HC? Could a potential federal reserved water right affect the situation? What are alternative water sources.
 - A proposal being put forth tonight is to not drop or shy away from this agenda item whatsoever. However, the steering group wondered if you all would be open to discussing these issues in

the context of the scenario planning that you do. Explain scenario planning again.

- Then, the broad conversation about water availability and water rights can be more targeted and focused around specific proposals for protection of values. This could help the conversation from wandering into areas that are far away from specific proposals and ideas.
- Next: regarding the recreational data, you have been provided what the USFS has on file? One issue to be aware of is that further quantification of recreational usage will take a lot of time and money...perhaps years...in order to get the number right. So, question for you is: Given that we know recreation is a major use in this area and we know that there are many types, what else do you want and are you comfortable just stating that we know there is a lot of rec. and USFS data is there?
- Is this ok with everyone?
- Consensus??????

V) Follow Up on Initial Information Sheet for Hermosa Creek and Input from Last Meeting

- Ted's chart on dates of instream flows
- SWSI clarification
- Other changes that will be made made....
- Will be "up" on Web before next meeting

VI) Review of Values & Exploration of Consensus on Values to Focus on in the Process (handout and test for consensus)

VII) Other

VIII) Next Meeting

NOTE: The Web site for the River Protection Workgroup including the Hermosa Creek Workgroup is:

ocs.fortlewis.edu/riverprotection

(There is no "www" in the Web site address).