

MINUTES OF THE CORNERSTONE 2010 SPRING PRESERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING

Flowers Cabin, Cornerstone Colorado
April 15, 2010

- I. Sue McIntosh, Committee Chair, called the Preservation Committee meeting to order at 10:30am MST and recapped 2010 Preservation Committee primary focus and goals.
- II. The Committee's primary focus and goals for 2010 are:
 - a. Continue to ensure complete implementation of the Wildlife Implementation Plan.
 - b. Ensure that the Wetland Project continues to progress toward final stabilization on all constructed cells.
 - c. Continue to participate in local land and resource management and education opportunities, activities and issues.
- III. Spring 2010 Project Update
 - a. Wetland Project Update: The majority of our wetland cells continue to progress toward final stabilization. Several cells are expected to achieve final stabilization this year followed by several more in 2011. As of fall 2009, there are a few cells that are not progressing toward stabilization at an acceptable rate and a few cells may be losing vegetation. The two primary reasons for the lack of vigor in these cells are browsing impact and inadequate hydrology.
 - b. Beavers
 - i. Horsefly Ridge population – These are the beavers living chiefly on the south side of Horsefly Ridge. This appears to be a stable or growing long term population that predates Cornerstone's presence. The beavers are naturally disposed to want to install dams in the constructed outflows of the wetland cells along this drainage exposing the cells to risk of failure. In order to eliminate

the beaver's access to the outflows we have installed woven wire and 't' post exclosures in all affected outflows.

- ii. West Fork population – Several signs of new beaver activity have become apparent in the West Fork of Horsefly Creek. Beavers historically occupied this drainage but have been absent for some time. 2009 was the first year that beaver activity has been noticed in this drainage since Cornerstone has owned the property. We welcome the new neighbors and will continue to monitor this activity and its impact on the Wetland Project cells in the drainage.
 - c. Trespass cattle continue to impact Cornerstone's open space and occasionally its developed areas. The areas of possible intrusion have been narrowed by past year's fence maintenance and some areas of new fence. We will continue to address trespass cattle in 2010 with a heightened priority of protecting the wetland project cells.
- IV. Proposed seasonal open space restrictions: The 2009 Calving and Fawning Study Report recommends a seasonal closure of the Heeble Ground (natural headwaters of Cottonwood Creek) and the Cottonwood Creek drainage below Pond 4 to the first Cornerstone boundary fence during calving and fawning season. Based on three years of monitoring it has become clear that these areas are of critical importance to elk and deer during this time. There were no objections to this recommendation and the recommendation will be implemented to prohibit recreational or sales activity in these areas from May 15 – June 31, 2010.
- V. Hunting policy on Cornerstone Property: there was a reminder that the Initial Rules attached to and made part of the Cornerstone Charter prohibits discharge of firearms or material disturbance to wildlife on the property.
- VI. The meeting adjourned at 10:55am.