

EICC meeting march 5, 2019; Mike Engle's home

Officers: Pres: Mike Engle, V.Pres: Troy Neu, Sec: Vernon Phinney; Treas: Jack Brennan (not present)

Board Members: Matt TeNgaio, Peter Joyce, Thierry Legrain

Topics outlined to be discussed:

- **Update on Wilderness Evaluation in progress in Salmon-Challis FS (potentially affecting the Fins)**

Katie Goodwin was notified October 2018 about the " Salmon-Challis National Forest Evaluation Process of Lands that may be Suitable for Inclusion in the National Wilderness Preservation System (Evaluation)". Access Fund/EICC has sent out a letter to the Salmon-Challis National Forest to address/identify the climbing areas (defined in letter – dated: Feb 26, 2019, author: Katie Goodwin). The Fins area was discussed. **Katie's letter's main point was that the climbing areas in the Salmon-Challis National Forest (including the Fins) are "substantially noticeable" developed recreational sites and should be excluded from wilderness recommendations to avoid undesirable future management issues.**

- **Pending EIS on Massacre Rocks - delayed but likely still pending**

Mike Engle will reach out to **Access Fund (Katie Goodwin) and Ken Crane** to find out status of the EIS. ~~It was previously~~ **Most recent communication from Access Fund and the BLM** that the **AFAD** EIS would be out ~~spring~~ **Oct 2018**.

- **Fins Stewardship - reach out to FS, begin dialog**

Areas of concern were: sanitation, parking, nesting hawks/owls, trails/staging areas, campsites

Troy Neu stated he would reach out to the Forest Service to discuss activity at the Fins.

Mike Engle will introduce Matt TeNgaio to Katie Goodwin of the Access Fund and Matt will ~~contact~~ work with the Access Fund about : "Adopt a Crag Day" for the Fins; Matt is also going to check on composting restroom info. It was mentioned that getting Jonathan Seagrist involved would be beneficial. Matt will also check into establishing "informational kiosks" at several locations at the fins to assist with climber education regarding trails, camping, sanitation, birds, etc. Kiosk locations discussed were: corral, trail to headwall, mortal earth parking ares.

- **EICC website creation - need to replace the now defunct SEIClimbing.com**

Thierry Legrain and Vernon Phinney will establish a new web site for EICC. The ~~acronym~~ **domain name** "EICC" has been taken. We are looking at several potential names for the web page: **The following are available:**

eastidahoclimberscoalition.com (this is my preference, since we cannot use EICC, Vernon)

eastidahoclimberscoalition.org

east-idaho-climbers-coalition.com

eastidahocc.com

eiclimbers.com

eastidahoclimbers.com (this one I also like! – VRP)

There are many more permutations.

It was mentioned that the SEIC web page should be removed/deleted from the web [Facebook](#) – Troy Neu action item??

- **Potential new board member - Thierry Legrain, new to the area - wants to get involved**

Both Thierry Legrain and Matt TeNgaio were voted in to be board members. Lisa Safford-Kusko has resigned her position.

- **CRAG Update**

Mike Engle (EICC representative) presented an update on CRAG: members: Steve Dodd, Brian Fedigan, Dave Bingham, Brian Cabede, Hannah Harris North, Meghan Clumming Kahnle, Katie Goodwin, Doug Caldwell. CRAG has attained non-profit status. Dave Bingham heads up the anchor replacement/repair. Private Land access near the Twin Sisters was discussed and a concern. ChTristan Potters has been added to board representing the bouldering community. A spring 2019 meeting is anticipated.

- **Fixed Hardware Maintenance at Massacre**

Mike Engle discussed what walls have been worked on for replacement/repair at Massacre; all have been on State Land due to concerns with the EIS.

Fundraising? Thierry Legrain is interested in coordinating a Reel Rock event

Peter Joyce is looking into what is available at ISU for a room – April 17 or 18th, 2019. Thierry Legrain has stated that the Reel Rock is \$750.00/showing based on ticket price of \$10.00. Matt TeNgaio stated he could generate flyers for the event if we move on it. Peter Joyce stated he could use the email addresses for the Pocatello Pump to get info out for the event.

NEXT MEETING : MAY 2019 ????