

FIRS Update Meeting Minutes

February 3rd, 2021

Present:

Manitou Springs –Dole Grebenik, Alex Trefry, Roy Chaney

Colorado Springs –Scott Abbott, Gillian Rossi, Kurt Schroeder, Madison Peddy

COLORADO SPRINGS UPDATE

Daily Operations

- Ranger Maddie is now the Incline Staff supervisor! Along with supervising the Incline Attendants and Incline Administrator, she will be managing monthly statistics and assist with alterations to the Aluvii reservation software settings (session times, information on website, etc.).
- The Incline has been pretty quiet lately, nothing major to report.

Numbers/Attendance

- Maddie emailed the January statistics (compiled by Eddie) to the group.
- Dole noticed that the data seems like it jives with temperatures (lower percentage of reservation capacity on particularly cold days). Nothing significant noticed in data.
- Dole asked what the red line on the bottom chart (Percentage Rate vs Temperature) indicates. That line is the percentage of full reservation slots.
- Saturday's are full, and Sundays!
- Florida leads the way for out of state visitors; Texas still had lots of people.
- Dole asked if we would be able to analyze last names in Aluvii to find out how many repeat visitors are registering. He suggested doing a mode analysis to see how often the names occur.
 - Gillian answered that Eddie will contact Aluvii to set this up and/or see if this is possible.
- Dole also suggested calculating the Zip Code data on weekends versus weekdays to find out how much the out-of-state reservations increase (if at all) on weekends. This will be looked into prior to the next meeting.

MANITOU SPRINGS UPDATE

Parking Operations

- Kurt asked if Parking Logics is up and running; Roy said no and that COVID is slowing things down. It should be functional in 3-4 weeks, then the company will send a tech down to check it out. Will be completely operational before the summer.
- Roy mentioned that new occupancy maps are available through Park Mobile. Columbus, OH uses them and has had success. This involves people being able to reserve parking spaces.
- Roy is presenting next month about parking; this is in preparation of the Cog re-opening. He needs to know if it's possible for COS to regulate the number of people using the Incline in a certain day. For example, open more spots in the morning and limit afternoon spots. Can we do this? How? COS will look into this and let Roy know within the next two weeks.
- Kurt checked with the train traffic enforcer to see what the schedule is; he mentioned that a train car comes every 40 minutes. Knowing the Cog's schedule will help guide how the reservation sessions may need to be altered.

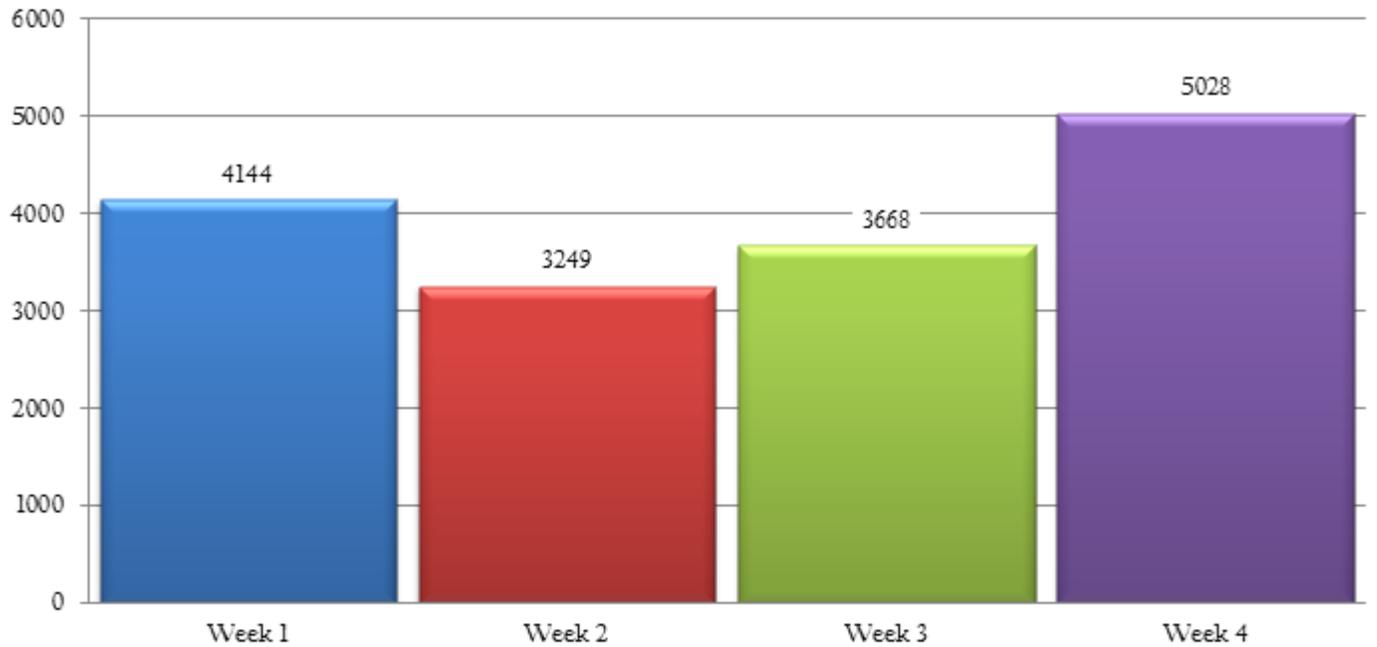
Fire and Emergency Services

- For the Month of January the Manitou Springs Fire Department responded to the Incline two times. Both were medical related and MSFD was stood down by El Paso county SAR both times. They were located at or near the top and SAR was able to drive to the top of the incline using Bob's Road. (Roy provided this information in an email, prior to this meeting.)

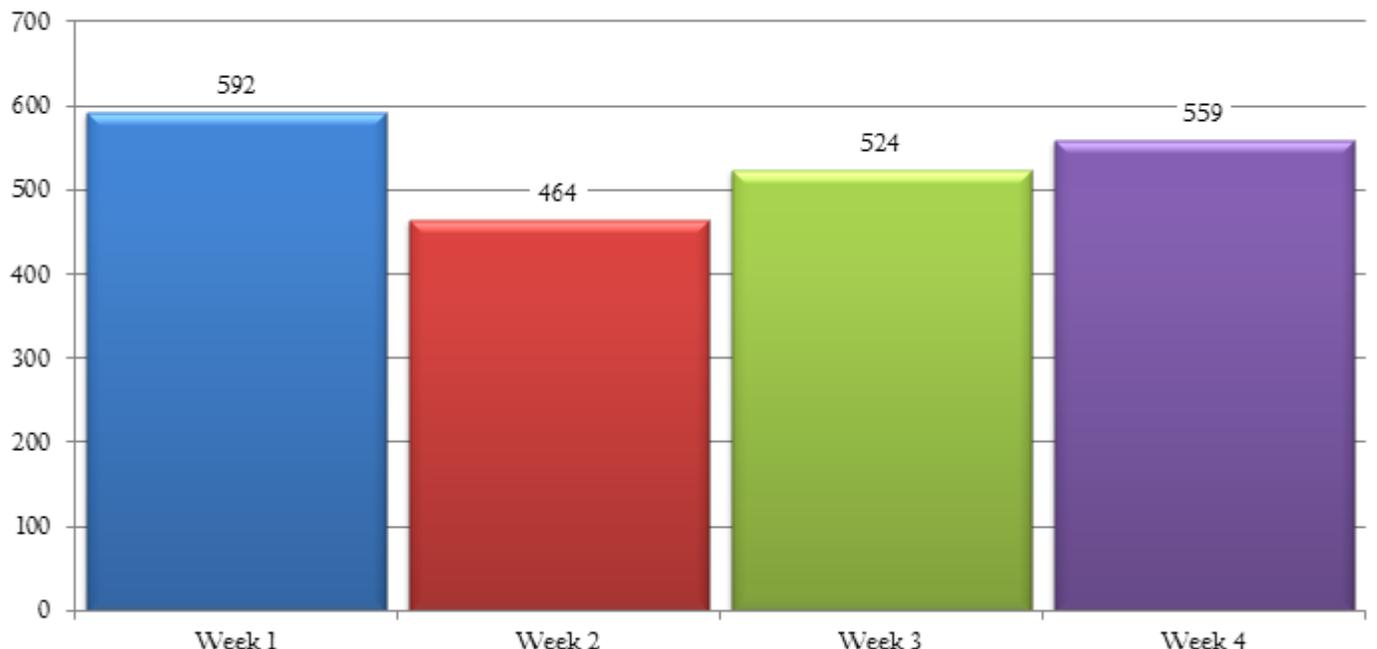
OPEN DISCUSSION

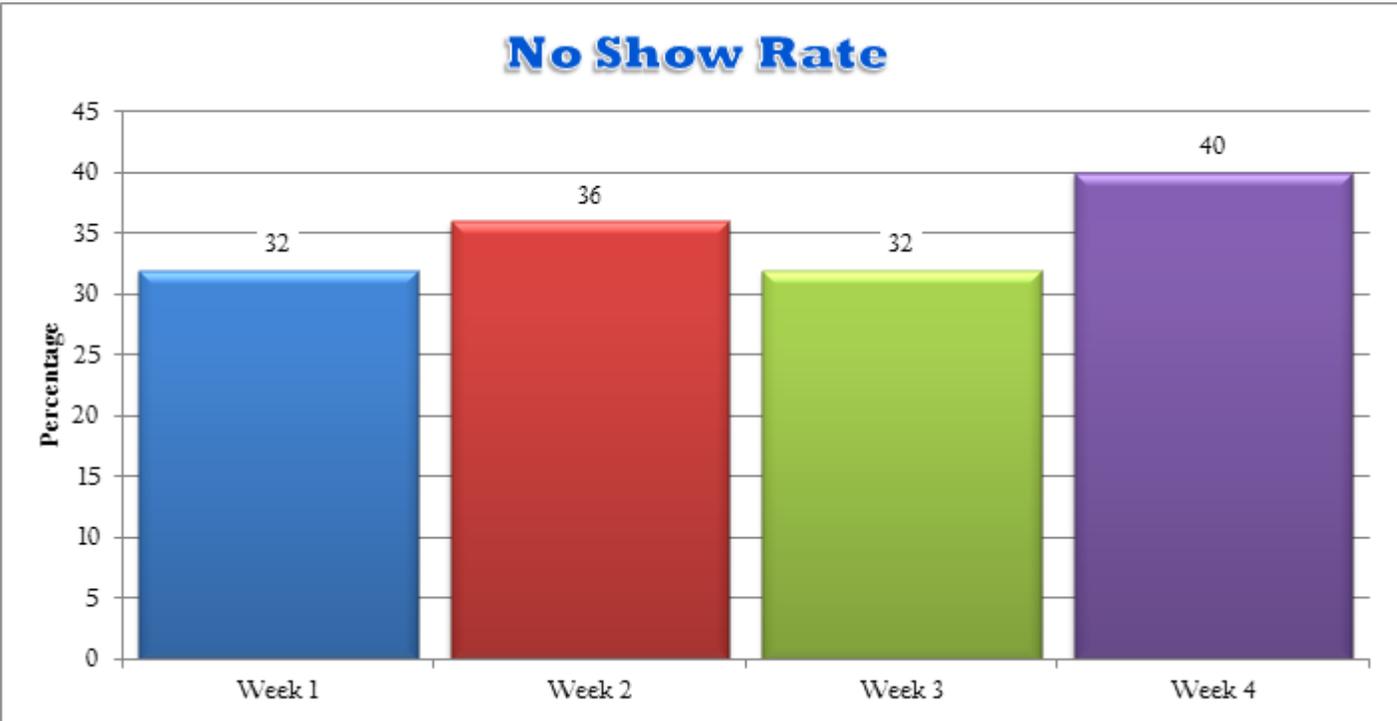
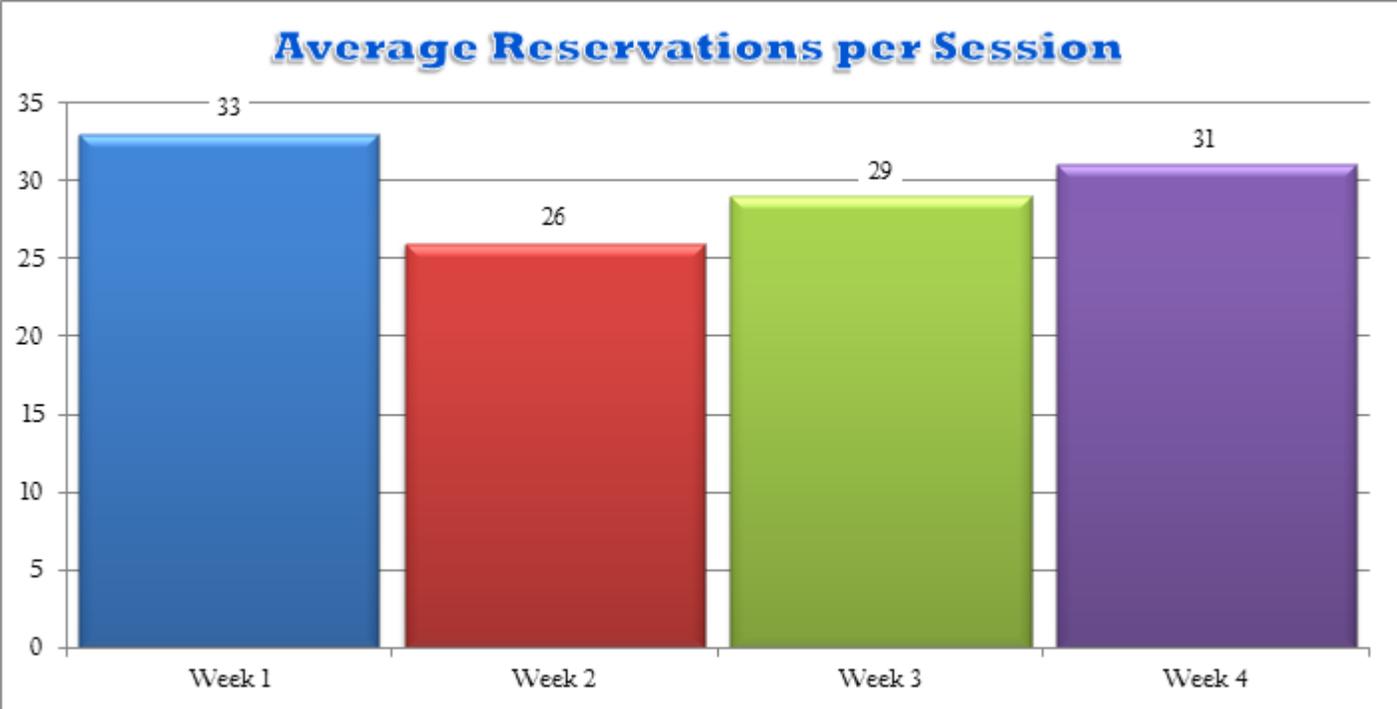
- It was mentioned that Manitou is looking at moving free shuttle stop from Iron Springs to the Cog Railroad Station. People like this idea, it came out of the mobility study. This would put the stop out of a traffic zone. ISC may do a beer garden. Critical we are all on the same page.
- Roy mentioned a couple of emails over the past few weeks, mostly hearsay. Some people are saying the ISC staff are telling them to park at Barr when the ISC lot is full.
 - Maddie mentioned that for a full day there were no parking slips from ISC. She contacted Roy about this.
 - Roy asked if the Incline Attendants could go to the lot and ask the ISC staff about this when this happens in the future. They can do that.
- Dole heard through the grapevine that the IAs are no longer placing the wristbands on the Incline users. The IAs are still required to issue the wristbands as part of the MOU, although the wristbands still create quite a bit of "microlitter." Maddie will double check on this.
 - Solutions for wristband litter were discussed (the little waxy part on the wristbands are hard to get a grip on and are accumulating around the area).
 - What about rubber wristbands? "Incline strong?" Any other type of obvious visuals?
- Is there a trash can at the base of the Incline? No, the IAs use a trash bag to collect wristbands scraps and other trash from around the trailhead.
- The following question was posed: How is funding looking for the Incline throughout 2021? Kurt had left the meeting by this point and was not there to provide an answer.
- Alex asked about the mask issue (people were harassing visitors for not wearing masks while hiking) was resolved. The issue was addressed; masks are *not required* on the Incline. They are strongly recommended when passing another hiker, or within 6 feet, but they are not required. Gillian reminded the IAs of this, in case they get additional questions from visitors who are confused or curious.

Reservations per Week



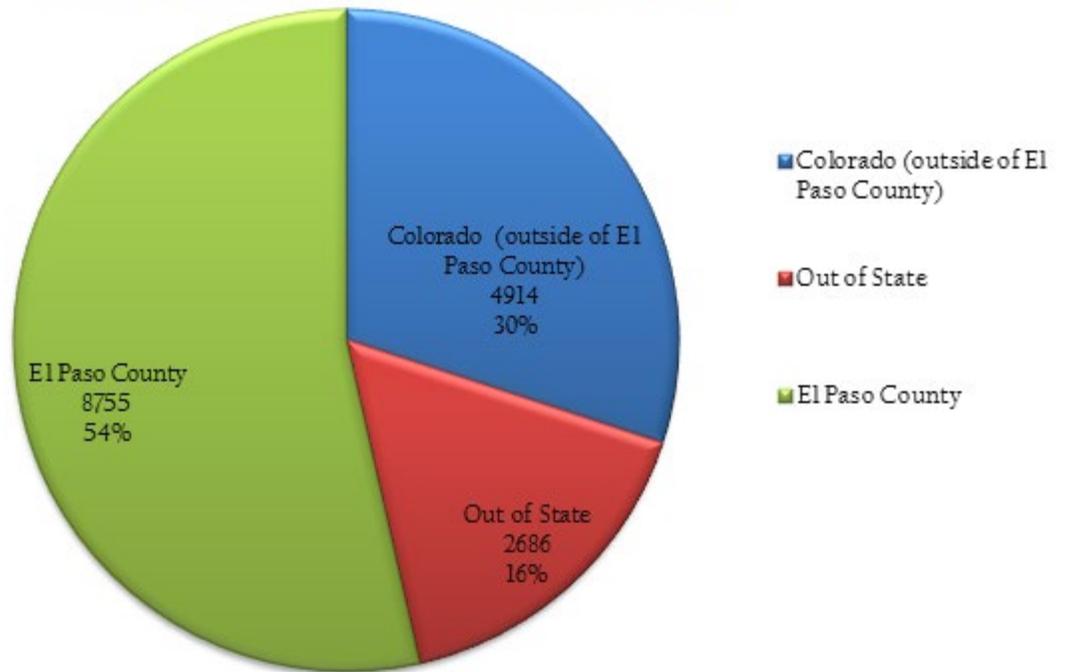
Average Reservations per Day



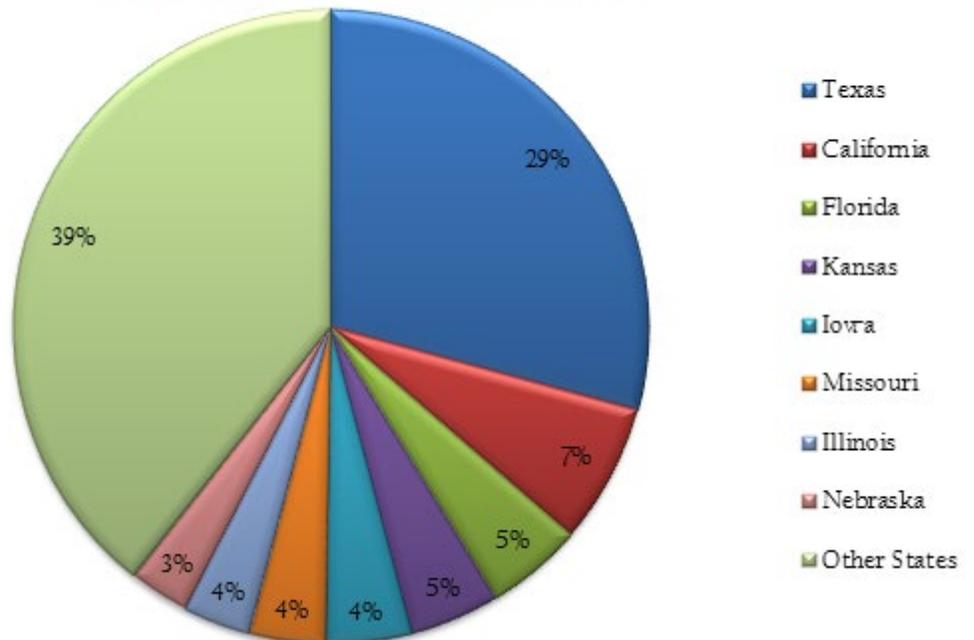


- The lowest No Show Rate this month was **18% on January 7th**

Manitou Incline Visitors



Out of State Visitors



- International visitors: 3 people from Ontario, Canada

