

FIRS Meeting Minutes

October 6th, 2021

Present:

Manitou Springs – Roy Cheney, Dole Grebenik, Alex Trefry

Colorado Springs – Kurt Schroeder, Madison Peddy, Matthew Sutton

Matthew presented September stats:

- Weekends continue to be busy – averaging around 800 hikers. Weekdays we are seeing the decline in numbers we expected post Summer.
- 9% drop in percentage of visitors from “Out of State”.
- 9/11 Memorial hike was a huge success. 142 people registered to climb as part of the event.

Maddie reported on Ranger aspects:

- Successful cleanup and work events with the Incline Friends volunteers. Graphiti cleanup was held on 10/4.
- Attendants seem to be doing well
- Issues with Army PT groups
 - Cussed out by them, not making reservations.
 - Best course of action is open communication with current Post Commander to address the issue
- Darker earlier and this is causing issue with those evening hikers who usually wait until after 6:30pm to hike without a reservation. Maddie is coaching staff on how to handle these situations effectively.
- Michael is an official Volunteer at the incline!

Roy reported:

- Enforcement of parking. Signs are now up including penalties for first and second time offences.
- Requested we text Parking Enforcement if we discover violations.

Dole reported:

- Kurt may receive a call from CSU
- Dole & CSU looked at what may be required to run electricity to Connex.
- CSU gets to site, CSPRCS responsible for termination to building.
- Further discussion to be had by Kurt

Dole Reported:

- Brief update on how things are going with Hiawatha Building project Manitou has.
- Lot size currently has the potential to open up more reservation capability
- Matt & Dole will observe and tweak as necessary, but currently looking at 930 reservations a day over winter (up from 810 winter last year).

General Discussion on Mountain metro

- MM looking at new stop in Hiawatha/Old mans trail area.

- Discussed fact that MM has gone to Off season, leaving a potential gap in service coverage for Incline Hikers for about 6 weeks
- Plan is to monitor during this period with lots of communication to hikers about the potential for this. In the new year, we will discuss how it all might be handled and if we need to alter our hours to match the bus.