

RE: Friday Meeting
Karen Loveless <Kloveless@mt.gov>
To Quentin Kujala and Howard Burt
Wed. 2/13/2013 15:17 PM

Just heard from Alan Redfield, he won't be able to attend but is getting in touch with a neighbor who may attend.

Karen

From: Kujala, Quentin
Sent: Wednesday, February 13, 2013 12:33 PM
To: Burt, Howard; Loveless, Karen
Subject: RE: Friday meeting

Sure—but know I'll need to leave about 4:30 (not later than 5).

I'll contact Glen—if only to connect with a very detailed communication he and I had some time ago. Once this starts moving, I do see the regions making those sorts of communications.

Need to be at Trading Post at 2:45. When and where would I meet you in Boz?

Q

From: Burt, Howard
Sent: Wednesday, February 13, 2013 11:51 AM
To: Kujala, Quentin; Loveless, Karen
Subject: RE: Friday meeting

Quentin,

Will you be coming through Bozeman and can I catch a ride? Do you want me to contact Glenn? Let me know.

Howard Burt

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From: Kujala, Quentin
Sent: Wednesday, February 13, 2013 11:05 AM
To: Loveless, Karen; Burt, Howard
Subject: RE: Friday meeting

Thanks Karen. Will meet you at Trading Post at 2:45. Your logic on a larger meeting is clear—and sounds like you have all the attendees that you need for Friday's meeting.

Will keep you posted on conversation with GWA.

Thanks!

Q

From: Loveless, Karen
Sent: Wednesday, February 13, 2013 10:46 AM
To: Kujala, Quentin; Burt, Howard
Subject: RE: Friday meeting

Sometimes "lost" is the best place to be!

I'll be coming up from sheep captures in Gardiner, so best for me is if we can meet at the intersection of Hwy 89 south and the Mill Creek Rd? If you take exit 333 in Livingston, turn left at the light on hwy 89 south and just continue south for about 15 miles. There's a forest service access sign for the Mill Creek Rd on your left as you approach the intersection, and the Mill Creek Trading Post is a funky log building on the right. Let's meet in the parking area for the Mill Creek Trading Post at 2:45. If this sounds complicated and we run the risk of losing you along the way, let me know and I can leave captures a few minutes earlier and meet up with you at the exit in town.

If Glenn or other GWA members are planning to attend, please let me know as I would like to communicate that to others.

I left a message at the Redfield ranch letting them know and inviting them to attend the meeting, have not yet heard anything back. I thought it appropriate to include them as they are just south of the Mill Creek Rd and could potentially be affected by hazing/hunting of elk north of the road. I would be hesitant to invite Druska to this particular meeting, as this opens a can of worms for other landowners throughout the valley that we should invite if we extend attendance beyond those in the immediate area of concern. The landowners who are affected are anxious to have a focused meeting to discuss what we are going to do as the daily commingling is an immediate crisis to be addressed, and I worry that expanding the group will expand the discussion into the larger issues which could result in a less focused and longer discussion. I would support a more general meeting for the Paradise Valley to discuss the larger issues and have some discussion on where to implement working groups and who to involve etc if folks are interested. If you think it important to include Druska I'll certainly defer to your judgment.

One more item came up as I write... Got a call from Deanne Durgan (wife of county commissioner Jim Durgan). They have 300-600 head of elk that have gotten into their haystacks and are crossing over the fence into the cattle pasture, commingling with cattle. I will go visit with them tomorrow afternoon and have a look.

Karen

From: Kujala, Quentin

Sent: Wednesday, February 13, 2013 10:29 AM

To: Loveless, Karen; Burt, Howard
Subject: RE: Friday meeting

Just to make sure we don't miss anything here, would this be a good meeting for Druska Kinkie to also attend? She has continued to track this effort and is now starting to focus on working groups. I understood her latest advocacy to be maybe thinking about a meeting for all of the west and then the east sides of the valley—and then paring it down from there based upon the working group discussion (she does recognize the point you all make about the Paradise Valley not having a clear single “group”). I don't suggest we do that for this meeting—again, only just asking if her attendance would be good here or if she would be in another meeting? Same question stands for Representative Redfield.

Thoughts?

Q

From: Loveless, Karen
Sent: Wednesday, February 13, 2013 10:07 AM
To: Kujala, Quentin; Burt, Howard
Subject: RE: friday meeting

I think a Livingston meeting would be a deal breaker... with calving in full swing all asked for a close meeting place and to keep the meeting to an hour or so. If you feel strongly on this I can make calls and ask folks if they would still be able to make it if we moved the meeting to Livingston. Otherwise, I'm happy to meet you someplace in or south of Livingston so you can follow me over there, if this helps? It's about 15-20 minutes south of Livingston.

Entirely up to you if you would like to make the GWA contacts or if you would prefer for me to do it. Hayes will be in attendance, also the manager for the 360 ranch will try to come and he represents sporting/conservation interest – the 360 ranch is adjacent and provides conflict-free winter range for the elk herd.

Thanks, and sorry...

Karen

From: Kujala, Quentin
Sent: Wednesday, February 13, 2013 9:59 AM
To: Loveless, Karen; Burt, Howard
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Also, would be good to contact Glenn Hocket and one other member of Gallatin (have her name in file). Do you want me to do that? I would emphasize Hayes' presence and suggest that is adequate.

Thoughts?

Q

From: Loveless, Karen
Sent: Wednesday, February 13, 2013 9:48 AM
To: Burt, Howard; Kujala, Quentin
Subject: friday meeting

Just to confirm, are either or both of you planning to attend the Mill Creek meeting this Friday at 3pm?

Thanks,

Karen