

Cyrus Canyon Partners  
Minutes of January 10, 2008 Meeting  
2:00 P.M.  
Kernville Forest Service Building

Present:

Brenda Ehmann, Deputy District Ranger, USFS	
Mary Cole, USFS	Georgia Lupercio
Cindy Thill, USFS	Nate Sciacqua
Bob Frenes, USFS	Neil Preston
Cheryl Borthick, Kernville Chamber of Commerce	Steve & Loreen Rinker

Brenda Ehmann reported on the progress of the MOU. Revisions are being made and will be presented for signatures soon. Attendees were informed that because the Friends of Cyrus Canyon in Memory of Matt Lupercio are not formally organized at this time they will not be included in the Memorandum of Understanding. The following organizations will be included in the MOU:

Stewards of the Sequoia  
Friends of Jawbone  
California Off-Road Vehicle Association  
Kernville Chamber of Commerce  
Kern River Valley Chamber of Commerce  
Kern River Valley Revitalization  
American Motorcycle Association District 37  
Sequoia National Forrest

Ms. Ehmann also reported that the Forest Service had signed a letter of support for Staie Bohn for a grant she is seeking for paving Cyrus Canyon Road.

There was a discussion on safety issues needing to be addressed prior to any use of Cyrus Canyon. Two issues need immediate attention: replacing an area of barbed wire fencing and the continuation of barriers at the drop off. A group of volunteers will meet at Cyrus Canyon on February 7, 2008 at 8:00 AM to repair and replace fencing and install barriers.

The following Action Plan was agreed upon by those present:

1. The MOU should be ready for signatures in February 2008
2. A volunteer agreement will be created for volunteer day on the 7<sup>th</sup>.
3. Replace and repair fencing and install barriers on February 7, 2008

4. Begin a Master Plan. Friends of Cyrus Canyon in Memory of Matt Lupercio to set meetings to begin work on the Plan
5. Grant proposal for NEPA funding to be prepared by July 1, 2008
6. NEPA planning – Fall of 2008  
Decision – Business Plan, Winter of 2008
7. Road partially paved – 2008
8. Initial implementation – 2009

Neal Preston reported that he has been exploring management options for Cyrus Canyon and has spoken with two potential concessionaires.

Nate Sciacqua reported that he has been in contact with the County Waste Management Department and has provided them with information regarding estimated water needs for Cyrus Canyon.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 7, 2008 at the Forest Service Building in Kernville, beginning at 2:00 P.M.