
Wireless Telecommunications Committee

Meeting Agenda for Wednesday, February, 10, 2010

Location: YCR Conference Room

Time: 1:00 P.M.

Old Business

Cellular Courtesy Signage types/locations develop recommendation to the Superintendent Carolyn Duckworth and Lori Gruber were asked to attend to discuss signs and notices for the cellular courtesy proposal. Suzanne is interested in having a cellular courtesy sign proposal this year. Doug had a sample sign that could be reduced and put into park newspaper. Pilot areas for signs near natural features, to protect the soundscape, will include Mammoth and Old Faithful boardwalks. Bret read a paragraph from FONSI regarding cell free zones, Dan stated that we don't want cell free zones but cell courtesy zones because there are times that cell phones should be used, for example, emergencies or reporting damage to resources. Lori Gruber stated that the fewer words on the signs the better, which was agreed upon. Bret read public comments from FONSI regarding how the cell courtesy zones would be managed: with signage, through interpretive education, and with Park staff oversight. Dan suggested that the Committee develop a pilot program now and expand as time goes on, this was agreed upon. There was a discussion about whether to have the notice in the Spring or Summer park paper, it was agreed upon that Spring would be better; Carolyn Duckworth stated that she would like to have the signage and notice in the final draft of the Spring paper for management approval. The final draft of "Yellowstone Today" goes out February, 25. The paper will list areas along the park's developed areas where cell coverage can be expected: Mammoth, Old Faithful, and Grant. Signs may say "Be courteous turn off cell phone while enjoying Yellowstone National Park's features" and have a symbol on the bottom right corner of a cell phone with a circle around it and a line through it. Lori Gruber suggested an order of 25-30 test signs. The committee suggested that the plan be implemented in steps: Put the plan in the paper, fabricate 25-30 standardized test signs, identify features and areas where signs will be placed, and reassess to discuss how the plan can be expanded. It was suggested that the plan should be discussed at Interpretation training so that Interpreters could gauge how well the test signs were working. Craig Johnson stated that the sign and notice could be included on park web page under the Planning Your Visit section. This was agreed upon. The two primary messages the committee wants to get across are: where to expect cell coverage and be courteous.

New Business

Routing and wireless proposal forms for concessioners

Bret stated that he had spoken to Don Clark in the Xanterra computer center and Business Management regarding the need for wireless proposal forms from concessioners regarding any new wireless installations. It was agreed that concessioners will send proposals to business management and that business management will prepare wireless proposal forms and submit them to the committee.

Proposals

Wireless LAN Bridge Building 38 to Mammoth Fleet Maintenance

This will be a Motorola Point to Point LAN bridge providing improved network and VOIP phone connectivity. The antenna at the garage would be installed in an ice dam inside the steel structure and would not be visible. Bandwidth to the garage will be substantially improved. The transmission will be encrypted and completely unavailable to the public with two units synched together. The signal will be effective within 6 miles and can curve over and around