

SULU MEETING NOTICE

**TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS (MEMBERS AND ALTERNATES)
OFFICERS AND CONSULTANTS**

**THE NEXT MEETING OF THE BOARD AND OFFICERS WILL BE
HELD WEDNESDAY MARCH 5, 2003 AT 7PM
AT THE FOUR CORNERS CULTURAL CENTER
700 WEST 500 SOUTH, BLANDING, UTAH**

Items for discussion will include:

San Juan Safari progress report

**CCTDG report on Hwy 95 trail, maps, Blanding trail access, Forest trails,
Dead Goose project, Starvation Point, Wagon Wheel Trail, and South Peak
Road-Camp Jackson connection**

Progress of membership drive

Thank Heaven for 2477

San Juan County Economic Development and Visitor Services report

**If you wish to have items included on the agenda please contact Joe Lyman at
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The April meeting will be held Wednesday, Apr. 2 at 7:00 p.m. at the **County Commission Chambers in Monticello**. This will be a general meeting to which all SULU members and the general public are invited. The focus of the meeting will be on ATV issues, including trail development, trail maps, land use issues, and the upcoming San Juan ATV Safari. If you have issues that need to be discussed at a Board meeting please contact Joe Lyman. The vote on the revised by-laws will be held at a future Board meeting (May 7). If you need a copy of the revised by-laws for review contact Joe.

PLEASE INFORM ALL INTERESTED PARTIES OF THIS MEETING AND INVITE THEM TO ATTEND AND TO JOIN SULU.

The following is a brief summary of the minutes of the Mar. 5, 2003 Board Meeting held in Blanding.

The meeting was called to order at 7pm by Joe Lyman. In attendance were Joe Lyman, Calvin Blake, Lawrence Guymon, J.W. Redd, Paul Mantz, Jim Wilder, Lynn Stevens, Jeff Black, Brian Barrell, Ed Scherick, Paul Buck, Von Black, Bob Turri, Linda Patterson, Dave Himmerich, Mike Lacy, & Harold Frost. The minutes of the Feb. 5, 2003 Board meeting were read and approved. Business included the following: Rhett Maughn, SULU VP has volunteered to be in charge of membership issues for SULU. Dale Black suggested at a previous meeting that SULU develop a budget. Calvin will work on that issue. Copies of the revised by-laws are available. All directors need a copy so they can vote on the revisions at a future meeting.

Reports: A. Linda express continued concern by cattle interests over abuse of trails and lands by ATV riders, especially gates left open, riding off trails, etc. Some permit holders have expressed concern about renewing their SULU memberships because they don't know what SULU is doing for them. Comments were made that trail development and signing would help keep riders on trails and the placement of more cattle guards would help with the gate problem. Comments were made about the poor condition of some gate and the difficulty in opening and closing. The county is considering the cattle guard issue. Linda will followup with cattle interests and let them know that SULU is interested in helping to resolve their concerns with other land users.

B. Von Black reported that the San Juan ATV Safari will be held under the sponsorship of the City of Monticello. This will help with issues of insurance and liability. A committee with representatives from Monticello, Blanding, and the County has been formed to plan the event.

C. Jeff Black presented a letter he has sent to ORV clubs to solicit their support for keeping trails and roads open. There is a lot of outside interest in our area.

D. Ed Scherick reported on road and trail projects in the Dead Goose (Gooseberry) area. An inventory of roads and trails in the area has been done by the county and given to the Forest Service. Ed is satisfied with most of the decisions made by the FS for this area. The next area of concern is the Blanding to Monticello area. The CCTDG has also been involved in coordinating work in these areas. Ed has been working with the State on seeing what they can do in these areas including help with funding for restroom facilities on the Hook and Ladder Trail. A staging area for H&L is in the works. The state would also like to have trail maps from our area available for sale in the State bookstore. Ed stated that all Federal land agencies are beginning

the process of revising their land use plans and will be holding scoping meeting in Monticello on Mar 26 and in Blanding on Mar. 27. Those present were urged to be involve in these meetings. Ed is beginning the process of forming a Public Lands Council to help with land use issues. He is actively recruiting members for this council. Federal agencies are concerned about the impact their decisions have on local economies.

E. Harold reported that the Trail development group is working with Brian on the map project. He proposed an increase in the price of the maps to better cover the cost of producing them and to provide a source of income for SULU. Brian commented of the quality of the maps and the availability of lamination to improve their quality. Work will continue to improve the usefulness of the maps. Trail signing has been done on the Hook & Ladder trail. Bob Turri commented on the progress of the effort to build a trail along U95 in the Fry Canyon area. Good progress is being made in coordinating this effort among Federal, State, and County agencies. A list of trails has been presented and approved for work with the trail cat for 2003. Lynn said that trails that will be used for the ATV Safari have top priority but others will be worked on. Paul Mantz asked whether some trails could be left as non-motorized trails.

F. Paul Buck commented on standards for signing trails and that signing be coordinated so that maps and trail signing meets standards and is useful for those on the trails. The trail group will meet with Paul on this matter.

G. The importance of proper land use to local economies was discussed.

H. Open forum: Lynn stated that the proposed Wild and Scenic Rivers act could be very detrimental to our area. We need to get acquainted with this proposal and offer our comments to lawmakers. Ed has met with state legislators and has urged that local areas be considered in all decisions made by the legislature. The next meeting will be held in Monticello on Apr. 2.