

Black Hills Climbers Coalition Meeting

May 16, 2016

Thirty's

Board Members present: Andy K., Carrie L., Chris H. and Jason M.

Updates

Beecher Rocks – signs for trail closures. Dave Pickford says the trail closure is the only the rutted out. Use the old road.

Granite sports has Boreal demo shoes for \$5 and if they buy the shoes they will give \$5 a pair to the climbing coalition.

Pancakes in the parking lot is June 18th – Wrinkled Rock.

Devils Tower

Anchor replacement – hope to continue. Route recommendations. There is twenty plus anchor bolts. Continue to use the permit system. A week before minimum. More than a dozen routes were repaired last year.

Starting a climbers' coffee every Sunday. 9 a.m. in front of the kiosk by the parking lot.

Climbers stewards- Volunteer climbing ranger – Two weeks at a time, free camp site, go on patrols with climbing rangers etc. Apply on volunteer.gov

Access Fund – Will be July 28th – 30th adopt a craig day and trail work.

Will be better staffed. Man

Devils Tower Superintendent Tim Reid

– **Voluntary June closure** – Sent out letters to climbing guides. There seems to be an increase in the number of climbers in June. Mostly locals and commercial outfitters. "It's a matter of respect and keeping the number of climbers in June as little as possible." It's on the radar of the Native American communities. "The raw data is a little alarming." In the late 90s there was 80 percent compliance to the voluntary closure now that number is down to 60 percent.

Talk about about the coalition starting a survey about Climbing or not climbing in June. Survey Monkey.

Send a reminder on Facebook and email.

Access Fund Stewardship Training

Andy is working on an agenda and hopes to bring it to next meeting before sending out to land manager. Practice Rock, Poverty and

Paha Sapa Grotto

Cavers are interesting in having a joint meeting with the coalition. Maybe a caving day.

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