

Black Hills Climbers Coalition

September 19, 2016

Beans and Biners

Good turnout, two pots of chili consumed

Custer State Park trail in Middle Earth

Looked at the trail that Access Fund and the BHCC laid out. Sounded interested in getting done. Need to go over specifics of where the trail goes and how it will be routed. Soil erosion is moving quick.

Custer State Park would help with some workers and provide tools.

Day 1 would be moving debris and then come back in spring and cut trail.

Middle Earth work day -Plan to meet at Oct. 15.

8 a.m. to noon will be debris removal with climbing after.

bad weather day is the 29th

Reel Rock - Oct. 7.

Jobman has coordinating film and Elks.

Hang up posters around town

Publicity – Toni has been sending out press release, an ad on KTEQ and Rapid City Journal.

Tickets are \$14 in advance of \$16 day of.

SWAG – If you talk to companies and they get something let them know that we will have two tickets. There is also a sponsor letter.

Hirsch – Granite Sports

Koosman – Crow Peak, Hay Camp, Lost Cabin Access Fund

Toni – Roam'n Around

Cronin – Reaching out to several climbing companies

McNabb – Darryl, Ale House

Slideshow before the show being done by Luke.

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Facebook – make sure you like, share and comment on coalition posts.

Hurley Jr. bolt puller

Ron gave an update on the 3/8 wedge bolt puller bought from the Access Fund. Works really well.

Will be getting one for the Northern Hills also.

Climbtech is making an adapter to go to 1/2in.

Devils Tower update

Date from June climbing survey – around 100 people took the survey

50 percent respondents were from Wyo. or S.D.

60 percent climb about a week every year at the Tower

70 percent understood that the voluntary closure is an agreement between NPS and Native tribes

Would like people to know why June was selected

45 percent doesn't climb in June, 45 percent only climb sometimes and 10 percent climb all the time in June.

The number of climbers in June within the last 20 years after the climbing plan was put in place.

About 30 to 50 percent of climbers in June are guided.

Requesting the coalition post about the June closure.

Other news from the tower

Did a hoist training with SD National Guard. – Did one from the Meadows. Another from the West Face boulder field. Can also land on Summit.

Rebolting

A new bolt on assembly line that wasn't put in properly.

They have been documenting bad anchors and need help with replacing them. There is a permit process.

Climber steward program

Four stewards this year. Hope to continue the program next year.

Climber's coffee – every Sunday is going well. 8 a.m. Sunday in the campground until the end of October.

Access Fund – Worked on trail approach to Durance and ramp. Still need more help.

Will be another adopt a craig in August, 2017. Will be three weeks of Access Fund Conservation Team next year.

New interpretive display about climbing at the entrance to the tower trail.