
UPPER YELLOWSTONE WATERSHED BASIN
PARK CONSERVATION DISTRICT

General Meeting
March 1st, 2018 at 7:00 PM
St. John's Church, Emigrant

-AGENDA-

- 7:00 **I. Call meeting to order** - Jacquie, Chair
- 7:05 **II. - Poll for future talks and presentations** – Ashley
- **New Committee – Education and Outreach. Volunteers?** - Ashley
- 7:20 **III. Summary of DSA meeting** – Alan
- Endangered Species Act protections for Yellowstone National Park Bison.
- 7:35 **IV. Bylaw Votes** We will be voting on proposed changes to the group bylaws.
Votes will be conducted on the following:
- 1) **Name:** Rename the “Upper Yellowstone Watershed Basin”
 - a. Proposed Option: Upper Yellowstone Watershed Partnership
 - 2) **Mission:**
 - a. Existing: The Upper Yellowstone Watershed Basin is a collection of people who appreciate, or support, or participate in Agricultural endeavors on any scale. We believe that Agriculture involvement, as it is lived out by diverse individuals and operations, can and must be enhanced, preserved, and valued now and for posterity. We propose to safeguard our Agriculture environment by protecting, improving, developing, harvesting, and efficiently using land, water, timber, and rangeland.
 - b. Proposed option: To understand and conserve the Upper Yellowstone watershed, including its agriculture, open space, rural character, wildlife, fisheries, natural resources, and recreational use while protecting private property rights.
 - 3) **Purpose and Goals:**

The group’s goals include:

 - a) Preserve production agriculture and the open space it provides by promoting a stewardship approach to watershed management.
 - b) Protect and respect private property rights.
 - c) Provide dependable and accessible information through collection and dissemination of scientifically sound monitoring and assessment data.
 - d) Maintain and preserve the overall health of the watershed by developing best practices, seeking innovative solutions, and working to improve drought response and preparedness.
 - e) Lead community education and outreach efforts on watershed-related issues.
 - f) Provide a collective ‘voice for the watershed’ through the exchange of ideas and response to issues.

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4) Membership: Discussion on current and proposed membership.

Existing:

All Agricultural operations from the designated area, whether owners, operators, leasers, renters, or tenants may be members. Other interested citizens who support the goals of the Watershed and live within the boundaries of the designated area may also be members. The designated area is the Upper Yellowstone River basin drainage, including all tributaries, as shown on the attached map. This designated area may be changed by recommendation of the executive committee and vote of the membership in the original designated area.

Proposed:

All interested citizens who support the mission and goals of the Partnership, and live within the boundaries of the geographic area, may be members. In addition to the local community within the geographic area, members can also include individuals, agricultural operations, businesses, and community organizations with a stake in the geographical area, and who support the mission and goals of the organization. The Partnership will focus its efforts on the Upper Yellowstone Watershed, from the boundary of Yellowstone National Park downstream to Carter's Bridge, and Gallatin Range crest to Absaroka Range crest, as shown on the attached map. We recognize this as a subset of the larger watershed, and therefore may extend our focus upstream and downstream as circumstances merit.

- 8:20 **V. COMMITTEE UPDATES**
- A. **Weed Committee/CWMA update** – Gayleen Malone
 - B. **Irrigation Committee** – Jerry O'Hair
 - C. **Range Committee** – Alvin Pierce
 - D. **Stream Stabilization Committee** – Roger Nelson
 - E. **Wildlife Committee** – Martin Davis
 - F. **Mill Creek Subcommittee** – Alan Redfield

- 8:25 **VI. COORDINATOR UPDATES**
- A. Plant orders
 - B. Water Summit – Sara Meloy
 - C. CWMA Update
 - D. Park CD Website

8:35 **VII. AGENCY UPDATES**

8:40 **VIII. Approval of February 1stth Minutes**

8:45 **IX. PUBLIC COMMENT**

8:55 **X. ADJOURN**

Thank you for coming!