

Restoration Committee Meeting -- August 23 -- Henry Whitesel and David Ross at Henry's house; Kent Wagner, Chris Hoess and Tracy Raymond by phone

The primary goal of the meeting was to pin down work days for the fall focusing on achieving our primary goals at each site.

Dates

Fri 20 Oct 0900 Goat Hill -- Henry leads

Fri 17 Nov 0900 New Texas -- Henry leads

Sun 3 Dec 0900 New Texas -- Leader TB
(after the meeting Henry realized we likely will need to reschedule so as not to interfere with fox hunting)

Sun 17 Dec 0900 Goat Hill -- David leads

Goat Hill

(BoF is taking responsibility for most of northern grasslands)

October 20 workday -- Henry leads; Kent will participate

Primary goal is to prepare for Jim Herr mowing in spring. Check Rose Trail for anything that could interfere with mowing; complete prep work on sites 47 and 48.

Remove cedars from site 8 and prep for mowing.

David will check to see if there is way of getting mower from power line cut to site 8. If we can't get a mower to site 8, then we'll need more aggressive maintenance work this fall and next spring.

December 17 -- tackle anything not resolved on first workday

Future issues:

Assessing maintenance, restoration needs at site 4.

Work on trail to site 19 and feasibility of establishing trail to sites 13, 12 and 11.

New Texas

The goal is to clear stumps to allow for as much mowing as possible by Charlie Fleischman in March

We'll start with areas 1, 2 and 19 -- and extend to 15, 16, 17 and 20 as way opens.

We've asked Bob Gray if he could lead a workday in September -- approach Andy and Rocky Gleason as sawyers.

Henry leads Friday, November 17

(After meeting): Sunday December 3 likely won't work because of fox hunting; so we will need to reschedule

NCP

(On hold pending more ranger resources)

Lower Chrome

(Nothing for fall; TNC will burn the lower meadows and possibly some of the Serpentine sites in October; Molly will schedule a volunteer day before burn to collect seeds to plant after the burn)

Upper Chrome

(Molly will schedule a trail maintenance work day for November to clear fallen logs, add needed blazes and property boundary signs; and prepare for mowing of the grassland area. Molly will schedule a date in March to assess the trails (under wet conditions) with local equestrian interests.)

Agreed that there is no need to tackle the scraped area this year.

Scheduling a time for Chris Fuller to mow.

Recruiting Workday Volunteers

Chris is hoping to spread the work among Mt Cuba volunteer community (80 or so contacts)

Will pursue potential partnerships with local academics.