

**Minutes of the East Canyon Watershed Information and  
Education Subcommittee  
Monday, October 27, 2008**

<b><i>Attendees</i></b>	<b><i>Affiliation</i></b>
Savannah Wake	Swaner EcoCenter
Nell Larson	Swaner EcoCenter
Mary Perry	Local resident, High Country Fly Fishers
Barbara Carey	NRCS
Ray Loveless	UACD
Kari Lundeen	DWQ

***Thank you to Savannah and Swaner EcoCenter for hosting and providing refreshments and a tour of the new facility.***

***New chairperson***

- Savannah has agreed to serve as chairperson for the committee.

***Discussion of additional dog waste receptacles on the trails***

- Surveys of local dog owners indicated that owners were reluctant to carry their dog waste very far along the trail, and that dog owners felt the dog waste receptacles were placed too close to the beginning of the trailhead. The committee was going to look into the possibility of adding receptacles further in. No information was available on that possibility.
- This issue involves Basin Recreation
  - Committee would appreciate their input at meetings
  - Committee would like them to remove the sign along MacLeod Creek that reads “pick it or kick it”
- Barbara Carey will contact Senta Beyer regarding both these requests
- Additional suggestions were made for educating the public on disposing of their dog waste, including:
  - Calling in to the Randy Barton radio show
  - Placing an article in the local newspaper

***Autumn dog waste clean up (Swaner)***

- The fall clean-up has not yet been planned for this year
- During previous clean-ups they have cleaned up the Glenwild trail beginning at the Spring Creek trailhead
- It has been good to do this in fall and spring, but participation has been low
- Savannah suggested involving Ecker Hill students – they are required to complete a certain number of service hours each year

- Savannah has agreed to follow up with the school and then let the committee know of some possible dates for the clean-up

***Point of sale placement of dog waste ads at pet stores, veterinary offices, etc.***

- Savannah will print some ads
- Mary Perry will place them at pet oriented businesses

***Storm Drain stenciling***

- Gaylynn Mooney has been running this program: tracking where the markers have been placed, distributing the supplies as they are requested.
- Savannah presented this project to students at the Ecker Hill Service Fair as a public service opportunity and would like to have some of the supplies to distribute to volunteers.
- Savannah will follow up with Gaylynn

***School curriculum***

- Gaylynn has developed the curriculum and NRCS has approved it, but it has not been implemented
- Ray will discuss this project with Gaylynn

***School/educational opportunities. What are the upcoming opportunities, if any, over the next few months?***

- Ray indicated that there is approximately \$60,000 in the earmark budget for educational opportunities
  - Past ideas have included an interactive website for kids and teachers with USGS stream gauge data and activity guides
  - Once the new Upper Weber Watershed Coordinator is hired (s)he can work on this aspect of the earmark
  - Nancy Mesner conducts a volunteer student monitoring program
  - Ray will talk to her about presenting information on this program at the next meeting
- Other items

***Need for additional representatives on the committee***

- It was suggested that a representative from the realty community would be helpful
- It was suggested that someone from the school board be on the committee – Mike Boyle?

***Next meeting tentatively scheduled for December 11, 10:00 am at Swaner EcoCenter***