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Stewardship and Community Engagement Committee Update

March 2020

Mission and Goals

- ▶ **Mission:** Maintain the health of the Escalante River through the engagement of local and visiting communities in stewardship/volunteer projects and education programs.
- ▶ **Goals:**
 - ▶ Develop a consistent and well-designed volunteer program that increases the capacity of the ERWP to maintain the watershed over-time.
 - ▶ Develop a collaborative model for working with local schools and other non-profits (e.g. science center) to incorporate information about the ecology of the Escalante River into their curriculum/content.

Committee Members

- ▶ Co-Chair: Kristen Jespersen, RiversEdge West (need a new chair)
- ▶ Co-Chair Danica Loucks, Grand Staircase Escalante Partners
- ▶ Jonathan Paklaian, Grand Staircase Escalante Partners
- ▶ Natalie Cabrera, US Forest Service
- ▶ Lisa Winters, Grand Canyon Trust
- ▶ Mike Popejoy, Grand Canyon Trust
- ▶ Emily Kasyon, Southwest Conservation Corps
- ▶ Amanda Boston, Glen Canyon Conservancy ?
- ▶ XXXXX, Utah Conservation Corps?
- ▶ XXXXX, Bureau of Land Management?

Updates

- ▶ Springs Eco-blitz Event Scheduled via GCT for August!
 - ▶ John and Mike working on aerial imagery analysis to identify potential springs sites
 - ▶ Will work with Larry Stevens on developing protocol
 - ▶ GCT committed to doing this event annually until data is collected
- ▶ GSEP working on identifying volunteer coordination program and corresponding job description
- ▶ Fundraising for Volunteer Coordinator
 - ▶ Pending completion of program strategy
- ▶ GSEP planning to host a volunteer event with University of Wisconsin in March

Questions?