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Access Updates:

1. Sarah briefly reviewed the current access route as well as the several options that are included in the Master Plan document
2. Sarah also recognized Tom, who has generously provided access to the Lonkey Flume Trail from his property, which provides access to Whittell Forest via a ~1 mile hike.
 - a. Wildlife faculty from UNR are interested in placing wildlife cameras along the trail
 - b. Tom invited all members of the Advisory Committee to visit his property.
 - c. Tom also detailed how the trail would likely need to stay as a foot trail and could not be converted for vehicle use
3. Sarah asked Anna Belle Monti about Forest Service access and the possibility of road construction. Anna Belle detailed their current lack of access to Little Valley and the issues it causes for the Forest Service.
 - a. Being landlocked from Little Valley is currently inhibiting the completion of several forest management projects.
 - b. Any road construction that involves national forest will require NEPA.
 - c. Anna Belle emphasized that she would like to partner with UNR to find an access solution, but that it may take time.

Discussion

John Christopherson asked about the current condition of Little Valley Rd. Anna Belle provided details from her last visit. Hunter and Sarah added that the Frank



Brother's Ranch may have done some road repairs. John suggested walking the Forest Service portions of the road to assess the condition.

The discussion pivoted to UNR access agreements with the private landowners in the area, and Sarah explained that they were looking into the previous access agreements that UNR had with certain individuals. John and Anna Belle provided their thoughts on ways to approach access agreements. Sarah asked Tom for his opinion on access options, and he recommended an attorney who is an expert in easements, access, and water rights, which he provided. He remains optimistic about finding a solution, and recommended a sub-committee be formed to conduct additional research. Sarah added that UNR currently relies on short-term access agreement and needs to find a longer-



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