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County Appoints Parks, Recreation, Open Space and Trails Task Force

At their regular meeting on November 3rd, the Board of County Commissioners appointed nine members of the community to the Parks, Recreation, Open Space and Trails (PROST) Task Force for one year beginning on November 3, 2009.

The Parks, Recreation, Open Space and Trails (PROST) Task Force was conceptualized in the fall of 2008. The Task Force, consisting of nine members was appointed in November, 2008. In the past year, the Task Force has met monthly and has made recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners regarding the allocation and commitment of over \$275,000 of 1A Park and Recreation Funds.

The Task Force is responsible for the following functions:

- Facilitation of the execution of the Regional Parks, Recreation, Open Space & Trails Master Plan.
- Make recommendations for the expenditure of 1A Parks and Recreation Funds for 2010.
- Make recommendations for prioritizing capital projects based upon the Master Plan, community input/needs, and availability of financial resources.
- Act as a work group for specific projects; review funding opportunities, RFP's and project proposals.
- Act as a "voice" of the community, conveying and imparting important information on an impartial level.

The following members were appointed to the PROST Task Force and will serve for one year:

Michael Whiting, Community Representative
Mat deGraaf, Community Representative
Larry Lynch, Community and PLPOA Representative
Gwen Taylor, Community Representative
Jim Shaffer, School District Representative
Beverly Compton, Community Representative
JD Kurz, Community Representative
Tom Carosello, Town of Pagosa Springs Staff Representative
Karin Kohake, Archuleta County Staff Representative

The Parks, Recreation, Open Space and Trails (PROST) Task Force meets on the second Monday of each month. The next scheduled meeting is Monday, November 9th, 6:00 pm in the Courthouse Conference Room. The public is invited and encouraged to attend. For current meeting information, please check our website at www.archuletacounty.org. ###

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