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Dear Beth,

February 26, 2023

Thank you for the quick action in posting those wall maps on the web. As I mentioned in our phone call, I wasn't able to download any of them - but at that point I was using my Macbook laptop. I switched to my PC and they downloaded without problems.

I do want to mention that several of us interested in the potential for a campground in Fourmile in the area of FR375C noticed a problem in that wall map. Here is the map:

After some puzzling we figured out the problem. There is an error in the NVUM in which the number 375C is attached to a non-system road that was closed about the time the 2002 Fourmile TMP was completed. It used to end in a sandy wash that was being abused by hill climbing vehicles; FS and FoF closed that off about 2005 as per a decision in the TMP. There is a system road just to the east (not on the MVUM) that has long been signed and accepted as 375C. You properly indicate that road as where a potential campground may be developed. I realize that changing the NVUM is not likely an option but perhaps on your wall map you could shift the FR375C marker over to the correct FR and erase the closed non-system route. People who know Fourmile well may otherwise be confused. FoF is the group responsible for creating and printing the Fourmile TMA map, and we made sure it accurately reflected the MVUM; so unfortunately the Fourmile map also has the slightly incorrect location of 375C.

Also, the white rectangle indicating private land is not current. There is no longer any private land down there.

Just for your information the Friends of Fourmile is familiar with camping situations on (the correct) 375C. Here's what we did near its junction with 375 with FS supervision in 2018:

When we started monitoring this area after 2003 there was only one relatively small dispersed site in the upper right corner. Starting about 2015 with a huge Memorial Day influx of RVs, everything over on the left of the road suddenly appeared and began expanding in following years. In one of the largest of several dozen FoF B&R projects we put in 150 yards of fencing as indicated on the image. Since then, the area boundaries have been fairly well respected.

We've also been monitoring the 6-8 sites farther south on 375C down to its dead end at a historical site named the Sailor Homestead (a day use area now, since overnight camping was causing damage near the creek). As we will be commenting later, the FoF agrees the upper part of 375C is a reasonable location for a modestly sized campground. However, the turquoise envelope on your map extends too far south - as shown it would drop steeply down (4WD) and would be inappropriately close to Fourmile Creek.

We hope your comment period goes smoothly and is productive. FoF expects to make some detailed comments before the deadline.

Alan

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To: Alan Robinson <robinsonalanh@gmail.com>  
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Dear Mr. Robinson,

I just attempted to send the map files via zip folder to your email address but it seems the file was undeliverable due to its size.

I have copied all of the maps presented at last night's meeting to the project website:

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If you have any difficulties accessing them or need additional assistance, please let me know.

Thanks for all the hard work GARNA and FoF do on NFS lands.

Best Regards,

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Hello Beth,

February 23, 2023

I can't recall if we've met before but I'm the long-time agency contact for the GARNA Friends of Fourmile chapter. I was in the meeting yesterday evening but had to shift over to the GARNA event next door before I could introduce myself.

As a retired NPS planner with experience in writing plans and EAs and NEPA procedures I congratulate you and the team for coming up with a thoughtful and understandable set of documents. As you may know, the FoF chapter has a long history of assisting both FS and BLM in recreation observation and management in the Fourmile TMA - our chapter core members were all a part of the citizens groups which help craft the travel

management plan for the joint TMA signed in 2002. We're the ones that have done a windshield visitor use survey in Fourmile every Memorial Day since 2009 and provided results and analysis to the agencies, and we're largely responsible for all the Fourmile mapping and brochures. (In fact we're looking forward to helping in revisions that are likely as designated camping and other changes come on line.)

I'll be contacting District Ranger Edwards with some questions I wasn't able to pose in the meeting, but I do want to ask if the graphics on the wall are available somewhere to download. I already have the VB Designated Camping pdf and the Heat map, but not those expanded graphics that cover potential campground sites. It happens I think there is a mapping error in the graphic that shows a potential campground along 375C in Fourmile but I didn't get chance to mention it before the presentation started.

District Ranger Mercer and I have been in contact recently mostly because I am leading the GARNA-sponsored Salida to Leadville Stage and Rail historic route project. We're nearing completion of the formal designation and signing of that 75 mile route, and the last 15 miles at the north end passes through sections of BLM and FS managed lands. Pat and I and Jim Fiorelli are just waiting on final Lake County actions to getup and sign these last miles.

The FoF submitted comments in the scoping phase so we're already "on record," but in case it's of interest I'm attaching another copy. At least on initial reading of the DCM\_NOPA and VB map it seems that much of what we were suggesting for Fourmile appears in your proposal. We'll be looking more closely at the proposal and expect to provide additional comments prior to the deadline.

Thanks for you efforts and for the nice presentation.

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