

Wildcat Canyon Metal Removal Project 2020  
Notes on Wilson Excavating conversation  
M. Ballard 4/15/2020

Dave Wilson, owner of Wilson Excavating

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- WC hired Wilson Excavating to auger post holes on Selkirk in 2016. We were very happy with his work and the cost.
- Josh Voorhis has spoken with Dave previously about the Wildcat Metal Removal project and Dave is willing to do the work.
  - Understands the challenges involved (location, challenging access on Corral Creek Rd. and sensitivity of the work)
  - Dave and an associate will camp at Corral Creek TH and drive the equipment into the canyon each day. (cannot leave equip unattended)
  - Anticipates 1-2 weeks of continuous work
    - Work could possibly go into 2021
    - Needs low flow in S.Platte R. so is planning for Aug/Sept 2020. (one large metal sign is on East side of river, requiring travel through water)
  - Project details:
    - Main piece of equipment is a large rubber-tired backhoe with extension
    - Remove 3 large metal signs (Predator LLC signs pre-date Hayman Fire and are no longer valid.)
      - Signs will be cut up and carried out of Canyon
    - Remove approx. 350-400 posts and assoc. cable
      - Posts will be scraped clean of cement
      - Cement will be buried on-site per FS direction
      - Posts will be stacked at Longwater meadow
        - May be re-used in final closure or TMP
        - Josh would like to have posts brought out of canyon. Dave may be able to do that on daily trips out of the canyon, carrying posts in backhoe

bucket. (currently Dave's bid is \$24,000 for project... Josh may offer him another \$4,000 -- \$5,000 if he can get all metal out of Canyon)

- Josh has given Dave permission to work as efficiently as possible, understanding there will be impacts to willows, grasses etc. There will be disturbance to area
- Cable will also be recycled, if possible
  - May need to rent a "spooler"
  - Depending upon condition of steel cable, will either be re-spooled for future re-use or cut up into smaller sections, and piled in meadow with posts.
  - FS will determine if cable is to be recycled or scrapped.