

**Roads and Trails-** Road conditions have not changed since our last meeting, although vegetation is encroaching along the sides. The dirt road approaching our property remains in condition to be easily passable by 2wd automobiles and, while on our property, please use the lower portion of dirt road to avoid the undercut paved roadway. Trails have seen some work, notably the Red Trail, which is now well cleared (for a clockwise approach) up to the oak tree that sits at its highest elevation. The only trouble spots remain the initial start of the trail (the steep, wet, overgrown initial few feet) and connecting the newer cleared segments with the areas cleared in the Spring (a counter-clockwise approach). The green trail is passable with a few overgrown spots. Blue and White trails will need more work before field trips. Please reach out to me about the schedule and goals for your field trips, so that trail clearing can be prioritized where it is needed most.



**Buildings/grounds/equipment-** On September 10, a USFS gate lock was reported cut. I met KC Sabo (USFS) onsite as she replaced the USFS lock and we ensured the site (and interior gate) were secure. Our garage roof, pavilion roof, and paved road are still in need of repair. I met with LAVC VP Sarah Song and new (interim) Facilities Director Mike Jack. They were brought up to speed on the status of the site and our need to move ahead quickly to bring the site into acceptable condition. Mike suggested (and I sent him documentation supporting) getting our paver (Anaya Paving) signed up for a 3yr contract rather than piecemeal work. He has not responded to my initial or follow-up offer to meet onsite to inspect the grounds. The porta potty is fully functional and has been recently serviced.

**Gold Creek Usage-** Rob West and I have both been onsite since our last meeting. I spent the bulk of two days clearing completely overgrown sections of the Red Trail. I am not aware of any student usage.

**Abiota-** With just hours remaining in our September 30-October 1 Water Year, we received enough precipitation to push our water year total to an even 1,000mm (yes, a full meter). There is still flow in Gold Creek in all areas of our property. There is also a small amount of flow from Center Creek. The cliff is the source of our culvert sediment problems and road undercutting.



**Biota-** The vegetation is just starting to show drying out in some areas. Invasives such as Mustard and Star thistle are thick in parts of the Red Trail. Ragweed is very thick surrounding the parking area. Mallow is still flowering, and Mountain Mahogany has “feathers”.

