

Minutes from Upper Rattlesnake Leadership Team Meeting May 20, 2025

Attendees:

Upper Rattlesnake Leadership Team members: Terri Roach (Co-Chair), Andrea Stierle (Co-Chair), Jeani Alonso Adams (Treasurer and Transportation Committee Representative), Judy Molland (Co-Secretary), Kathy Gaskill (Co-Secretary). Other Attendees were Doug Grimm (Sign Maker), Kathy Heffernan, Upper Rattlesnake resident and Kelsie Alling , Water Quality Specialist from Missoula Public Health.

1. Terri called the meeting to order. Jeani made a motion to approve the minutes for the Upper Rattlesnake General Meeting on April 11, 2025 and Judy seconded.
2. Kelsie Alling talked about the work she is doing to prevent pollution from entering Missoula water systems by operating the Household Chemical Disposal Center next to Home Resource at 1515 Wyoming Street. Kelsie described the facility including hours of operation, cost, and what items are accepted. She will speak at the Upper Rattlesnake Ice Cream Social/General Meeting in August.
3. The Upper Rattlesnake General Meeting held April 11th was reviewed and due to low attendance, it was decided future General Meetings would not be held on Friday evening.
4. Wednesday August 20th 2025 was chosen for the Ice Cream Social/General Meeting. Judy will contact Kalina and ask her to reserve Pineview Park from 6-8 pm. Jeani will contact Big Dipper to reserve an ice cream truck for the evening. 5:45 will be the start time recommended for the truck to be ready to serve ice cream. Jeani will let them know how many free ice cream cones we will order and arrange payment including a tip. In addition to Kelsie speaking about the Household Chemical Disposal Center potential speakers for the evening are a representative from Bear Smart to address the use of bear resistant garbage cans and other bear issues, someone from the Lolo Street Bridge replacement project to update residents on the project and updates on Missoula 2045. Handouts from the Office of Emergency Management and on Smart 911 will be offered.
5. Judy will check with Jamie Jonkel to see if there is any undertaking to have trash pickup and compost pickup all be done on the same day of the week to minimize bear attractants to one day of the week.
6. Judy will attend the Community Forum Meeting this month. No one attended the April meeting.
7. Jeani attended the Upper Rattlesnake Transportation Committee Meeting in May reporting one of the topics was concern about safe travel for bikers and walkers along Duncan Drive. Kathy Heffernan reported that the owners of the horse farm

property on the right side of Duncan just past the PEAS Farm will donate an easement for a biker/walker path along their property. Kathy also spoke with Kevin Slovarp, Office of Engineering, regarding pedestrian safety crossing Duncan Drive at the North Hills Trailhead. Kevin facilitated having signs put up indicating it was a pedestrian crossing. Jeani said Bob Giordano is going to meet with Ben Weiss, Bicycle/Pedestrian Program Manager, to discuss what citizens can do to facilitate safer bike and pedestrian commuting. Bob is also looking into alternatives to pavement in Greenough Park to make the path safer and to use more environmentally friendly materials.

8. The next URLT meeting is scheduled for June 17th, 2025.