Minutes
GCESG: OREC Committee Meeting
April 27th, 2020 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm


2. Meeting Minutes:

Committee Discussion

- Updates, requests, where are we today after launching this committee a month ago:
  - Concerns from businesses:
    - Large banks were difficult to connect with for PPP support
    - Some employees are receiving more funding now under unemployment than they would if they were back working
      - What can employers do about this?
    - Outdoor brands need to hold prices for smaller retailers
    - Want to ensure employees will have work moving forward into the summer
    - People want to camp, how can we support them?
      - Dependent on what’s open locally
    - Foreign subsidiaries have been unable to receive federal financial support
    - Some businesses support the deferral of duty
    - Need to ensure PPE for employees when they return to work
    - Need federal government to provide litigation support, overwatch, etc. for employees and companies
    - Some manufacturers are maxed out with the shift in production to PPE or are not interested in pivoting
    - Trying to manage the dumping of merchandise
    - Concerned about reopening and want to ensure there’s consistent strategy across federal and state lands
  - Concerns from non-profits
    - Larger banks were difficult to work with and did not provide funding
    - Experiencing a loss of funding, having difficulty collecting invoices, and some funders have cut funding
    - Companies who provide courses are holding onto reservations because they need capital
  - Concerns from public lands organizations:
The state is determining how best to work with various counties, land agencies, etc. to re-open camping and other outdoor activities.

Experienced a lot of dispersed camping and RVs during the weekend of April 24-26.

Need to work with firefighters to ensure a healthy workforce during fire season later this year.

- Concerns from NGO:
  - Would like to discuss Stimulus 4, and the longer-term needs for the industry.

- Legislative support:
  - The committee will help provide legislative ideas moving forward.
  - Seeking thoughts on river season, and ensure guides/outfitters/etc.
    - Need clarity on transportation for guiding.

Question: How do we support tourism moving forward?

Question: Will there be an extension for the PPP forgivable period?

  - New guidelines: a rolling request for any consecutive 12 week period between May 1 and September 15.

Question: How do we support programs like Rural Jump Start moving forward?

3. Action Items:
   - Report due May 1
     - 2nd report
     - Opportunity to update recommendations we’ve received to date from the committee and the survey.