



## STEERING COMMITTEE WORKING GROUP

DATE : 2 / 9 / 22

**Attending:** Kate Schoenecker, Sarah King, Angie Jensen, Dan Adams, Ursula Bechert, Jason Bruemmer, Stephanie Boyles Griffin, Celeste Carlisle

**Next Meeting:** March 9, 2022 1 PM MTN

### Discussion:

- Kate reported an aide from Governor Polis' office (CO) did reach out to her to discuss stakeholder involvement in the WHB issue in CO.
- BLM/Tracy Stone Manning Meeting: Celeste reminded everyone that Terry had heard from the scheduler and they do wish to meet with us. We need to provide possible dates. As well, the group discussed the need for a planning meeting specific to the Tracy Stone Manning meeting with emphasis on talking points, who will cover what, and tight enough scripting so that we are efficient and do not inadvertently step on toes.
- Stephanie and Celeste requested that everyone remind themselves about the Pathways Conference session we proposed (it has been accepted) and email Stephanie if they can physically attend and/or if they wish to be involved in the session planning (May 1-4, 2022, Bremerton, WA).
- FREES Brochure and FREES Website: Angie has put together a FREES brochure as a starting point. It is important that we think about what information we wish to communicate in a brochure. Similarly, we need to think about the website: who is the intended audience? How rigorous will the website be? This will likely soon require a working meeting to dig into. Meanwhile, send thoughts regarding the brochure or website to Angie.
- Targeting Oct. 3-6 or Oct. 10-13. Kate reminds us that the FY (for USGS and for BLM) ends Sept. 30, so Oct. 10-13th slot allows a bit of time for new FY budget to kick in.
- Wild Horse and Burro Advisory Board Update: Celeste reports she has heard nothing about the three vacant positions yet being filled (veterinary, wild horse advocate, and range/ecology), however the recently retired BLM WHB Program Administrator was asked back on a temporary basis to address board scheduling and management and FOIA requests, so perhaps that means decisions are expected soon? This is only an assumption.
- CBS Morning Show: Celeste passed off Terry's news that he had sent our original bullet point ideas (pulled from the last meeting) to CBS and they like the general direction. We will need a brainstorm session to further flesh out a storyline, determine who will be directly involved, and make certain that we proceed in a media-savvy manner.
- Fertility control research updates: Jason mysteriously exclaims, "Gimme a month or two!" We await with bated breath! A general discussion followed about BLM's late 2021 Request for Information (about organizations that could provide contracted fertility control services) and the fertility control/climate change Request for Proposals (due Jan. 31). Kate reported that BLM has handed the proposals off to external reviewers. If a federal budget is passed soon, funding may be available to selected organizations or researchers by July 2022.
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#### Other items:

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#### Action Items:

- Doodle polls to Committee: BLM meeting dates, dates for a planning meeting for the TSM meeting, CBS Morning Show story flesh-out working meeting.

#### All:

- Double check emails about Pathways Conference and respond to Stephanie
- Edit/suggestions to FREES brochure and reply to Angie
- Review email from Terry with Multi State grant info

#### Wrap-up:

- *Wrap up:* Groups such as Safari Club and Outdoor Life have expressed an interest in FREES Network involvement. We will eventually need to discuss challenges that can be encountered by groups that wish to join: a network is a network and all are welcome, but Steering Committee should be aware of inter-group dynamics.

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