

**BARM
BOX ELDER
COUNTY**

Planning/scoping
meeting

**Date: Thursday April 8th 2004
Time: 5:00 PM
Place: BLM Rosebud Cabin**

Members Present; Adam Koslowzki, Rock Benson Jeff Schieck, Tyler Staggs, Todd Black, Dean Kirt Enwright, Jay Tanner, Mark Arana, John Pratt, Jerry Mason

Information Presented

Adam gave presentation on Pygmy Rabbits. Status here in BEC and concerns. He gave an overview of identification, natural history, and habitat uses. Not much is know most data collected in Utah is from the 40's UDWR is looking into current distribution and status and conducting several studies to address current needs.

Discussion Highlights

The group discussed how to deal with PYRA in the sage-grouse management plan. It was decided that the BARM group would consider the impact of any treatments on PYRA.

- 1—Verify the presence or absence of the rabbit within treatment areas
- 2—if found protect these areas where they are found.
- 3—consult UDWR (experts) prior to treatments for input and
- 4—have UDWR to determine population assessments in this area.

The group decided that there is a need to look at past treatment areas that were done 20-40 years ago to see if rabbits are present. John Pratt is doing this somewhat now and will do some more in other areas.

Discussion was had on how and what the agencies were going to implement and adhere to the plan. How the plan was going to effect private landowners. It is our understanding that the agencies and landowners are here as part of the steering committee and that they would report back to their people. As we proceed with this plan we will have meetings where we will invite the public to update and give communication towards the progress of the plan.

Further discussion was had as to how we should proceed with the plan.

Discussion was had as to where we could possibly start implement treatments.

Discussion was had to the private land owners and who we are dealing with and the need to map specific landowners that own a section or more.

Issues—there is a huge issue with regards to equipment. Even