

BARM
Date: 12/09/2008
Time: 6:00 PM
Place: Park Valley Elementary School
Members Present: Todd Black, Dena Santini, Travis Mote, Troy Forrest, Bryon Morris, Lance Westmoreland, Kevin Labrum, Ken Spackman, Kirt Enright, Traci Allen, Alan Smith, Eric Thacker, Ron Greer

Planning/scoping meeting

Information Presented/Discussion Highlights

Todd Black USU/EXT gave general information on state wide sage-grouse plan. A new state wide plan will be out shortly which will give support to LWG and address some state wide issues. He also gave an update on the Judge Windmill decision set for the 4th of December.

The bulk of the meeting was spent going over various accomplishments of specific actions on the sage-grouse plan. The group made it through all strategies and actions for 2008.

Kurt Enright presented population information on sage-grouse and lek counts for 2008. Numbers were down slightly but this could be because of the cold wet spring and not being able to get too many of the leks until too late or because of low production and recruitment in 2007.

Eric Thacker gave a research update. His presentation is attached. Eric will continue one more Spring collecting data then will work on final data analysis and publication.

Actions Taken

The group agreed on meeting frequency and summer field trip to be scheduled as follows;

February meeting—at this meeting participants:

- 1-review and report on implemented actions and strategies for the previous year
- 2-discuss and plan lek count/search needs
- 3-schedule, coordinate and plan summer events

May/June summer field tour TBA

August meeting—at this meeting participants:

- 1-plan, discuss, and coordinate various actions and strategies
- 2-state wide/range wide sage-grouse issues
- 3-report on any LWG sage-grouse research

November meeting—at this meeting participants:

- 1-review and revise the LWG plan
- 2-schedule, coordinate and plan

Follow-up Needed

Everyone to review the attached actions and strategies for final comment and input and to have back to Todd by January 31st 2009

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting is scheduled for February 17th 2009 at 6:00 PM at the Park Valley Elementary School. Subsequent meetings will be held according to the schedule above.