

**BARM
BOX ELDER
COUNTY**

Date: Friday October 26, 2005

Time: 6:00 PM

Place: Park Valley Elementary School

Dinner—
Planning & scoping
meeting

Members Present: Todd Black (USU EXT), Kirt Enwright (UDWR), Jan Knerr (USU), Sarah Lupis (USU EXT), Ron Greer U(DWR), Lance Westmoreland (Private Landowner), Ken Spackman (Landowner/Chair), Jay Tanner (Landowner/Chair), Brian and David Morris (Landowner), Bill and Gary Rose (Landowner), Cindy Ledbetter Mark Arana (BLM), Clint Brunson (UDWR), Alan Smith (Grouse Creek) and Troy Forest (SCD), Con Maxfield (Landowner), Luke Topper and Ernie Perkins (Sportsman and NR RAC Chair), Jay Carter, Royce Larn

Information Presented

Clint Brunson UDWR presented the landowner program and passed out brochures. The UDWR is looking for landowners who have smaller tracts of property who may be interested in participating in the UDWR's walk in access program which will pay landowners for access to hunt upland game and big game on private lands. This is a trial program and is being tested in the Norther Region. For more information contact Clint at 801 476-2740 or clintbrunson@utah.gov

Several different landowners gave updates on projects (Morris' Tanner's, Lance) all reported projects are progressing despite equipment failures and learning curve associated with the new rangeland drills provided by the UDWR.

Troy Forrest went over other project status; most are still awaiting ARC clearance but are likely to move forward. Troy also announced that deadlines for NRCS programs are January 01 2006. Anyone interested in EQUIP/WHIP and other NRCS projects are encouraged to get with Troy and get the ball rolling ASAP.

Kirt Enright gave some discussion with regards to the sage-grouse population since 1999. The population is continue to grow however much of this growth maybe contributed to the increase search effort by the group and UDWR since 1999. Kirt discussed how the UDWR determined population numbers and trends.

Discussion Highlights

The group is moving forward with the CAP process which will allow the group to assess both population and habitat related issues. The group divided up into 3 smaller groups and discussed where we are currently at with sage-grouse populations in the area and discussed what target numbers would need to be achieved to have the population at poor, fair, good, and excellent. No consensus was reached after much discussion and deliberation. The group agreed to give it more thought and discuss again at the next meeting. **See attached file**

Actions Taken

The group agreed to hold meetings ever month and continue with our designated meeting date which is the 4th Thursday of every month with the exception of this month (November) which will be held on 11/30 at the Park Valley Elementary School.

The Group approved Chapter/Section 2 of the Conservation Plan with respects to the general overview and layout. All agreed to review and continue to give Todd comments.

Follow-up Needed

Group to continue to review chapter 2 and get Todd comments.

Group to review attached table and be prepared to discuss at next meeting.

Next meeting is Thursday, November 30th, 2005, 6:00—9:00 PM at Park Valley Elementary School.