

**BARM
BOX ELDER
COUNTY**

Date: Thursday November 30, 2005

Time: 6:00 PM

Place: Park Valley Elementary School

Planning and Scoping Meeting

Members Present: Todd Black (USU EXT), Kirt Enwright (UDWR), Jan Knerr (USU), Ron Greer U(DWR), Lance Westmoreland (Private Landowner), Ken Spackman (Landowner/Chair), Brian Morris (Landowner), Alan Smith (Grouse Creek) and Troy Forest (SCD), Con Maxfield (Landowner), Luke Topper and Ernie Perkins (Sportsman and NR RAC Chair), Jay Carter (landowner), Royce Larsen (Landowner), Alan Kunzler (Landowner)

Information Presented

No new information was presented

Discussion Highlights

The group continued discussion on population assessments as they related to the number of male grouse counted on leks each year. The group discussed population objectives as well as the distribution of leks within the various sub units.

Todd emphasized to the group the need to review and read the habitat guidelines (passed out last meeting) prior to any further discussion and habitat assessment actions.

Actions Taken

Population numbers based on the number of males counted each year were assessed as follows.

Less than 350 three years in a row=poor 350-800=fair 800-1100=good and 1100+=very good

Lek distribution the group determined that lek distribution in the north and east ends of raft river sub unit and Pilot Mountain area was poor and that the grouse creek and core raft river sub units were good.

The group decided to eliminate the number of leks as they felt like this was correlated with distribution and the number of males and didn't need to be addressed.

Follow-up Needed

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

Group to review habitat guidelines by Connelly et al prior to next meeting

Next meeting is Thursday, December 29th, 2005, 6:00—9:00 PM at Park Valley Elementary School.