

Notes from the August 18th CRMP meeting

Attending: Scott Chamberlain from distance location via EDNET, Alan Smith, Bracken Henderson, Brent Rose, Clayton White, Diane Tanner, Jay Tanner, Jeff Schick, Lance Westmoreland, LuAnn Adams, Michael Hanson, Patti Kimber, Scott Walker, Todd Adams, Troy Forrest, Anthony VonNiederhausern, Bruce Sillitoe, Travis Mote, Clint Hill, Ken Spackman, Will Atkin, Ron Greer, Paul Thompson

The Voting Member Board consists of these people:

1. LuAnn Adams Commissioner
2. Scott Walker DNR
3. Troy Forest UDAF
4. Todd Black USU
5. Bruce Sillitoe BLM
6. Scott Nannenga FS
7. Scott Chamberlain SITLA
8. Jeff Schick NRCS
9. Alan Smith Sportsman
10. Clayton White Ecologist
11. Spencer Morris Landowner
12. Patti Kimber Landowner
13. Erik Spencer Landowner
14. Jason Tracy Landowner
15. Jay Tanner Landowner
16. Brent Rose Landowner
17. Ken Spackman Landowner

The Co-Chairs will be: LuAnn Adams and Ken Spackman

Eleven voting board members need to be able to vote either in person, by proxy by a person designated by an agency head, or on distance technology presence (ednet) to vote. There needs to be a vote of 6 or greater to pass a motion. A tie will result in the motion being tabled.

Sign in sheets will be used to keep track of in-kind contributions of everyone's collective time invested in the CRMP.

We will use **Name Tags** to assist in respectful communication.

Notes from previous meetings will be sent to all board members to review after the meeting and again before the next meeting to save time in the two hour meeting schedule.

Program Tracking Sheets will record progress being made by various ideas or plans. It should be updated every meeting to ensure continual progress.

Most meetings will be held on the third Tuesday of each month. No meeting in December will be held. For the winter months we will hold meetings from 6-8. Ednet attendance is available for those who want to join us from designated locations. (Information forth coming)

The September 13th Kick Off Meeting will start at 6:00, and be held at the Park Valley School. No distance attendance for this meeting possible. Agenda will be sent soon. During the second half of the meeting we will break out into committees: There will be at least one landowner and one agency person in each group. The two designated people will lead a discussion and take notes on ideas that the committee comes up with. A sheet with topics will be given to each leader to suggest in discussion only if the committee runs short on comments. All attendees will join in their area of interest.

1. Properly Functioning Range Lands: Troy Forest, Jeff Schick, Scott Walker, Spencer Morris
2. Wildlife: Paul Thompson, Ron Greer, Jason Tracy,
3. Water Resources: Will Atkin, Mike Hanson, Brent Rose
4. Noxious Weeds: Clint Hill, Rick Kent, Lucus Phillips, Lyle Holmgren, Lance Westmoreland, Travis Mote, Patti Kimber
5. Socio-Economics: Eric Spencer, Alan Smith, Paul Thompson, Kevin Hamilton, LuAnn Adams
6. Forestry: Scott Nannenga, Ken Spackman

There will be food provided at this meeting

Jeff Schick said that the NRCS doesn't have the resources to do many of the analysis and studies to complete a plan for our CRMP. He suggested we advertise for request for proposals and hire a consulting firm to complete studies we still need. He said that we could get a facilitator who would be at the meetings, along with studies done, who would be in our meetings from the start and very possibly save us extra steps in achieving our goals. A consulting firm would help things to move along

faster and at the end we'd have a written plan and solid data to go toward seeking grants and other contributions.

Water Resources Discussion Notes:

Six USGS stream gages were analyzed for annual flow quantities. These stream gages are: Dunn, Pine, Cotton, Dove, Fisher, and Indian Creeks. The annual stream gage analysis involved taking the USGS Station 10172952 Dunn Creek near Park Valley, UT, the longest and most consistent period of record (1971 to 1973 & 1976 to current year or 38 total years) stream gaging station. The Dove Creek USGS stream gage station ran continually for about 15 years. Each of the other 4 USGS stream gage stations operated for a short term of approximately 2 years. Since Dunn Creek's period of record lapsed from September 1973 to October 1976 the record was not continuous and was correlated with USGS Station 10172800 South Willow Creek near Grantsville, UT to extend the period of record to 1964 to 2010. This new correlated station at Dunn Creek was used as the basis used to correlate (extend) the other five gages. The annual average extended flows for these six stream gages ranged from approximately 1,550 acft to 3,800 acft.

Existing reservoir sites were plotted on a map. Water Resources also researched old publications for potential reservoir sites that have been studied in the past and plotted them on the same map. This map was distributed to the group.

Some discussion took place on potential projects such as ASR (aquifer storage and recovery) or conjunctive management of surface and groundwater. There was also discussion of potential projects dealing with efficiency measures such as lining of canals, installing piping or upgrading head gates.

Will Atkin Regional Engineer from the Northern Region State Engineer's office, spoke about water rights, and concerns with surface waters and groundwater rights, as they are heavily and directly correlated to one another. He also mentioned concerns with over-appropriation of water rights in the area.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30.