

Notes from CRMP meeting on July 12th 2011

Started right at 6:30 p.m.

Attendees: Alan Smith, Bracken Henderson, Brent Rose, Jay Tanner, Travis Mote, Lance Westmoreland, LuAnn Adams, Lyle Holmgren, Patti Kimber, Scott Walker, Spencer Morris, Todd Black, Troy Forest, Anthony VonNiederhousern, Bruce Sillitoe, Rick Kent, Ashley Hansen, Clint Hill, Diane Tanner

Diane reported efforts made to obtain a facilitator. Nothing yet is definite. LuAnn will contact ATK and Rocky Mt. Power,

Bracken Henderson found there was possibly a CRM done in Park Valley in 1976. Several people are looking into getting the information gathered in that report.

At present there is a project proceeding in Grouse Creek area by Greg Simon's group. They are photographing various sites based on the soil survey and using GPS coordinates. They are meshing their photos with satellite photos to create a view of current range conditions. They can also use the Satellite imagery to see any improvements in areas where treatments have been used. Data gathered could be very useful to qualify for range projects in the future.

Clayton White had agreed to represent environmentalists on our board. Wayne Martinson from the Audubon Society has also agreed to be involved with the committee.

Troy Forest gave a review of the Nature Conservancy Landscape plan and said that it might be useful in developing our CRMP. Caution was expressed that models provide predictions based on the "best guess" opinions, but that they can still be useful for making management decisions.

Rick Kent, Lyle Holmgren, Lance Westmoreland, Patti Kimber, and possibly someone from the Yost area and from the BLM agreed to lead a new task force to work on weeds in West Box Elder. Their task will be identifying three Class A weeds in each area with a 5-7 year plan to drastically reduce each of them. We had great discussion on ways for the communities to pull together in this effort.

Some ideas generated in discussion

- Use of GPS units to locate unidentified weeds for county to spray.
- Using a website to enter the location of weeds for the county.
- What type of GPS would be compatible with the NRCS
- Getting several GPS units at a reduced cost and training on using them
- Photos of selected noxious weeds posted or emailed out for landowners to identify and work with the task force.

Scott Walker encouraged people to put together good Habitat projects because there is money available.

As we discussed ways to cut down on travel it was decided not to use Skype but rather EDNET, not for every meeting but especially when the weather isn't conducive for travel. Todd Black will call USU about areas that are equipped with the facilities to use the EDNET system.

Todd will also be putting together a committee for the Sage Grouse.

LuAnn informed us of the meeting on August 2 about the RS2477 roads. Back roads could be closed if we aren't there to tell of the impact to landowners and sportsmen.

After discussion on the next meeting it looks like we will have our next CRMP meeting on August 18th at 6:30 p.m. at the Park Valley School. Put it on your calendar. Thanks!!!