

Notes for the January 17, 2012 CRMP meeting

Attendees: Patti Barney, Brent Rose, Janet Rose, Clint Hill, Clayton White, Delbert Spackman, Jay Tanner, Ken Spackman, Bill Gilson, Alan Kunzler, Spencer Morris, Todd Black, Ron Greer, Stephanie Graham, Beth Burritt, Brian Wing, Avery Cook, Tammy Koldyke, Jim Christensen, Karl Fisher, Jeff Schick, Don Adam, Marcus Blood, Rudy Jones, Andy Neff, Eric Duffin, Brian Dixon, Diane Tanner. At distant locations: LuAnn Adams, Pam Kramer, Anthony Von Niederhousern, Scott Chamberlain, Scott Walker, Alan Smith, Troy Forest, Wayne Martinson, Lucas Phillips, Scott Nannenga, Kerry Goodrich

Meeting called to order at 6:00 by Ken Spackman and Diane Tanner

Update since last CRMP meeting:

- New Invasive Weed leader is Bill Gilson
- The Sage Grouse BARM will now no longer be called the BARM but rather a sub committee of the CRM.
- There are several companies submitting proposals for our CRM, due on Feb. 3rd. Next meeting we'll be discussion the proposals.

Sage Grouse Report: **Todd Black** expressed the importance of landowners attending at least one of several Sage Grouse Meeting BLM and Forest Service scoping meetings with regards to sage-grouse an updating the land use plans LUPs.

These will be very important to attend and provide comment. Information will be sent out again to all landowners whose email address we have. Please read and be prepared to discuss the information sent.

The sub committee has gone over the 2006 West Box Elder Adaptive Resource Management Plan to update what has been accomplished, what needs to be altered or removed and what still needs to be done.

Grad student from USU, **Avery Cook** and **Brian Wing** introduced themselves and presented a slides showing what they intend to study in the Park Valley area. They will be trying to fill in knowledge gaps identified by the WBE local conservation plan such as demography, vital rates, diet content, relationship to habitat treatments, and what habitat treatments are most valuable.

Stephanie Graham will be continuing her project in the Grouse Creek Valley collaring bird and studying the utilization of forage kochia, nesting and brooding. (All the students would encourage any people to help in the catching and collaring of the birds through the last winter and spring.)

Wayne Martinson from the Audubon Society made a presentation of the nomination for our area to be a globally Important Bird Area. Digital copies may be sent to anyone that hasn't already received them. The IBA's are sites that provide essential habitat for one or more species of bird. IBA's include sites for breeding, wintering, and/or migrating birds. The IBA Program is designed to be proactive, voluntary, participatory, science-based and credible. The IBA program works to identify, monitor and conserve sites for birds. The IBA program provides recognition and potential assistance, but it does not have any management oversight or authority.

Noxious Weed leader **Bill Gilson** suggest that our Weed sub committee set priorities and come up with attainable goals. With the help of the UACD we can make the plan work.

- Each area in West Box Elder has identified problem weeds they intend to work on through this summer.
- Consolidate mapping with data from the BLM, County, Forest Service and UACD for us to use for planning.
- Utilize the USU website on identifying noxious weeds and effective methods for eradication. (**Lyle Holmgren's** project)
- Plan for early detection and response of serious noxious weeds.
- Concerted efforts will be made to have all agencies work together to be more effective.
- Letter to legislature will be sent in efforts to support Commissioner Blackham's efforts in controlling invasive species.

Representatives from three consulting agencies introduced themselves to the attendees.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm.

You can read all of the past notes to the meeting by looking at this link.

<http://www.utahcbcp.org/html/groups/boxelder>