

Color Country Local Work Group Meeting
October 22, 2007
10 – 12, Panguitch Forest Service Office

In Attendance: John Keeler UFBF, Hal Stout UDWR, Nicki Frey USU EXT, Nile Sorenson NRCS.

1. Nicki gave the trapping update. It's been bleak this fall. To date, only 2 birds have been collared. We plan to collar birds in Hoyt's Ranch this spring.
2. Hal stated the sage grouse counts were lower this year, but still over higher in the trend line. He presented us with data to add to our notebooks.
3. Nile presented the information he was able to find as per Norm's request:
 - a. 1976. For 6 days in February, they searched in Garfield country for birds. Trapping began in late Feb.
 - b. 9 hens were radio-collared at that point, for a total of 12.
 - c. when they monitored them in June, there were 2 hens, but no chicks.
 - d. in 1978, they trapped birds in Dog Valley
 - e. in 1980 they caught 12 birds in Hamlin Valley, but they didn't see a lot of movements of birds in the valley.
4. NRCS has an EQIP grant with Carl Heaton on the Sevy land. They did a spike treatment, treating 1540 acres. It consisted of 300 ft treatments with 80 ft strips of cover. This is in the area where there are grouse.
5. Nicki needs to send points to Nile to see if they fall into the treated area.
6. Nicki needs to call Chris to set up a presentation regarding Alton Coal for Dec 12.
7. We nominated people to be chairpersons. Due to low attendance we did not hold elections, but will have elections via email. Please send your vote for one of the following to Nicki
CHAIRPERSON NOMINATIONS:
Jake Shoppe
Kevin Heaton
Hal Stout
8. Next meeting December 12th, 10-12 at the Panguitch Forest Service office. Call or email Nicki if you need directions