

CCARM Local Working Group
Tuesday, March 27, 2007
10am – 12pm
Forest Service Office, Panguitch, UT

AGENDA

- Flyer determination and planning --group
 - Change the town labels to dots, so that Boulder doesn't look so big.
 - 2' x 3'; 7 copies. 5 are 2x3, 2 reduced.
 - Send final copy to Vicki to print for Livestock meeting, April 10-12.
 - Where do we want it? Trailhead just north of the hospital (posts, plastic casing). Where the pavement ends in Alton going to Sink Valley (will require posts, plastic casing). The lake road where the flagging is at turnoff to Sagehen Hollow (will require posts, plastic casing). Tom Best springs kiosk (reduced to 75%; plastic casing). John's Valley turnoff by the UPD sign (posts, plastic casing). Casto Canyon trailhead at the kiosk (could either be reduced to 75% or posts). Red Canyon visitor's center (just need the poster).
 - \$180 for poster, \$40 for posts.
 - Jake will check on costs for the plastic covering.
 - Panier Graphics – approx. \$300

- Land development –Wally, Kevin, Hal
 - Group tour today?
 - Hal has coordinates: NAD83 LATLOG --37' 53.2" N; 112' 22.25" W. UTM --0379448, 4194126
 - Wally brought plat map.
 - Antelope Ridge Road. Grouse lek in the southwest corner of the property. Parcels broken into 20 acre lots.
 - "Panguitch east bench"
 - Brian Bremner has been talking to them b/c they want a land trade. GarKane has already applied to them for their power line.
 - Propose that they make it an open-space area.
 - Target BLM treatments to create some new potential lek sites.

Nicki will talk with Brian about his progress.

- Lek counts --Hal
 - Hal found new lek with 40 males, 25 females mixed in.
 - When through the leks and gave counts so far.
 - Has had eagles taking off birds
 - When any of us see counts, we need to email them to Hal
 - Kevin saw at least 3 grouse lekking west of the current Sink Valley lek, possibly a satellite lek.
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- Research Update --group

- Can we take birds from Hoyts to Alton and encourage movements?
 - Time issues, process would make it through for Spring 2008.
 Spent time last weekend trying to get birds to move north of lek. No luck.

- Mine update --group
 - Flights – Fueling at Bryce
 - Hoyts ranch south
 - UTM 0395752, 4181222 NAD83 : Spring Creek
 - 5 Mile Creek
 - Ford Pasture
 - Skutumpah
 - Seveys bench
 - South Spring

- Predator Survey update
 - Nicki will send out protocol
 - Study will start in late June/July

- UPD habitat project for FS –Lydia Allen is the lead
 - Rhett discussed the enhancement project in Bear Valley slated for this summer. Rhett has been asked to be a committee member on this planning process.
 - If you have any suggestions for him, in regards to grouse, please send it to him ASAP. Needs letter by April 6.
 - Mosaic patterns with blobs of habitat. Not a circle, amoeba-like polygons, maximize the edge of polygon habitats.
 - Don't go in during the brood-rearing season, and we should be okay. September-October.
 - Keep sagebrush border along the road
 - Possibility to do transect surveys, FS has this planned so we can see if we can help them out or build off their planned surveys.
 - Concensus was to get the project slated for the fall, not worry so much about the mosaic pattern for the project.

- Edits to Plan – Jake Schoppe
 - Norm McKee brought comments on the ARM to Jake to bring to the group.
 - The biggest thing is that we say that Cheatgrass/PJ encroachment is a major issue (page 31).
 - Put this on the agenda for next meeting: create a process for implementing edits that is non-biased toward any group. Review Norm's comments.

CONSIDER: What is an emergency? What is just symantics? What would affect our management plan during the course of a year?

Forest Guardians/Grand Canyon Trust is doing a sage-grouse habitat use analysis. Has a draft report out for Cedar City.