

CoCARM  
Meeting Minutes  
August 22, 2007

**Members Present**

Chris McCourt, Alton Coal  
John Keeler, UFBF  
Norm McKee, Landowner  
Terry Talbert, BLM  
Chel Curtis, undergrad SUU  
Nicki Frey, USU EXT

Wally Dodds, UACD  
Kevin Heaton, USU EXT  
Tom Wilson, BYU  
Steve Peterson, BYU  
Hal Stout, UDWR  
Commissioner Cox, resident

**Items Discussed**

A. Updates

1. UPD field day Sept 6<sup>th</sup> at Ruby's Inn

B. Sage grouse Update

1. lek count numbers similar to last year's.
2. none of the historic leks had birds
3. Hal will forward the final lek numbers for the group.

C. Research Update

1. Went on several heli flights but did not see any birds in any new locations.
2. Gave PPT presentation on home range sizes, fence mortality, migration, vegetation changes.
3. Initial predator survey did not turn up any results. We will try again with scent stations rather than artificial nests.

D. Future Research Plan

1. Try predator survey again, using scent stations rather than nests to draw the animals in.
2. Place more emphasis on the Hoyt's Ranch grouse to get some DNA information as well as migration information.
3. Look at population interchange among all the leks/populations.
4. Predator control once we figure out which animals to target
5. Need grouse nesting information
6. Need to look at the effects of the mining activity

E. Display boards

- 1. need to get BYU logo to Terry to get it on the boards**
- 2. Alton Coal would like to be involved, thus need to get their logo as well.**

F. Alton Coal Mine update

1. Timing activity to be off of the lek during the breeding season
2. **Will give a presentation next meeting**
3. Concerns about the mining: increased activity, habitat disturbance, traffic
4. Plan to have permits in place by next summer.
5. Will do work on private land regardless of permits for public lands.

**Next meeting time: Tuesday October 16<sup>th</sup>. 9am -11am. Forest Service Building,  
Panguitch**