

CCARM Meeting Agenda  
January 12 10am – noon

Via Zoom: see email for login information

If you have a Zoom portal you must use, so that the link may not work, the Zoom meeting info is as follows:

Meeting ID: 4878657224

Password: CCARM21

1. Introductions: Kirk Nicholes Alton Coal Development; Nicki Frey, Utah State University Extension; Heather Talley, Utah Division of Wildlife Resources; Jared Reese, Bureau of Land Management; Dan Fletcher, Bureau of Land Management – Cedar City Field Office; Christine Fletcher, Bureau of Land Management, Lisa Church – Bureau of Land Management - Cedar City Field Office; John Reese, Bureau of Land Management - Cedar City Field Office; Kyle Christensen, Utah Division of Wildlife Resources; Jake Shoppe, US Forest Service
2. WRI Project Proposals: Nicki Frey
  - Greater Fremont Plateau Habitat Restoration Phase IV – Dan Fletcher
    - 5,765 affected acres. Continuation of project within Buckskin/Dog/Bear Valleys. Multiple landowners.
    - Focusing on riparian areas, opening corridors for grouse movements
    - Grouse move from buckskin valley to the area in the summer time. Would increase predictable mesic habitat for grouse that move into the valley in the summer.
  - Mud Springs – Jake Shoppe
    - 2164 affected acres. High priority area for the US Forest Service district
    - Mostly a pinyon-juniper removal project to increase habitat availability.
    - Research has shown grouse using this area. Should help them move around safely.
  - Beaver Relocations – Heather Talley
    - Detailed plans for relocation areas are in Images and Documents section of the proposal.
    - **Proposed translocation in Mill Creek, which could tie in nicely with that project.**
    - **Proposed translocation in the Greater Fremont area, which could tie in nicely with that project.**
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  - Upper Kanab Creek – Lick Creek, Mill Creek
    - 2446 acres; several treatment types
    - Maintenance to remove trees that have grown in recently

- Grouse aren't there yet but have used adjacent areas in past winters.
  - This is an important area to have, if we have a hard winter and grouse move down into the area, as we have recorded them doing in the past.
3. Research Updates: Nicki Frey, Jake Shoppe
- a. Nicki – research in Sink Valley. Researching use of treated areas 20 years after treatment. Did the treatment result in the vegetation that we had hoped? Are the grouse using the area? If so, when are they?
    - i. Can have up to 5 birds; we have 4 on the air right now.
    - ii. Also conducting pellet counts and bird-dog counts
    - iii. Consistently using sink valley this fall and winter
    - iv. In the summer, it was very dry. Kirk Nicholes reported 6" rain, the normal average is 17". Birds tucked into whatever mesic habitat they could find.
    - v. Didn't use the areas near the lek until fall/winter
4. Next Meeting: March 10<sup>th</sup>, 10am. Nicki will send out meeting information. But the meeting ID and password will be the same as this meeting, just in case you don't get the email.
- a. Jake will present some updates from the research in John's Valley
  - b. Nicki will present the needs assessment survey
  - c. Kyle will give us lek attendance insights, although the season won't totally be over yet.