

CCARM Meeting Minutes

September 11, 2019

1. Attendance
 - a. Stan Gurley, UDWR and NRCS
 - b. Brian Bremner, Garfield County
 - c. Kevin Heaton, USU Extension
 - d. Clint Wirick, USFWS
 - e. Nicki Frey, USU Extension
 - f. Lisa Church, Bureau of Land Management
 - g. Kirk Nicholes, Alton Coal Development
2. GSENM Plan – The approved 3 RMPs are ready for review. Will go out to cooperators. They are on target for a November 8 signature date.
3. Alton Lease Updates – currently reviewing ACD mine reclamation to determine what lands can be leased from “disturbance” category. Some lands probably are considered ‘reclaimed’ so that we can recalculate our disturbance cap (re: state GRSG plan).
 - a. Nicki can show maps
4. Research Updates – planning on putting out at least 3 transmitters this fall.
5. WRI Updates – meeting on November 21st, at the Heritage Center, Cedar City, UT. Starts at 9:00am. Be there to present projects prior to submitting to WRI database.
6. Project Updates
 - a. Lop and Scatter in Dog Valley was completed and started a new one yesterday. There will be multiple corridors into Bear, Buckskin, and Dog Valley.
 - b. A conservation crew built erosion control structures in the Dog Valley project to reverse some gullies.
 - c. Coyote Lakes project (above Dog Valley) to create some brood rearing habitat.
 - d. Private lands project on Sevy Bench will be starting this fall.
 - e. Sevier River allotment has been flagged out for treatment. Lop and scatter and bullhog to restore sagebrush habitat. Will match up with the previous project conducted by US Forest Service.
 - f. USFS has been working on Johns Valley treatment to remove junipers and re-establish Ponderosa parklands and sagebrush habitat.
 - g. Russian olive removal in drainages has been started in the Alton - Sink Valley area. 28 acres to date.
7. Nat GEO article – how do we get our own story out there. We can all write local stories and get them published in their local papers.

Next Meeting December 11th, Garfield County Offices Conference Room, Panguitch Utah.
10-12

TASKS: Forward at least one article you’ve read to a popular social media site.

2 good papers to read:

Identifying holes in the greater sage-grouse conservation umbrella

Jason D. Carlisle , Douglas A. Keinath , Shannon E. Albeke , Anna D. Chalfoun

First published: 30 March 2018 | <https://doi-org.dist.lib.usu.edu/10.1002/jwmg.21460>

Seasonal drought in North America's sagebrush biome structures dynamic mesic resources for sage-grouse <https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/full/10.1002/ece3.4614>