

Color Country Adaptive Resource Management

March 8th, 2017

11 AM

Garfield County Building

-----Meeting Agenda-----

1) **Introductions** as necessary

In attendance: Rhett Boswell, Cameron McQuivey, Shawn Peterson, Kevin Heaton, Vicki Tyler, Stan Gurley, Brian Bremner, Kirk Nichols

2) WRI meetings/presentation updates, WRI ranking and projects related to CCARM, WRI next steps – Vicki Tyler, and whomever was present or knows

Vicki handed out ranking spreadsheet. Explained the WRI ranking process very well. Four projects in the Panguitch SGMA are highly ranked. Discussed the issue with maintenance projects ranking low even though they are a big bang for the buck. Discussed the future addition of “at large” members to the WRI ranking committee.

3) Panguitch PHMA adaptive management review – Vicki Tyler

Vicki explained the somewhat esoteric adaptive management review. Discussion on triggers and stipulations on developments. BLM is suggesting helping out the DWR with lek counts so we get the most accurate counts. BLM is ramping up a statewide sagebrush habitat assessment framework.

4) Skutumpah Terrace update – Cameron McQuivey

Pronghorn have moved onto the Skutumpah/GSENM, they are using the treatments. Cameron is seeing increased GRSG use in the treatments. The BLM's PHMA is not in areas that need treatments that could benefit/expand grouse. They are in areas that are considered “opportunity” be the DWR. The GSENM's

plan is very protective of soil crust which may hinder future treatments in the opportunity areas. A complete review for wilderness character will be needed before treatments. Could be completed this year in a week! Lots of hurdles but there is a light at the end of the tunnel. DWR's winter sage brush cover objectives may be restrictive for needed treatments on the GSENM. The DWR is willing to work on ways to make the winter habitat optimal for all uses.

5) Discussion on are we seeing more lekking males, value of habitat and NRCS habitat evaluation guide, Garfield Co. use of eggs for corvid control in future – Brian Bremner.

Discussion on the county/state plans and getting 25% percent reduction of PJ. Brian believes we are seeing more GRSG lekking; BLM and DWR concur. Is the NRCS habitat evaluation guide proving that we are doing good things? A raven impact study for John's Valley. How can the county become involved in a poison egg implementation? Could we make inferences from the poison egg work in Sink Valley. There is a supply problem with the poison eggs statewide.

6) **Everyone and anyone** – Other business not covered, etc...

Alton Coal presented a few mitigation projects designed for wetland mitigation and a woody invasive removal project along Kanab and Robinson creek. Potentially could qualify as some credit for GRSG mitigation.

Program Deadlines – NRCS, USFWS, PFW, DEQ, WRI, etc.....

No discussion on deadlines, most have come and went

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