

CCARM Meeting

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Updates:

Add Clint Wirick to trapping list

Nicki -- Trapping update. 5 nights out already. Average of 6 people per night. Average of 4 hours of trapping time per night

GRSG Summit next week -- will be transmitting live for those that can't come or were not able to register.

Curtis and Clint - discussion of SGI project sign up and fence markers

Casey and Curtis have fence markers for any body who wants them. You don't have to be a part of any program. Just fill out the form. Such as all the fences along the coal mine, or the deer fence around Alton. Deadline for the signup is March 21st.

Lisa Church --update on the statewide GRSG EIS and other BLM actions

Alton EIS is currently with the editors in the contractors office. About to go to DC for review. Should have that new draft to the public in March. Then will have the public meeting process (Kanab, Cedar, Panguitch)

Statewide - will have to have the document out by September in order to meet the 2015 deadline. Currently going through the substantive comments. The most common comments were % of disturbance ratios, predator management, disturbance on private vs. public, role of fire in disturbance.

Projects- Graveyard Hollow is complete, Upper Kanab Creek is still progressing; but in several projects for WRI

UDWR - sage grouse lek location shape file available online. Just the point data, no metadata attached.

Josh Pollock is our new game biologist.
Dustin's Dream has almost been realized
UDWR will be doing 3000 acres on Hatch Bench
Would like to see diversified streambank vegetations. Meandering stream banks, meadow habitats. Reconnecting water to the floodplain.

UDWR state plan -- currently looking at creating direction to making changes to the WMA maps.

Brian Bremner -- Garfield County Updates

Create a NEPA project proposal to the state of Utah to fund a landscape level project to conduct NEPA so that projects can be conducted when they are proposed, without having to wait.
Garfield County GRSG Plan has been adopted.
Sent plan to USFWS for review. Comments suggested that the plan didn't address the 2 major concerns of USFWS for the listing of the species.

Other Comments - John Keeler

John Keeler made a comment on the lack of language regarding predator control. There should at least be a section that expresses their desire to work with the appropriate agency to control or management problem species.

ACTION ITEM: Write an article regarding the signup to place in southern counties and UFBF. Rhett will be taking the charge on that.

Field Tour -- South Canyon or any of those in the Sage-Hen Hollow area?
Suggestions -- Life in the Day of a Sage-grouse using the telemetry data that I've collected.

Nominations for Chairperson - Clint Wirick. Brian Bremner. Curtis Roundy.

- Next idea: get location of water developments for wildlife in GRSG habitat. I want to start a project on investigating GRSG use of guzzlers in sagebrush shrublands. Now that I have a stronger handle on what we've been seeing; also to see what has changed in use patterns with the habitat improvements. Would do this across the range, combining CCARM and SWARM. This would be guzzlers, ponds, etc. Maybe comparing use of water catchments for wildlife vs wet meadows associated with water ponds and well. Are they using the water or the habitat associated with the water?

NOTE - all the work that Harry and Lisa did - where are the reports on that?