

CCARM MEETING MINUTES

8.22.13

1. Introductions -- J. Martini, Clint Wirick, John Keeler, Wally Dodds, Brian Bremner, Nicki Frey, Kirk Nicholes , Rhett Boswell

2. Review of what the directives of the state are and what we need to do in the next year.

a. Focus is still on keeping the birds off the list

b. Each person is responsible for representing the needs and objectives of their own group but when they come to this table, they need to focus on SG; find ways that we can work toward conservation within the constraints that we have

Wally - we just don't have a lot of private lands to work with, so that isn't gonna work.

Rhett -- what about Sevier River riparian areas? that is a huge amount of SG habitat that we can work with. What about easements in John's Valley.

Brian - want to focus on federal lands rather than the private lands. Private lands need to be productive in other ways. P/J is mostly on the federal lands.

Martini - on private lands, small things like marking fences go a long way, and it wouldn't negatively affect the land owners.

That is something that this group could focus on.

Upper Sevier will be doing intensive monitoring this year. We could use our 319 funds to match with and we can find some small things to work on. Have a couple million in funding.

Clint - I can work with landowners on easements, often want the landowner to keep doing what they are doing. Can cater to almost any situation.

Brian - in Garfield County, the land would have to be zoned for a wildlife habitat area before he enters an easements. It depends on what the activity change would be.

Rhett - maybe we need to identify landowners that would be willing to attempt to change their zone.

Brian - it depends on the wording of the situation. Because it depends on how the decision would impact the neighbors surrounding it. If a sensitive species moves onto somebody else's property based on your actions, that would result in a negative impact.

c. Conservation Plan of GRSG review of Section 2

Nicki - let's look at these objectives and compare them to our objectives. What ones can we focus on? What do we think we can do?

Brian - how do we make a target for leks and numbers? What is a good goal?

Rhett - we need to focus on maintaining what we have, and the look for opportunities to increase.

Brian - there are so many things out of our control,

Nicki - maybe for next step, I can map out these objectives with our LWG objectives and see where we currently stand and see where we need to change our focus.

Rhett - we need to be careful what we call habitat improvements and that they are reflected in the report. Even if the state already called it "habitat" we call it habitat improvement.

Rhett will bring GIS layer that shows map of private lands that overlap with the fence model to show where some opportunities are.

2. Group updates

Rhett - we need a private land representative. What can we do?

Wally - Malloy is retired, he might come.

Rhett - it would be great to have a rancher here. We can help both at the same time.

Nicki - county commission report scheduling for after next CCARM meeting so that I can tell them what our next step is.

Brian - we all these separate actions going with state and federal participants but how are we going to get them all coordinated? Land owner input is nice but they have no authority and no money.

Rhett - but they speak for a different audience and do represent a different opportunity.

Brian - new zone designation -the wildlife one- to protect landowners from negative impacts due to wildlife operations. County designated rabbitbrush as a county noxious weed. Allows federal treatments on rabbitbrush within the county. Will facilitate treatment on rabbitbrush in other venues

Nicki - does how does that work?

Brian - the county has the ability to have their own plan, and that the state plan will respect the county plan at the local scale. Should follow the same format, though. Working toward creating large scale UPCD projects. County policy is to bring the county PJ levels back to pre-settlement levels.

3. September 12th Upper Sevier Watershed Tour. Triple C @ 9am - 130.

4. Meeting time change October 16th @ 10 am.