

CCARM Meeting Minutes

Attendance

Kirk Nicholes, Alton Coal Development

Vicki Tyler, Bureau of Land Management

Joe Helfrich, Division Of Oil, Gas, and Mining

Nicki Frey, Utah State University Extension

Lisa Church (remote), BLM

Rhett Boswell, Utah Division of Wildlife Resources

Research Updates

Need to go put out transmitters in Dog Valley to get the sample size up

Looked at birds that moved across I-15

3 transmitters to go out in Alton; male transmitter fizzled out but he is still alive.

Rhett is beginning a resource selection function to look at how birds use treated areas

Steve Peterson has an article in press reporting the monitoring of birds around the mine, should be published in Human Wildlife Interactions

Agency Updates

BLM (Vicki and Paul)

From Lisa - the formal Imaternal Memo for grazing, oil and gas in relation to the sagegrouse plan have gone out. Getting direction from state office on prioritization of permit renewal for livestock grazing and threshold responses (in relation to grouse).

Implementation of the Habitat Assessment Framework is being discussed. This will determine a lot of how we respond to hard and soft triggers of disturbance based on Utah BLMs plan.

Vicki and Paul - Upper Kanab Creek

Wednesday, September 14, 2016

Map of the treatments proposed; 3000 acres

Has 1600 of south canyon left to do and then south canyon will be done

Private land Mark Spencer and John Bramell did lop and scatter "Coal Hollow and Buck Knoll" will be completed this fall.

Alton Coal

Working with Curtis Roundy on a WRI project. "ACD Mitigation Project, Upper Kanab Creek". 252 acres. Mowing rabbitbrush, thinning out some willows.

Rhett - UDWR

Met with Lisa Rinehart (Biologist, DOGM) to talk about options for reclamation. On 3rd year of reclamation on the original site. Originally, the reference site had 8000 shrubs per acre; which will probably never be a possibility for reclamation. Reclamation has been about 800 shrubs per acre of black sage. But, it has a higher diversity now, with a greater diversity of shrubs.

Items for Next Meeting

Quincy Barr will come down for December meeting to discuss Utah BLM plan.

Jason Robinson will be coming down to discuss opening up Panguitch SGMA to hunting.

Next meeting : December 7, 11am.