

Box Elder CRM Agenda

March 19, 2019

- 1) Rangeland Committee Presentation (Clint Hill) –
 - a) There will be a range tour on **May 15th at 9 a.m. Kelton turn off**, to look at different seeding sites and see how they progressed.
 - a. Coldwater Seeding
 - b. Hereford Association Seeding
 - c. Devils Playground Seeding
 - d. Lynn Bench Seeding
 - b) August 6th, there will be a teleconference, to discuss/plan a tour of the green strip fuel breaks in West Box. This tour will take place sometime in September.
 - c) RCPP Sign-Up is going on from now until April 19th. This covers both Park Valley and Grouse Creek. Most rangeland projects will work for this sign-up
- 2) Weed Committee Presentation (Mark Andersen)-
 - a. **County Weed Spray Days**
 - i. **Park Valley- April 17th 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.**
 - ii. **Grouse Creek – April 18th 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.**
 - iii. **Yost- April 24th 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. (Tentative)**
 - b. They have received a \$13,500 grant from ISM for spraying of Knapweed.
 - c. There is a concern about the squarous knapweed they have found in Big Canyon.
 - d. Early September they are planning on spraying in Park Valley, Goose Creek, Etna, and Grouse Creek for Russian and Diffuse Knapweed.
 - e. If you are spraying large areas of weeds, let Mark know to see where he can help.
 - f. Keep your eyes open for any large patches of Dyers Woad or any other noxious weeds.

Jay Tanner asked, when would be the best time to spray scotch thistle and what would work the best? Spray it in May – Early June, use MSM and LV6 when spraying early on and Milestone if spraying it later on. The comment was made that new seeding maybe should not be sprayed for the 1st year.

- 3) Grouse Creek Fire Research Project (Eric Thacker)-
 - a. They received money from WRI to monitor the burn areas in West Box Elder County
 - i. They are going to look into what seeding worked and which ones have not.
 - ii. They are going to see if juniper work has added to the resilience of the disturbed areas.
 - iii. Use literature to create a synthesis
 1. This will help to give some common ground to work on going forward.
 - iv. Due to the fact it is a large burn area, they are going to use remote sensing to do some monitoring on the ground.
- 4) Fuel Breaks Research Project (Will Price)-
 - a. Presented a research project that he did on Badger Flat and Dry Basin to see how effective fuel breaks actually were
 - i. There was a small reduction of cheatgrass in 2017 at both Badger Flat and Dry Basin

- ii. Badger Flat
 - 1. In 2018 there was still some residual cheatgrass and small increase in Native Grass
 - 2. Possible germination for non-native grasses
 - iii. Dry Basin
 - 1. In 2018 there was no significant decrease in cheatgrass and little increase in perennial grass.
 - iv. Conclusion
 - 1. Further research is needed to determine what will happen when the plateau wears off. Most of the grasses that they seen where residual grasses.
- 5) CWPP Fire Plan (Scott McComb)-
 - a. The state pays the cost of a catastrophic fire. While the local governments pay for a commitment to reduce the risk of such an event occurring.
 - b. There is a website called Wildfire Risk Assessment Portal
 - i. County pays for a plan to help reduce the wildfire risks
 - ii. Risk Reduction Strategy Ideas
 - 1. Partner in juniper reduction
 - 2. Grazing for fuel reduction
 - 3. Radio's in Grouse Creek
 - 4. Rangeland fire protection agencies
 - 5. Credit people for clean-up around their houses
 - iii. Hazard Mitigation Purpose
 - 1. Reduce the loss of life & property
 - 2. Severe Weather
 - 3. Poor Soil
- 6) DWR Habitat Projects (Kent Sorenson)-
 - a. Beaver Dam Analog Uses
 - i. Restore & Enhance Riparian Areas
 - ii. Riparian Area Expansion
 - b. Planned places for beaver reintroduction
 - i. Johnson Creek
 - ii. One Mile
 - iii. Mahogany Basin
- 7) Boreal Toads (Chante Lundskog)-
 - a. Presenting a WRI project for Boreal Toads in the Grouse Creek Mountain Range
 - i. Willow Springs
 - 1. Habitat improvement project in 2017
 - a. Breeding and rearing increased.
 - 2. 2018
 - a. Large egg count
 - b. One week later, the area had been trampled.
 - b. Purposing to put a 300 ft. fence around Willow Creek
 - i. There is water above and below the purposed site

- ii. Type of Fence- Buck and Pole Fence
 - iii. Maintenance of Fence- Group & BLM
 - iv. Landowners brought up the idea to put in a fence that cows aren't going to tear down quickly also put a gate in the fenced area so they can get livestock and wildlife out that have crawled in.
 - c. Clint entertained the motion to pass this WRI project. Jay made the motion to approve the project and Dallin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- 8) BLM Updates (Melissa Wood)-
 - a. Goose Creek Fire
 - i. Fall 2018 & Spring 2019 Treatments have been done or are underway.
 - ii. They have had a meeting with the people affected by this fire
 - b. Immigrant Pass- Phase 1 (PJ tree removal)
 - i. Set to begin in Fall of 2019
 - c. Etna- PJ Lop and Scatter
 - i. Implemented in September & October of 2019
 - d. They are getting a new range specialist
 - i. Jordan Davis
 - 1. He is over both Rich and Box Elder County
 - ii. Brett Burgess is leaving
 - 1. Landowners will be contacted with who their new BLM range specialist will be.
- 9) CRM Stakeholders (Calee Garn)-
 - a. She would like to meet with each of the subcommittees and talk with each group to help get new plans set up for their groups.
 - b. She is looking for ideas on how to get more landowners involved in the CRM
 - i. At the CRM they can learn about the ongoing issues
 - ii. The landowners get points for their projects because there is an active CRM group in their area.