

## Rich County CRM Field Tour Notes

Date: 6-24-2014

Attendees: 13 (Organizations Represented: UDWR, USFS, USU Ext., BLM, QRM, NRCS, Conservation District, Grazing Association)

Topics: We met in Woodruff and drove south to a private land property where a bullhog was in the middle of treating a Pinyon-Juniper stand. We witnessed how the bullhog works up close. We traveled through the proposed treatment site, which would connect lekking and nesting habitat to higher elevation summer habitat, and possibly serve as wintering area. We then traveled up to the USFS property north and west of Big Creek. A sagebrush treatment with Dixie Harrow (2-way) was implemented the previous growing season. We looked at the treatment response and how a mosaic of treatment can take place within mountain big sagebrush for sage-grouse brooding habitat. We then traveled to a lower elevation site just west of Randolph, where Adam Brewerton (UDWR Sensitive Species Biologist) had set traps for pocket gophers. We witnessed the trapping of an Idaho Pocket Gopher. Adam explained the biology of this rodent and how Idaho Pocket Gophers have been recently rediscovered in northern Utah.