

Rich County CRM – Meeting Minutes – October 26, 2016

- Research Update: We had a research update from Wayne Smith (USU Graduate Student). Wayne reported on sage-grouse telemetry and vital rate information from this last summer. He also reported his research objectives
- Three Creeks Project Update: Kevin Oliver (BLM) reported on the continuing process to convert Three Creeks into a landscape allotment and rotational grazing. Kevin reported that water rights still need to be worked out as well as a rangeland health standard report and thresholds and responses if the report comes back unfavorable for riparian areas. Kevin mentioned a goal of making a decision pre-Christmas from the BLM.
- Crawford Mountain Conifer Treatment: Brad Jessop (BLM) reported on the conifer removal project on Crawford Mountain. The lop and scatter has already been completed and bull hog machines will begin in the next couple weeks. Just over 2000 acres will be treated.
- Trout Unlimited WRI Project report and proposals: Jim DeRito (TU) reported on the past projects on Otter Creek and Randolph Creek. Multiple fish barriers have been put in place and non-native fishes removed and restocked with native fish. A WRI proposal will be put in this next cycle to do work on Big Creek.
- BLM IMs: Quincy Bahr (BLM) gave a presentation on the IMs for the Sage-Grouse RMP. He focused on grazing and how the BLM RMP will affect decisions on grazing by the BLM.
- We had additional conversation on other impacts to grouse, including hunting, predators (red fox and ravens). We decided to invite someone from the USFWS in Denver or SLC to come and talk about raven control. We will also invite Wildlife Services coming and talking about their approach to raven control and sage-grouse.
- We set our next meeting for Dec. 15th 1-4pm. This will include a board meeting for the Rich Co. CRM.

Attendees

David Dahlgren (USU), Mike Welch, Quincy Bahr (BLM), Jared Reese (BLM), Scott Walker (UDWR), Jennefer Parker (USFS), Chris Bryan (BLM), Matt Kennedy (Permittee), Taylor Payne (GIP), Troy Forrest (GIP), Kevin Oliver (BLM), Mark Cornia (Permittee), Reed Groll (Permittee), Alvin Shaul (Permittee), Ann Neville (TNC), Jim DeRito (TU), Masako Wright (USFS), Alan Clark (DNR), Brad Jessop (BLM), Alan Bass (BLM), Claudia Cottle (Bearlakewatch), Norm Weston (Rich Co.), Nick Stuart (Permittee), Wade Stuart (Permittee)