

## Meeting Minutes

PARM Meeting, Oct. 30, 2017, Loa Utah – Extension Offices

Attendees: Slate Stewart (SITLA), Kendall Bagley (UDWR), David Dahlgren (USU Extension), Dennis Blackburn (Wayne County Commission), Jared Reese (BLM), Vicki Tyler (BLM), Kalie Tyler (BLM), Joann Stenton (USFS), Dent Nelson (NRCS), Clint Wirick (USFWS), Kurtis Robins (USFS), Fred Bailey (Farm Bureau), John Keller (Farm Bureau), Newell Haward (Wayne County Commission), Andy Taft (Co-chair; rancher), Dave Christensen (Co-Chair; rancher), Tom Tippetts (GIP), Brant Hallows (BLM), Jason Wood (BYU), Quincy Bahr (BLM), Ben Nadolski (UDWR), Trent Wilde (USU Extension).

- Mytoge Mountain Project (USFS) – Joann Stenton reported on the progress of the project. The prescription areas were defined in spring 2017. The lop and scatter began Oct. 5 and ended Oct 29<sup>th</sup> this fall. USFS is going in with bullhogs and doing the rest of the treated areas. Some trees were left by the lop and scatter crews, but USFS will try to clean up some of those trees. There was some confusion about what a rocky outcrop meant in the contract, thus trees were left. This is only phase 1 of the project in the Dog Flat area. Phase 2 will focus on the Tidwell slope area.
- Parker Cheatgrass Treatment Update – the small number of acres has led to zero bids on the contract to treat the areas we need. If we cannot find a contractor this fall then we'll try to treat the area with ground crews next August/September. Lots of cheatgrass was gone from previous years.
- Dog Flat Radio-marked birds – We looked at the movements of some of the birds to the north on USFS lands. 2 of the birds traveled out of the SGMA up the Seven Mile and UM Creek drainages to the north.
- Data Sharing and Modeling – We talked about a new process we have in place to share data points with maps and to provide some basic modeling of the landscape for habitat selection. Managers were told to go through their state or regional sage-grouse leads to get the requests to USU.
- Grass Valley Radio-marked Sage-grouse – Jason Wood gave an update on the movements of sage-grouse in the Grass Valley area. There was some movement from Hell's Hole down to Grass Valley. There were also movements off the north end of the Parker to Grass Valley. There has still been very little movement from the Johns Valley area up into Grass Valley.
- BLM Update on Secretarial Order 3353 (Zinke's Sage-Grouse Order). Quincy Bahr gave a presentation on the process that BLM is undertaking to meet the needs of this order. They are going to change their plan where they can to make it more closely align with the Utah State Plan. They want to make these changes as quickly as they can and in conjunction with the update/revision of Utah's State Sage-grouse Plan.
- State of Utah – Sage-grouse Plan Revision – Ben Nadolski of the UDWR presented his needs for updating the State Plan. There was some discussion about the SGMA boundaries and past changes requested by PARM to remove the ag lands in the Fremont Valley. Those changes have been made to the official mapping. We then quickly discussed various items that Ben needed input into the plan revisions. We talked about Population Objectives, Protection of Habitat on private and SITLA lands, habitat objectives, habitat restoration, habitat mitigation, Population

Viability, and listed threats to the species. Ben kept notes and will take comments into account when revising the plan.