

Notes for the CRMP September 17, 2013 Meeting

Attendees: Ken Spackman, Clint Hill, Bracken Henderson, Jeff Schick, Spencer Morris, Jay Tanner, LuAnn Adams, Bob Adams, Jim Christiansen, Karl Fleming, Troy Forest, Tammy Koldyke, Patti Barney, Ron Greer, Brian Wing, Avery Cook, Eric Thacker, Dave Dahlgren, via IVC: Scott Chamberlain, Alan Smith, Scott Walker

6:00 Ken Spackman went through the Voting Members to see if some changes need to be made. Jay Carter has taken Brent Rose's place on the Water Conservancy Board; Lyle Holmgren would like to remain on the steering committee but has other obligations on the third Tuesday when the CRMP usually meets. Dave Dahlgren has replaced Todd Black at USU as the Sage Grouse specialist.

Pinion Juniper Sub-committee : Tammi Koldyke has been obtaining signatures of landowners who have participated in P/J treatments for S.G. habitat for permission to show the lands treated. She has put together maps that show where these treatments have taken place and where we need to go from there. We don't want to take out Junipers where the Juniper eco sights are suppose to be. We have focused on the brood rearing sage grouse area. Do we need to do more in wintering areas? She advised to work with other agencies to see where we should do first.

Troy Forest Chair of the Winter Rangeland: Troy discussed allotments in the Snowville and Curlew Flats area. Their committee is working with the BLM to resolve temporary AUM issues.

Paul Thompson Co chair of Sensitive Species sent his update to be read: The sensitive species subcommittee still has only completed the Grouse Creek town meeting. We still plan on holding a town meeting in Park Valley and Lynn/Yost this fall. An attempt was made to schedule the Park Valley meeting this summer, but landowners were busy and we opted to try to reschedule this meeting for this fall (October?) when things slow down. Clint Hill said that the Conservation District has been working with Traci Allen with possible ideas to help the Boreal Toad in the Keg Springs area.

Jay Tanner reported that there was one place that the Reservoir feasibility study had not included a place in Grouse Creek that he'd thought might work. The DNR did go out and study the area and it looks like a possible sight for a reservoir.

Economic Development: Bill Gilson had two signs installed today on SR 30 on both side of the turn toward Grouse Creek. The signs are directional signs to City Of Rocks but show that there is card reading fuel available in Grouse Creek 24/7. Also there are several more signs that will be put up by City of Rocks so tourists don't end up in some place they didn't intend to. Wallace Keck, Superintendent of City of Rocks went with Diane Tanner from the new signs through the town to see where sign should be placed.

Mike Miller, Chair of Invasive Weeds, went over which weeds will be affected by a fall treatment of chemical. A focus on Russian Knap weed and thistle will be helpful after a frost but before the ground freezes. White Top will need to wait until next spring. Mapping of the Russian Knap weed and White Top will take place this fall.

Dave Dahlgren went over the tour he arranged which took place on September 3-4 in the West Box Elder area and Rich County. The tour was an effort to acquaint the US Fish and Wildlife Service decision makers with Utah's effort to preserve and enhance Sage Grouse habitat.

Brian Wing and Avery Cook gave a report of Stephanie Graham's research in the West Box Elder area and their own research.

8:30 meeting adjourned