

## Notes from the June 19, 2012 CRMP meeting

Attendees: Travis Mote, Beth Burritt, Brein Maxfield, John Maxfield, Sister of Maxfields, Corey Ransom, Neal Artz, Bryan Dixon, Spencer Martin, Mike Miller, Clayton White, Blain Hamp, Kevin Hamilton, Stan Spencer, Ken Spackman, Clint Hill, Bracken Henderson, Buck Swaney, Diane Tanner, LuAnn Adams, Patti Barney, Troy Forest, Lance Westmoreland, Jay Tanner. Brigham City: Karl Fleming, Anthony Von Niederhousern DWR Ogden: Alan Smith, Scott Walker, Dennis Fox, Tammy Koldyke, Masako Wright, Wayne Martinson, Ron Greer

6:00 Meeting called to order by Commissioner Adams

Commissioner Adams said that the state is in the process of writing guidelines for a management plan concerning energy development which she is involved in. Anyone wanting to contact her with any comments or concerns can email her at [ladams@boxeldercounty.org](mailto:ladams@boxeldercounty.org).

Troy Forest Talked about the tour that took place on May 18<sup>th</sup>. BLM State Director Juan Palma, Kevin Oliver the BLM West district manager, and Quincy Barr, who is writing the state environmental plan for the sage grouse, attended the tour. Several landowners and agency people also attended. At the conclusion of the tour, the participants agreed and supported many of the same issues and methods to protect sage grouse habitat.

There was much discussion about wind energy and the possible impacts to sage grouse. Commissioner Adams presented a map showing the core sage grouse areas and habitat.

Presentation of the vision and priorities for the CRM was delivered by Neal Arts. Copies of the presentation are available either on the CRM website or by contacting our consultants.

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We desire everyone to look critically at the Priority Plan and give us feed back.

Mike Miller, Box Elder County Weed foreman reported on the Coordinated Spray Day held in Park Valley with Forest service, BLM, and landowner efforts combined. Chemicals were distributed at the Park Valley Fired Shed to landowners. Their focus this day was on White top and Knap **Weed**. Foreman Miller said many seeds last 5 years. Some, like bind weed, might last 40 years. This is no short term effort to eradicate weeds. Foreman Miller said if you need chemical and are willing to spray, the county will provide the chemical you need.

Clint Hill mentioned that there will be a weed tour on July 18<sup>th</sup> that should last between 2-3 hours. It will be well worth attending.

Cory Ransom presented the Noxious Prevention Area plan. His group performed a weed inventory in Park Valley at three different areas. He said all landowners should do an inventory of weeds on their own lands. This inventory will be critical to allocate resources to fight them.

Prevention is most effective. It's easier and cheaper to keep a weed out of an area rather than fight against it once it has a foot hold in the area. On average, every dollar spent on early weed intervention prevented \$17 in later expenses. Clearly, taking a proactive approach toward weed control can potentially save millions of dollars in damages and control costs while preserving valuable community resources'. A Weed Prevention Area (WPA) slows the spread of noxious weeds.

WPAs are typically created and operated within watersheds or county boundaries. To be successful it requires cooperation.

Step by step guides are available if you contact Cory Ransom [corey.ransom@usu.edu](mailto:corey.ransom@usu.edu)

8:00 Meeting adjourned