

PARM Meeting Notes

June 22, 2020 (Virtual meeting – hosted by David Dahlgren)

Attendees: Dave Dahlgren, Kayon Kukolka, Devin Johnson, (16 total participants)

Discussed Habitat Restoration:

Mytoge Mtn. USFS Project. Dog Flat, Tidwell, Mytage project. Phase III was completed Summer 2019.

Thousand Lake was 2000 acres (P5) supported by WRI funds

Adaptive Management Process

We discussed Grass Valley's tie to Parker Mountain for sage-grouse and other species

We discussed past cleaning and claying of ponds for livestock and future needs.

Brant – BLM – pond work on Dog Flat

Sagebrush treatment at Dog Flat was done by a double dixie harrow, but conditions have returned to pre-treatment.

Pond work needed at Tidwell Slope.

Grazing Report

May 1 is the turn out date

Cyclone Coop pasture started June 15th

Roger has 213 at Red Knoll pasture.

August 15 will move to higher country, upper elevation pastures.

16 Ponds – Giles Ridge could use work (WR and USFS)

Red Knoll is rested, gather info for Red Knoll gather

Pine Peaks pasture was rested in 2019

Fencing done at Parker Lake by Coop

Fencing done at 7 Ponds by GIP, PLP

There are 3 sheep herds left. It has been dry

Predator work

Poisoned eggs for Ravens and coyote work was done in the winter at Tidwell and Moroni Peak.

C.J. Buttars, (email) USFWS, 3000

Hot Spots for Raven concentrations

USDA Wildlife Services

Sage-grouse Lek Counts

Levi Watkins estimates 1100 for 2019 (3370 males on 40 leks) and 966 for 2020 (270 males on 40 leks)

Heather Talley – hens with broods for future translocation efforts. Not going to happen this year.

WRI Projects

BLM Dog Flat PJ treatment, EA still in progress. Bob Bates is project manager. WRI 2021

Thousand Lake - WRI (USFS/UDWR)

Parker Pond – Grazers/GIP/UDWR (GIP water money)

GPS Radio – future ARGOS funding, Jim, Tidwell Birds

Burrville – Funded for lop/scatter treatment near Kinghaven Reservoir, USFS/BLM/SITLA/Private will include fencing, hand cutting, mastication, and seeding.

Grouse have been seen strutting above Glenwood.

Spike Treatments

Possibility at Parker Lake or retreat – Nick's

WRI Multiple projects

Floyd Pond – North or Northwest to remove heavy brush

Treat areas associated with good ponds

Need to schedule a field tour

Field Tour

Last week of August or first week of September would be good days to hold the tour. Send out a Doodle Poll to determine best dates for tour near the end of August or early September.

Action Items

Send out Doodle Poll regarding Field Tour

Complete outline for PARM publication (The Parker Mountain Sage-Grouse Story)