

PARM Meeting Agenda

2/8/2011

Wayne County Court House Loa, Utah

10:00 Welcome Introductions	Dave Christensen
10:15 Projects (new, proposed, old updates)	Group
10:40 Plan on the plan (Actions/Strategies CAP)	Todd Black
11:00 Sheep/grazing/chicks/male lek attendance	Mike Guttery
11:45 Next meeting, Lek count, field tour	All
12:00 Lunch	

Members present

Dave Christensen	landowner/parker grazers
Andy Taft	landowner/parker grazers
Gary Hallows	landowner/parker grazers
Todd Black	USU/EXT
Michael Guttery	USU
Jim Lamb	UDWR
Ron Togerson	SITLA
Tom Tippetts	GIP
John Keeler	UTFB
Kevin Dustin	USDA WS
James Huggard	NRCS

Jim talked about Agriadvocates.com UT dept of agg. Video clip that he and Dave did with the state dept. of Ag. If you have not seen it please take a minute to review it.

Jim/Dave talked to the group about the Black point lek maintenance with sheep—completed this year. Looking to do something again year 2.

Group Much discussion on hunting sage-grouse on Parker. Why we hunt, concerns of removing the sage-grouse hunt and keeping the hunt as well.

Group Discussion on Parker populations lawsuits coming from western water sheds and Grand Canyon Trust on grazing allotments. It will be important that we follow this and provide input as a PARM group as needed.

Kevin had discussion with predators more particularly with ravens/corvids. Eagle predation seems to be a concern as well as coyote, fox and other predators.

Group Discussion was had about the Big Creek allotment in Rich County. Andy suggested that we look at something similar here on Parker.

Group Discussion was had with the EQUIP contract, there is still over 300k that is available to do projects with. Much of that 200k is available to do brush management. Dave C. will get with Kendall Bagley and NRCS to start working on a WRI project using spike. Questions were raised as to if we have done enough? There are still areas that are likely needed, but rate, slope, aspects, mosaic are concerns. We need to make sure when we do this it is emphasized that it's a wildlife livestock benefit not just for and behalf of sage-grouse.

Future items

1—Annual **PARM lek count day was set for 4/6** with a breakfast and meeting to follow. This will of course be weather permitting. More info from Jim the closer we get to this date. Please RSVP with Jim if you plan on helping with this.

2—**Annual field tour was set for 9 June**. It was requested to make sure we visit the sheep grazing experiments and to look at what PARM has done using sheep as a management tool for brush maintenance and reduction. Please make sure you invite as many folks in other areas (landowners, NRCS, agency folks) who would like to see what has been done.