

Minutes

LOCAL WORKING GROUP

Planning/scoping meeting

Date: 01/07/2010

Time: 6:00 PM

Place: Rich County Senior Center/Library, Randolph Utah

Members Present:

Norm Weston	Sim Weston
Kirt Dahle	Todd Black
Mike Welch	Craig Kennedy
Bill Hopkin	Scott Evans (Cirrus)
Scott Walker	Troy Forest
Alvin Shaul	Mitch Poulsen
Claudia Cottle	Wes Tingey
Thomas Hoskins	Taylor Payne
Scott Evans	
BLM and FS reps were unable to attend due to various conflicts.	

Information Presented/Discussion Highlights

January meetings—the group reported on completed watershed projects (WRI/GIP/NRCS and other projects)

The group spent the entire 2 hours updating the CRM project database (attached). Additionally several new projects were added to the database.

The group discussed a couple of different possible areas to visit for the summer field tour—visit Black Mountain SITLA project areas also visit Bear Lake gateway conservation easement Clark Willis.

Report from Mike Gates—BLM—sent the following via email.

We have a couple of projects. Woodruff Longhill sagebrush treatment, The Rich County Allotment Project, North Otter Brush, Manhead road brush treatment, Crawford Mtn brush treatment, Deseret Sheep grazing treatments, East Woodruff Grazing treatment, Riparian Fence Maintenance.

We have completed the East Woodruff interseed, the project portions of the Duck Creek Project are installed (if we could just complete the lawsuit).

We are still in the process of working out the details on the Woodruff Pastures Project, but that will be a upcoming project.

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After the project database updates there was much discussion on what should or should not go into the database and be brought to the group for approval. It was decided that any project that addressed watershed health should be included in the project database but projects that have sole funding sources already secured would not need to be ‘approved’ by the group. Additionally, the group encouraged members to enter these projects into the UPCD/WRI database as well such that these projects could be ‘credited’ for habitat/watershed improvements on a state wide level. Scott Walker indicated he would check with the UPCD group to see at what level these projects should be included in the database.

Actions Taken

Group updated-projects table (attached pdf file)

Follow-up Needed

Todd Black/Mike Welch/Norm Weston to draft a letter to be sent out to CRM participants to: thank them for their support, inform them of our new meeting schedule, and asking them for their continued support by attending and identifying someone to attend. This letter should also inform them of their agency/groups to participate in the CRM. This letter will then go out from the County with Norm’s signature.

Todd Black, Scott Walker, Mike Gates, Troy Forrest—review Actions and Strategies section of the sage-grouse plan to identify 6-8 actions the group and work on for 2010.

All—go over accomplishments for 2009 of the actions and strategies section of the Rich County sage-grouse plan.

NEXT MEETING: Thursday March 4th at 6:00 PM Senior Center/Library, Randolph Utah