

Meeting Minutes February 2005

Updates and Information

Lynn -- EQIP money this year has been generous. 1.3 million in addition. In projects with mixed lands. If the EQIP is tied to private but the surrounding land (feds) will directly benefit as well, we can spend it on the federal lands too.

Mark – Cattleman's president was informed about activity on Halls land. Think of using the Hall's as a good example for the future.

Jeff – Sage grouse lek counts planned

Becky – Atchison creek. Pinyon thinning at the top end of Atchison creek. Let's go see it in the spring. Possibility of coordinating with this work.

Looking at aspen regeneration project in South Creek and Birch Creek east of Beaver.

Fuels guys doing stuff on Greenville Bench.

Prairie Dog projects in Sage Grouse habitat.

1. Perry Well Allotment habitat improvement.(south of Adams Well)
2. Adams Well habitat improvement and potential transplant site.
3. Jackrabbit Allotment habitat improvement
4. Buckskin Valley – coordinating with private land and Environmental Defense

Forest Guardians issued a new petition, to discontinuing special permits to shoot.

BLM has been doing fire management planning to allow nature causes to go. Should be out for public comment soon. Keep a look out for it.

Chad – Western timber company from Colorado, thinking of coming here. Offers future opportunity for aspen work and regen by providing a market for dead wood.

Cattleman's Association meeting held Feb 17th. Group is really active again. Need to bring them out to Hall's land and show them what's been going on. Ready to be involved.

“Repeat Photo” library idea taking off.

Looking for part time help in early summer and full time in late summer to do predator control on Prairie Dog release sites. Getting funding right now.

Usually coyote control from plane. Need somebody on the ground.

Nicki – Western Governor's Association Local Sage Grouse meeting Feb 10th – 12th.