

SWARM MEETING MINUTES

January 23, 2008 – U.S.U. Extension Office

- I. A vote was taken for chairperson. Nile, Jason, and Chad were on the ballot. Jason Nicholes was selected as the new chairperson.
- II. Updates on sage grouse leks
 - a. Jason Nicholes reported on the new lek in Bear Valley.
 - b. Discussed the sage grouse sightings reported by Lynn Kitchen in December 2007 in the Greenville/Bald Hills area.
- III. Worked on reviewing and updating the area sage grouse plan
 - a. Reviewed the stress sources and threats.
 - i. Under the heading of Loss of Breeding Quality: Changed severity of #3 from high to medium, and scope of #5 from high to very high which changed the threat ranking to very high.
 - ii. Nicki will change the Enhanced Native and Domestic Predators ranking threat from very high to high by over-riding the macro.
 - iii. Under Vegetation treatments/management: Winter quality habitat changed from medium to high, breeding habitat for high to very high.
- IV. Reviewed strategies and actions part of plan. Each individual check the actions they thought had been accomplished or initiated.
- V. Other reports/discussion
 - a. Becky Bonebrake – Reviewed the approved new BLM 3-tiered organization
 - b. Becky Bonebrake – Reviewed a list of all NEPA documents from the Environmental Notification Bulletin Board.
 - c. Nile Sorenson – Reported on the planned Flinspach project in Hamlin Valley
 - d. Jason Nicholes – Reported on planned habitat projects in Hamlin Valley