

Minutes : Tuesday July 18, 2006
Start 10 am
Place: Iron County Extension

Members Present:

Nicki Frey, USU Extension
Lynn Kitchen, NRCS
Jim Guyman, private

Info Presented:

1. Project Focus: Ball Hills fire might be a great opportunity to tie into a sage-grouse project Baboon Peak fire and another. Randy Marshall has cows in this area. Didn't really burn the private ground, but mostly BLM land. It was a great mosaic burn in the area. Burned some of the crested-wheat grass areas. Grouse have often been seen here in the past. Can we tie this burn into a management strategy to make it a sage-grouse management action?
2. Reconnaissance on Greenville Bench. Various years of treatment that they've done. There's a really great patch of alfalfa and yellow sweet clover there. Lynn Kitchen found an egg-shell there. Nobody else has said that they've seen anything there, but Lynn is talking to them. Last year they were coming into the Bradshaw pivot.
3. Project Focus: HV project has been moving along slowly, but most of the work will be on private land. Doing a cultural resource walk-through on the property today. Jim Guyman – we need to address those riparian areas and springs. Put some fencing in to keep the grazing wildlife out on Atkinson creek, etc. Box it out and put on off-site watering sources. Thin the PJ around the corridor and re-seed to improve habitat along the creek corridor.
4. Fires in the south have kept attendance down. Oak City, Cove Fort, Holden/Kanosh, Pintura.
5. Let's start considering sheep as an option as a management tool.
6. New meeting time. 4th Tuesday of every other month, starting August 22nd, 2006. 6:00 pm.

Future Tasks:

1. Contact somebody on the Nevada side to coordinate with them.
2. NRCS will identify private landowners that might benefit from some incentive programs in the Bald Hills

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday August 22nd, 2006. 6:00 – 8:00pm. Iron County Visitor's Center.