

SWARM  
Meeting Minutes  
April 21, 2009

**Members Present**

Jason Nicholes  
John Keeler  
Nile Sorenson  
Nicki Frey  
Mark Neilson  
Chad Reid

**Items Discussed**

Chad/Nile/Everyone – Halls allotment fence completed. Potential and observed effects of fence.

Chad – Forage Kochia and the insects associated with them may be beneficial to Sage Grouse.

Nile – Flinspach Harrow and seeding complete, not seeing much coming up in it yet but its still early. Potential future projects with Flinspach's, 320 acres more harrow and possibly some chaining in the Chokecherry area.

Nicki – her and Nile still working on funding for the study on Sage Grouse use in Hamlin Valley and also in the Greenville Bench areas.

Jason – report on Sage Grouse LEK counts (Down some from last year).

Jason – report on Jim Guymon doing LEK searches in the Dog Valley/Buckskin, Minersville Bench, Pine Valley, Adamsville, Greenville, Hatch, Sagehen areas. He found one LEK near Hatch and one possible LEK near Minersville.

Jason – report on a helicopter LEK search in Hamlin Valley and came up with two possible LEK sites and will check them out in the next few days.

Nicki – reviewed actions from last year with the group. Discussed completing design, funding a purchasing Sage Grouse informational Kiosks to post at major access sites to our Sage Grouse use areas.

All - Discussed planning an open house in the fall possibly in conjunction with the Sheep Festival in October.

All – Discussed holding meeting every other month rather than every third month.

All – Discussed Field Tour on Bald Hills on August 18<sup>th</sup>.

Set next meeting date and time: **Next Meeting: June 16th, 10:00 – noon. Iron County Extension Office**