SWARM MEETING MINUTES

ATTENDANCE
Melanie Mendenhal BLM
Dan Fletcher, BLM
John Keeler, UFBF
Chad Reid, Extension
Nicki Frey, Extension
Clint Wirick, USFWS
Curtis Roundy, UDWR

FIELD TRIP REVIEW
Like it because it showed the process of landscape management
Shouldn't do it every year because there wasn't really a sage-grouse component, but it was good to understand the watershed
Interesting to see the beaver reintroduction!

RESEARCH UPDATE
Dog Valley trapping in end of September
Bald Hills is maintaining; had another bird that moved from Bald Hills to Dog Valley
Hamlin Valley still has 7 transmitters from last year, trapped to get numbers up to 10
Erica defended, her transmission line paper will be published next month
Nicki will provide maps and update for next meeting
AGENCY UPDATES

BLM - 4243 acres in Hamlin Valley; Bullhog and chaining, working on fuel breaks
   463 acres in Atchison Creek, Bullhog
   1114 in the Halls project in Spanish George allotment
   1900 Spanish George chaining

Long Hollow - 1200 acres need to be finished

20,000 sage brush will be planted on the Baboon Wildfire restoration area
500 acres for trees, 500 acres for restoration for Utah Prairie Dog

Utah Extension - keep a look out for black henbane. Let Chad Reid know if you see it, but also remove it when you see it.

Chad Reid - another research contract with Bayer to try a fall application on cheat grass with "Esplanade". Looks like can hold cheatgrass out for 2 - 3 years. About $50/acre which is a little high right now. Price should come down as they get it into the market.

Outrider, Plateau, and Esplanade will be used to compare the success.
Utah Division of Wildlife Resources. - working with BLM getting contracts written and administered

  Stan Gurley is the new Farm Bill biologist in the area.

  Curtis Roundy is the new Habitat Biologist for the office

Utah Farm Bureau Federation - reviewing policy for state organization

still very concerned about the wild horses and lack of progress solving that problem

PLANS FOR DECEMBER

Nicki will provide a research update of what we've found this spring and summer.

Quincy Barr from the BLM will come and give an update to the Federal plan.

This is last meeting before WRI so bring any projects that you would like to have approval on prior to submitting to WRI.

Contact WS to determine if they have a new state director and invite him to join us for a meeting.