

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.

Tuesday, September 6, 2016

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.