

**SWDLWG
NORTH IRON
BEAVER AND
SOUTHERN
MILLARD
COUNTYS**

Date: *Thursday May 8th 2003

Time: *1:00 PM

**Place: *Beaver County Court House/Extension
building**

**Members Present; Becky Bonebrake, Jeff
Grandison, Chad Reid, Mark Nelson, Donald
Todd Black, Sean Kelly**

Preliminary meeting

Information Presented

- 1-SWDLW geographic boundary
- 2-Identify key players, groups, and individuals who should be included in the group
- 3-Identify issues which could be effecting sage grouse declines

Discussion Highlights

Set initial kick off meeting for the 19th of August. Beaver County fair grounds 6:30 – 9:00 PM

Actions Taken

Identified those who need to be part of the group. Including other local governmental agencies, conservation groups, cattle and livestock groups etc.

Identified issues of concern

- Livestock grazing—need to look at different grazing regimes and practices.
- Predation—avian and 4 legged
- Range trend changes—old decadent stands of sage brush loss of forbe native grass understory to cheat grass
- Development of agriculture and conversion of native rangelands
- Encroachment of pinyon and juniper from foothills to uplands/range
- Loss of wet meadow areas and riparian corridors

Follow-up Needed

1-GIS regional and working group areas from Dean Mitchell

Find out about buckskin and bear valley areas. Which LWG do the fall in.

2-Make additional contacts and send out meeting minutes and invitations for upcoming meeting.

3-Inform county commissioners and agriculture/livestock holders of the group.

By Whom

1-Todd will get this data from Dean

2-Todd will create mailing list and contact those key players identified by the group

3-Chad and Mark will give a heads up to the county commissioners at their next meeting

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