

Minutes : Thursday, June 30 2005
Start 10am
Place: Iron County Extension

Members Present:

Nicki Frey, USU EXT
Chad Reid, USU EXT
Jeff Grandison, UDWR
Lynn Kitchen, NRCS

Info Presented:

There has been an informal confirmation that the Hall's project has been funded by EQIP. NRCS will present details at the next meeting, provided that a written confirmation has been received.

Hamlin Valley Project field trip results.

- Everything is super-green this year. Large group on the tour, several from our SWARM group, Fritchpaw and the Halls.
- Chad took pictures of the valley. He found a lot of insects, several types of grass. Not a lot of cheat grass. There was a ton of forbs, due to the water.
- By the solar panels there are some high sagebrush, ground has nothing under it. Maybe best bet here is mechanical treatment. Would have to be a high level treatment.
- White bridge – on county line – lower productivity, there is still a lot of winterfat.
- SWARM needs to get something done now. Especially now that we have the EQIP money, we need to use it.
- **What can we do in the meantime, with the money, while BLM writes the EA?**
- Grazing Fences – we need to find out where the fences are so that they don't get in the way of the transects that Jim Davis is setting up. Chad – might not want to collect the data this season, because it could skew the data.

CEEM Team – working on Cedar Mountain on the Aspen decline. They'll be assessing the landowners attitudes. **Chad has great GIS layers of the Cedar Mountain area.**

SOP – holding off on the assignment of Chairperson until landowners get involved. We could call and ask Bill Hall if he'd like to be. Nancy Clark may want to be the other.

Future Work

Talk to Halls about being Chairperson. Nancy Clark – 590-5451. home 586-6773 (Chad).

Collect GIS data: soils, topo, SAT data, landownership (key it out by how much they own).

Lynn – report on new money

Becky – map of fencing for Jeff to look at transects.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, July 26th, 10 am at the Iron County Extension office.