

SWARM LWG 10am -11am

1. Bald Hills project - Erica Hansen - 10 transmitters on Mud Springs, 10 LHV. Most birds hanging out around Minersville this summer. Some have moved East, and one has moved east of Beaver. Will redeploy the transmitters that have fallen off.
2. Hamlin Valley EA - was signed YEY! What can SWARM do to help out.
 - will most likely be starting in Chokecherry because they have the pre-treatment range data already.
 - Spanish George will also be a target because of its condition
 - 3 roadside buffers to break up the valley.
 - aiming for 4000-5000 acres a year with all the of the work done prepping throughout the years.
 - looking for lots of involvement with the people in SWARM (i.e. DWR, NRCS, etc.)
 - opportunities for future discussion - Indian Peak Allotment
 - WRI and FIAT (fire .?.assessment team with Greater sage-grouse in mind) will be the predominant funding opportunities
 - FIAT in Utah will be in Hamlin and Ibapah
 - part of the plan amendment process; supported by the USFWS so that they can put it in their assessment
3. FFSL acquired 1.5 million for focusing on fire breaks, this might be a good place to look for funding for the firebreaks in Hamlin Valley. Would need to contact Ron Wilson to coordinate ideas with him.
4. Chad Hunter - horse update - numbers are above management (AML) everywhere. Captured and remove 143 a few weeks ago. From private, areas where they are far out of management areas; 30 from Sulfur allotment, along the highway. approved to remove 50 from private lands in Iron County. Setting up another trap on private lands in Hamlin Valley to catch 15.

Need to find new places to put the horses. All the facilities are full. Ability to find a place to house them will be the limiting factor for how many we can remove next year.
50,000 right now, nationally, on the range. about 49,000 in facilities
5. Open House -- January.
 - HV maps and planning
 - new WMA maps
 - Greenville Bench
 - Erica's research
 - annual report
 - November's conference
 - Wild horses
 - fire rehab
 - NRCS efforts
 - USFWS Clint Wirick
6. Sigurd - Red Butte mitigation - \$100,000 proposal for SRB mitigation treatments

7. Buckskin Valley treatment starting this fall to do some 200 acres for UPD habitat; 315 acres of bullhog for GRSG. handthinning on benches. south side of highway 20.

6. 3683 acres of vegetation removal for Greater sage-grouse in Little Horse Valley

7. Concluded the meeting @ 11am to continue with coordination meeting facilitated by BLM