

Southwest Desert Adaptive Resource Management

Attendance

Stan Gurley, Vicki Tyler, Melanie Mendenhal, Nicki Frey

Low attendance because we had to move the date of the meeting on short notice

1. Research Updates

1. Birds have great longevity, compared to other places such as Cave Valley and Alton.
 2. Alton birds have high mortality, but not because of mine, because of predation. Not predation by ravens, but by eagles. South of Glendale bench. Can we discuss the source of eagles in that area at the CCARM meeting?
 3. We have about 6 transmitters in hand to put out along Nevada border, and 3 that need to go out in Alton
 4. Hens and young birds nesting east of Hamlin valley in the hills
 5. No birds seen in Pine Valley, no research birds have moved into that area. If we see them, we would expect to see them in the southern edge of Pine Valley.
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2. Private Land Projects

1. NRCS-FWS are working on a private lands project at Coyote Lakes just north of Dog Valley
 1. This would be lop and scatter and brush work
 2. Groups feels that is will be a great location for a grouse project.
 2. Couple more projects in that area that will benefit grouse.
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3. How to Use the Data

1. If there is an issue, request the data from Nicki, and we can create the polygons needed to address the issue.

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1. Eg. Needing to look at grouse use of an area pre and post treatment to determine if it has helped or hurt.

3. Project Updates. Stan and Melanie — Little Fremont to Bear Valley (project 4402)

1. 7000 acre lop and scatter is about ready to start
 1. NRCS archeology is in progress
2. Also Willow Springs, on Bald Hills is about to get started.
3. The area near 3 Peaks is also almost underway.
4. Bone Hollow, going east on Highway 20, is a lop and scatter that will be started in a few weeks.

4. BLM New Plan for BLM Utah

Received 30,000 comments, 500 unique comments

In the next week or so will do briefing meetings in counties

Expect to have a published decision in December

New land use plans will have 60 days to complete NEPA

5. State Grouse Management Plan

Still working on the plan

We need to get an update on this, we should see some in the next few months

5. Future Meeting Ideas

Open it up to other management issues such as WHB, Prairie dogs

Updates from other conferences and workshops

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December - usually have this as the WRI project presentations; need to have more time for discussion of each project and how it will possibly impact grouse; slow it down and give time to talk about each project.

we can maintain a spreadsheet of the projects that we ranked, and periodically will ask for updates and progress reports.

5-10 minutes to say outcomes, objectives, assurances.

Sending notice end of November to all groups to say we need to know who and how many will be coming to the December; encourage all partners to attend, including grazing partners, permittees, landowner partnerships.

Consider a late afternoon meeting for that one.

In March can we have Dustin and Dan provide research updates on the prairie dog projects.

Nicki - maps of where birds are, where WRI are, what next?

Rhett - some of his data from MNR?

It would be great to look at Buckskin South and have SWARM members collaborate on a WRI project and submit it as a team. Thoughts were to open up something in the south of the valley to alleviate the pressure on the north part (but still south of I-20. Maybe it can join up with the work Stan is doing.

Next Meeting: December 11th Time TBA