

**UINTAH BASIN  
ADAPTIVE RESOURCE  
MANAGEMENT PLAN  
(UBARM)**

LOCAL WORKING  
GROUP FOR THE  
GREATER SAGE-  
GROUSE

Planning/update  
meeting

**Date: Thursday, January 20, 2005**

**Time: 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM**

**Place: State & County Building, South Conference  
Room**

**Members Present:**

1. David Allison – Consultant (Uintah County/UBAOG)
2. Stephanie Tomkinson – Questar Exploration & Production Co
3. Todd Black – USU Extension
4. Scott Chew – Rancher, Landowner
5. Boyd Kitchen, USU Extension
6. Brian Maxfield – UDWR
7. Debra Domenici – Kerr McGee
8. Carlyle Rollins – USDA Wildlife Services
9. Dixie Sadlier – BLM VFO
10. Steve Strong – BLM VFO
11. Mike Tamlllos – USDA Wildlife Services
12. Joan Degiorgio – The Nature Conservancy

**Information Presented**

- Business/Housekeeping
- Review Minutes and Assignments
- Translocations
- Plan Discussion

**Discussion Highlights**

Todd announced the Western Governors Association is holding a Sage Grouse Summit on February 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>. A total of 4 travel grants have been offered. Scott Chew will be attending for this group.

Todd discussed his meeting with the Utah Partners for Conservation and Development (UPCD). He explained why the group was formed and how they will work with us. The UPCD was formed to bring all local sage grouse working groups together. They will act as a clearinghouse for funding and logistical coordination. Seed and heavy equipment will require coordination as they are often in high demand and short supply. The UPCD can help coordinate these efforts. It was emphasized that monitoring will be up to us and is a critical element to the success of this plan.

Joan Degiorgio from The Nature Conservancy attended this meeting to check on our progress and see if we were going in the right direction. The group invited her to attend future meetings if she is available.

Rick Baxter from BYU gave a presentation on their preliminary results of translocating sage grouse from Parker Mountain to Strawberry Valley. They are pleased with the results and believe this project will be a success. Rick asked our group to support another translocation using sage grouse from our area. The group discussed and voted in favor of helping the project if the Northeastern Regional DWR RAC and Board approve. Scott Chew wrote a letter to the Board and the RAC in support of the project. Our support was qualified stating at this time, we approve of this specific project only. We would like to see further results before we participate in any other projects. Brian Maxfield and Scott Chew will attend the next RAC meeting to present the letter of support and answer any questions they may have.

The group reviewed the plan and worked on identified issues. We discussed our objectives and strategies for dealing with each of the identified issues.

### **Next meeting**

**Date: Thursday, March 3, 2005**

**Time: 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM**

**Place: State & County Building on Main Street in Vernal, UT, South Conference Room**

### **Follow-up Needed**

#### **In our next meeting:**

Brian Maxfield will provide training to the group in sage grouse lek counting. The timing is perfect because the group will be asked to help with lek counts in the spring, beginning March 15, 2005.

Brian will give a report on the data collected from this year's wing survey.

We will continue our sage grouse management plan discussion.

Brian will provide Todd with a GIS map showing sage brush

die off in our area. Brian will also provide current hunting data showing number of permits and subunits available to hunting.