

**UINTAH BASIN ADAPTIVE RESOURCE MANAGEMENT (UBARM)
LOCAL WORKING GROUP**

Planning/update meeting

Date: Thursday, January 20, 2006
Time: 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM
Place: State & County Building, North Conference
Room

Members Present:

Brian Maxfield – UDWR
Debra Domenici – Kerr McGee
Sherel Goodrich – USDA Forest Service
Sarah Lupis – USU Extension
Dixie Sadler—BLM
Boyd Kitchen—USU Ext.
Stephanie Tomkinson (Questar)
Jan Anderson (UFBF)
Becca Downard (Weber State)
Dave Allison (Consultant, Co-Chair)

Information Presented/Discussion Highlights

Brian updated the group on his efforts to submit a proposal for SGRP monies to support various monitoring efforts in the area. He is working with the UDWR grant writer in SLC to put together a proposal for monitoring efforts for the Siddoway's, Ruppel, Uintah Grazers, and other past projects that used USDA Farm Bill money.

Brian reminded the group that the UDWR will begin lek counts within the next month for leks on the East Bench. The birds begin to strut there in late February. There will also be additional efforts to search for new leks in that area.

As part of the discussion about stresses and threats, Dave Allison suggested several strategies that need to be included in future planning efforts including education on waste clean-up (to avoid providing a food source for ravens).

The group reviewed the CAP definitions of stresses and threats and the stress and threat ranking system. The group revised the list of stresses and threats brainstormed at the last meeting to better fit the CAP system. The new list is attached. Stresses were ranked as a group. The group ranked the contribution and irreversibility of each threat with respect to each stress through a "sticker exercise". Areas where there was disagreement about the level of impact or reversibility

of a threat were discussed as a group. A summary of this exercise will be available for the next meeting (Sarah is trying to work the bugs out of the MS Excell CAP Workbook!).

Follow-up Needed

Sarah to continue to work on Conservation Plan.

Sarah or Brian to send genetic report to Dave Allison.

Sarah to coordinate with Rick Baxter and have him come give a report to the group on the success of translocated birds taken from Diamond Mountain.

Group to each write down at least one objective and one strategy (examples attached) and bring to next meeting.

Actions Taken

Meeting minutes approved.

Next meeting

Date: Thursday, February 16th

Time: **12:00-2:00 PM**

Place: State & County Building, **SOUTH** Conference Room.

Tentative Agenda: Review CAP progress, list objectives, strategies, actions, and any monitoring that goes with, organize and schedule lek searching and counting for March.