

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

Planning/update meeting

Date: Thursday, December 15, 2005
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
Scott Chew—Landowner
Dixie Sadler—BLM
Boyd Kitchen—USU Ext.
Lyle Taylor—Landowner
John Snow—Landowner
Ray Hunting—Landowner

Information Presented

Group reviewed meeting minutes.

Group reviewed Chapter 2 and made a few changes.

Discussion Highlights

Group reviewed updates to Chapter 2. Changes regarding ravens, oil & gas development, and landownership were approved by the group.

Group identified stresses and threats and selected desired conditions. Stresses and threats identified are listed below.

Stresses:

Low brood survival
Low nest success
Lack of monitoring
Degraded early brood-rearing habitat
Degraded summer habitat

Habitat fragmentation
Invasive species
Disease/parasites

Threats:

Disturbance from recreational activities (ATVs, snowmobiles, etc).
Few contiguous stands of sagebrush
Exceptional predation (ravens, foxes, skunks...)
Cheatgrass invasion
PJ encroachment/advancement
Fire management
Lack of forbs/grasses in the understory
Too much old, dense sagebrush in brood-rearing habitats
Lack of appropriate insect food source
Lack of education (about reporting, cultural differences)
Lack of funding/resources (money, personnel)
Drought
West Nile Virus
Powerlines/fences
Development (housing, mining, oil/gas, etc.)
Poor communication

Siddoway project—proposal submitted. Might want to get SGRP money to monitor treatment effects.

Follow-up Needed

Sarah to continue to work on Conservation Plan.

Origin of “lek”

Leslie Elmore/Sarah to contact Brian (435)790-5355 and Boyd about the Siddoway project and projects on Blue Mountain (3 projects), and Diamond Mountain. See www.sgrp.usu.edu for more details about SGRP funding.

Actions Taken

Meeting minutes approved.

Next meeting

Date: Thursday, January 19th, 2006

Time: 1:00-3:00 PM

Place: State & County Building, North Conference Room.

Agenda: Rank stresses and threats.