

**WDARM
LOCAL WORKING
GROUP**

Date: Friday, December 16, 2005

Time: 1:00 PM

Place: Tooele County Extension Office, Tooele, UT

Members Present:

Planning/scoping
meeting

Sarah Lupis (USU Ext.)

Boyd White (Chair)

Jason Robinson (USU)

Ashley Green (UDWR)

Linden Greenhalgh (USU Ext.)

Renae Bragonje (USFS)

Liz Didier (USU SageSTEP)

Jeff Burnham (USU SageSTEP)

Cecil Douglas (Landowner)

Karen Hartman (USFS)

Darrell Johnson (Shambip SCD, Landowner)

Blaine Russell (Landowner, Cattlemen's Association)

John Stookey (Landowner)

Doug Jones (USFS)

Jay Sagers (Shambip SCD)

Burke Davenport (NRCS)

Information Presented

Boyd W. gave an update on the dinner meeting help in November. Dinner went well, there was an update about projects, plan status, and Jason gave a presentation of photos and video about the research project.

Group reviewed August meeting minutes.

Liz and Jeff gave a presentation about the sageSTEP project that will be starting in this area next fall. They will be treating 4-75 acre plots north of Foust (mow, burn, herbicide, control).

Group reviewed Chapter 1. New paragraph about petitions and listing were approved.

Group reviewed Chapter 2.

Sarah gave an overview of the CAP process and explained the group exercise for today. Group split into 3 small groups and worked on population size indicators.

Discussion Highlights

No Hunting signs didn't go too well. Jason spoke with folks in the field few to none had seen the signs. Tom suggested that "sign blindness" is the problem. It may also be that the signs didn't last long enough. Hunters are complaining about access to public land when its accessed through private property. There seems to be conflict between hunter respect for private and public land and landowner rights. There was considerable discussion about access to private roads, making private roads into county roads (2477 Rule), and problems with hunter access to public roads when they have to cross private property or roads.

Chapter 2: Discussions included predation, need for more sheep ranching in the area, and recreation. Recreation discussion focused on the need to include information about increased recreational use of the WDARM Resource Area. People from Tooele and SL County are coming into the area to ride ATVs and other OHVs for hunting, recreation, and other activities in the area. Predation discussion included cooperative efforts

Archeological survey question: Are state and federal policies different? Ashley said that all agencies have their own protocol, largely depending on the project and the individual archeologist working on the project. Ultimately the state archeologist has to approve of what's going on. The Utah Partners for Conservation and Development is working on making sure that standards are in place and that only what is necessary is required. These policies are affecting things in this area. Projects dealing with chaining have been restricted.

Actions Taken

Meeting minutes from August approved.

Follow-up Needed

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, January 18th , 1:00 PM Dinner Meeting