

SWARM local working group minutes

Date: 10/14/08

Time: 10-12

Location: USU EXT Office, Cedar City

Attending: Jason Nicholes, UDWR

John Keeler, UFBB

Becky Bonebrake, BLM

Nicki Frey, USU EXT

Proceedings:

- Jason
 - sighted grouse in Minersville near lek (14-15 birds); also south Pine Valley (9-10 birds)
 - Jason will pass out postcard surveys at check stations this season (Nicki needs to get them to him)
 - Utah Sage Grouse Management Plan Committee has begun meetings to re-write the plan
- Becky
 - Put Hamlin Valley update on next meetings agenda
 - Need to put out information on the benefits of our projects, so that they can guide future projects
 - The windfarm in Milford moving forward
 - Wildcat oil wells in SW Beaber and Parowan Gap; called the Hingeline, where the geology suggests there will be pockets of oil.
 - Milford powerplant (Geothermal) will be expanding
- John
 - UPD RCS or "Habitat Exchange System" is moving along fairly well. Now they are figuring out who will control agreements and what market system will be used
 - Appears that the consulting firm Entrix will be in charge of the 3-county UPD HCP
 - UFBB annual meeting will be November 20-21 in David County Convention Center in Layton.
- Nicki
 - Hamlin Valley and Pine Valley monitoring was conducted this year on the response of sage grouse to vegetation treatments
 - Milford Flats fire proposal did not get funding

UPCD meeting October 28th at BLM office

CCARM MEETING SCHEDULE: BEGINNING JANUARY 20TH, WE WILL MEET THE 3RD TUESDAY OF EVERY THIRD MONTH (APRIL, JULY, OCTOBER). FIELD TRIPS BETWEEN MEETING DATES WILL OCCUR AND WILL BE ANNOUNCED THROUGH THE MINUTES.

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