

**Bureau of Land Management
Fish, Wildlife, Botany and Threatened & Endangered Species
Program Workshop
DRAFT AGENDA (5/24/01)**

Theme: Conservation Strategies for Species and Habitats At-Risk

Purpose & Goal of Meeting:

1. Provide State program leads with an overview of threatened, endangered, candidate and other at-risk species related issues on public lands bureau-wide;
2. Develop a draft bureau-wide strategy for addressing declining species and habitats at regional and national scales for BLM managed lands to incorporate into the land use planning process;
3. Identify priority actions for States and WO to implement over the next 12 months.

Thursday, July 12th, 2001

8:30 a.m Welcome and introductions

Part I: Introduction and overview of at-risk species & habitats on BLM managed lands

Session Leader: Peggy Olwell

Role of broad-scale assessments and benefits for setting conservation priorities	Sherm Karl/Rick Tholen
Role of Land Use Plans in conservation of special status species	Ann Aldrich, Group Manager, Planning
Conservation and Recovery Plans and BLM Land Use Planning:	Ken Berg, USFWS

Break (30 minutes)

Part II. Resources and Tools: What information is available?

Session Leader: Karl Stein

Habitat Assessments - Sagebrush and Grassland Ecosystem Mapping Analysis Project	USGS/BRD
Forest Health Assessments / Fuels Mapping,	Rick Tholen
Assessing Condition and Function of Landscapes using Subbasins, Watersheds & Sites	TBA

11:30 - 1:00 Lunch

Part III: Framework for Conservation Strategies

Session Leader: Cal McCluskey

Land Health Assessment Manual & Handbooks - update & overview

Rick Tholen

Overview of Draft Conceptual Framework for Multiple Species Conservation

Chris Jauhola

Sagebrush and Prairie & Plains Conservation Strategies - status/ update
(Includes updates on key Sagebrush Team Activities)

Mark Hilliard

Regional Assessments: Wyoming Pilot Effort

Jeff Carroll/
Dave Roberts

Part III. Breakout Sessions by Region

Work Group Assignments:

What at-risk species and plant communities do we have to deal with in each region?

What information currently is available in each region (maps, inventories, conservation strategies, assessments)?

Develop ideas/concepts by geographic region to address multiple species conservation in new or revised land use plans, including:

- Needs
- Opportunities
- Priorities

5:00 Adjourn - Evening Barbeque and Social

Friday, July 13th, 2001

8:30 - 11:30 Work Groups continue with assignments

11:30 - 1:00 Lunch

1:00 - 2:30 Group Reports

Break (30 minutes)

3:00 - 4:00 Identify and Prioritize Next Steps - National, Regional and State

4:00 Adjourn

Important Pre-Work Assignments:

Each State needs to bring:

- An up-to-date BLM State Sensitive Species List;
- Summary of information on key species and habitats;
- Examples of broad-scale assessments, conservation plans or strategies for species at-risk.

State program leads should contact each field office prior to the meeting to solicit ideas, suggestions, etc.