

Boise District (BD) Resource Advisory Council (RAC)

Boise District Offices

Boise, Idaho

Tuesday, March 21, 2006

9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

Agenda

9:00 - 9:15am Opening Remarks and certification of minutes from December 14 meeting – BD RAC
Acting Chairman, Gil Green

9:15 – 9:45 Hot Topics – Jerry Taylor, DM

- Owyhee Initiative

9:45 – 10:00 Election of Officers for 2006

- Chairperson & Vice Chair./Secretary
- Update on RAC nomination process and those leaving the BD-RAC

Subcommittee Reports and Related Issue Presentations

9:45 – 10:00 Rangeland Standards & Guidelines – Brenda Richards, Chair.

- Categorical Exclusions

Public Comments

10:10 – 10:30 BREAK

10:30 – 11:30 Sage Grouse Habitat Management – Rick Raymondi, Chair.

- Overview of Draft Conservation Plan for the Greater Sage-Grouse in Idaho, by John Augsburger, Wildlife Biologist, ISO

Public Comments

11:35 – 11:45 Off-Highway Vehicles (OHV) and Transportation Management -

- Owyhee County OHV Working Group

11:45– 12:15 River and Recreation Management – Grant Simonds, Chair.

- Payette River Coordination Meeting, Feb. 28th – Frank Jenks, Outdoor Rec. Planner, BDO

12:15 - 12:30 Break to set-up and serve lunch

12:30 – 1:30 Working Lunch

- Informal Discussions - How the RAC can be more effective, and ideas for Field Trips

Subcommittee Reports (continued)

1:00 – 1:15 Resource Management Plan (RMP) – Gil Green, Chair.

- **Update on Status of Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Snake River Birds of Prey National Conservation Area RMP – Mike O’Donnell, BD Planning and Env. Coordinator and John Sullivan, Manager, NCA.**

Public Comments

1:20 – 3:30 District Field Office and Fire Manager Reports

- **Owyhee FO Manager – Ron Kay**
 - **Recreation Program: Hemingway Butte Project, and; Wilson/Hardtrigger route designation**
 - **Realty Program: Wind Energy application, and; Silver City Road**
 - **Fuels Program: Juniper Mtn. Landscape Restoration Strategy; Scheduled Prescribed Burns-Castlehead/Lambert, Indian Meadows, West Antelope, and; Silver City fuels treatments**
 - **Range Program: Hearings Schedule; Shares Basin Draft EA; Health Assessment Contract, Update on Spotted Frog Candidate Conservation Agreement (Mike Mathis, Wildlife Biologist, Owyhee FO)**
- **Bruneau FO Manager – Mitch Jaurena**
 - **Bruneau Field Office RMP - Update – Mike O’Donnell, BD RMP Team Lead**

2:30 – 2:45 BREAK

- **Four Rivers FO Manager – Rosey Thomas**
 - **Slickspot Peppergrass - Update**
 - **Lands Program - Update**
 - **Energy Power Act/FERC/West-wide Energy Corridor Environmental Impact Statement**
- **BDO Fire Manager – Andy Delmas**
 - **2006 Fire Season – Outlook**

3:45– 4:00 Follow-up Actions

- **Establish Dates for meeting and Field Trips in Fiscal Year 2006**
 - **Locations**
- **Identify agenda items for next meeting**

Meeting Adjourns