

June 14th, 2007 Field Trip

Field Trip Agenda
Judith Mountains, Camp Maiden Girl Scout Camp
6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., Thursday, June 14th, 2007

LOGISTICS – 18:20

- Introduction and history of collaboration effort for newcomers – Brad
- RMEF, partnerships, and work on private ownership – Brad
- Weeds – Jennifer
 - BLM weed management plan
 - Weeds day
- Agenda and questions on back – Brad

OBJECTIVES – Brad – 18:35

- Recognize general location of proposed project on the ground
- Understand proposed prescriptions for Douglas-fir and lodgepole pine sites
- Identify concerns with project proposal (if any) and look for ways to compromise
 - Silvicultural prescriptions?
 - Others?
- Reach consensus that allows us to proceed with implementation

→ PRESENTATION & DISCUSSION of PROPOSED MAIDEN PROJECT – Bruce – 18:45

- 3 page handout (prescription guidelines, map, proposed treatments)
- Unit Boundaries
- Access
- Silvicultural prescriptions
 - Site 1
 - Site 2

CONSENSUS CHECK – Brad – 20:00

- Are we comfortable moving forward with project implementation?
- Are there specific issues we need to resolve at the next meeting that cannot be resolved this evening?

WHAT'S NEXT? – Brad – 20:20

- Introduction to Stewardship Project protocol and procedures
- Discussion of service work (i.e., thinning, fire breaks, road improvements/maintenance, and kiosk location & construction)
- Work party (get a feel for timber cruising and tree painting)
- Forest planning and development of management plans for private land
- Bugs and disease

Key BLM Personnel		
Bruce Reid – Forester 538 - 1960	Jennifer Walker – Fire Ecologist 538 – 1982	Brad Eckert – Forester 538 - 1927
Website: < http://www.blm.gov/mt/st/en/fo/lewistown_field_office/judith_moccasin.html >		

Questions for Discussion

- How would forest composition and structure be different if humans had never stepped into the Judith Mountains?
- Are there challenges to achieving target stand conditions? If so, what are they?
- What are the challenges associated with achieving target species composition (60% ponderosa pine, 30% Douglas-fir, and 10% lodgepole pine)?
- Are problems associated with achieving target stand conditions different between the Douglas-fir and lodgepole pine sites?
- How do you feel about the proposed prescriptions now that you have seen demonstration areas with flagged leave trees?
- Are there ways to modify prescriptions to mitigate your concerns and still achieve resource objectives?