

PINEDALE ANTICLINE WORKING GROUP
CULTURAL/HISTORICAL RESOURCES TASK GROUP

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Meeting # 14 5:05 PM
January 7, 2008
Pinedale BLM , Pinedale Field Office Conference Room

Attendance : Clint Gilchrist (Resident ,CLG) ,Fred Linton (OCTA, Secretary
for working group) ,Dave Vlcek (BLM,PFO) , Rob Schweitzer (BLM)
Jonita Sommers (Rancher) , Fern Linton (OCTA National Board Director)
Tex Williams (Questar)

Task Group Chair : Clint Gilchrist

Minutes : Fred Linton

Handouts :

- 1 . Minutes from February 20 , 2007
2. 2007 Cultural & Historical Task Group Review
- 3 . 2006 Monitoring Plan including summary 2006 Recommendation
- 4 .Monitoring Element 6.0 Cultural - History 6.1 through 6.8
- 5..PAWG Recommendations dated January 7, 2008 pages 3-6 of 14
6. PAWG Cultural/Historical Task Group Monitoring & Mitigation
Recommendations for Pinedale Anticline Supplemental environmental
Impact Statement dated February 20, 2007

Minutes of February 20, 2007 approved

Discussion : Power Line intrusion on Lander Trail from Jonah field to Boulder, Wy.

Meeting between BLM ,Shell , Ultra on 12/15/07 about Lander Trail PA and mega
pads was discussed but they need information from Shell & Ultra
documenting what their plans are for mega pads dealing with the Lander
Trail PA.

Dave Vlcek to check on video of Lander Trail monitoring done by consultant as
how to view it and if he was paid .

Volunteer monitoring program not working that well, recommend BLM to form a
formal program .

Lander Trail video needs to be continued where do we go and do we need to
make more comments.

We went over Monitoring Plan and reviewed what was accomplished and what
was not and add to it if really necessary .

A . Accomplishments :

1.Lander Trail Special Resource Management Zone

This is a ¼ mile buffer centered on Trail defined “ no surface
occupancy “ with a visual impact zone of 3 miles North and South of
Trail . Development within the visual buffer requires a visual impact
analysis & best management practices are used to minimize the visual

impact on Trail .Shell & Ultra signed a PA with BLM which added more mitigation & restrictions .

2. SEIS recognized the Lander Trail buffers & defines a SRMZ it had also open up the possibility of development within the ¼ mile buffer . Chapter 4 (Environmental Consequences) indicates alternatives B & C are “ expected to disturb substantial areas within the Lander Trail SRMZ” , and contemplates as much as 212 acres of new disturbance within ¼ mile no surface occupancy zone and as much as 1050 acres of disturbance in the view shed buffer . These disturbances are a variance with the Pinedale RPM , Anticline EIS , new Draft RPM , and Shell/Ultra Lander Trail PA . SEIS refers to a monitoring program piloted in 2003 & BLM funded in 2005-06 to photograph the Lander Trail view shed at key observation points (3.10.1.4) . But the SEIS does not establish any future view shed monitoring We were successful in changing this .(See below)

3. Mitigation Recommendation . With the exception of a proposed pipeline adjacent to existing pipelines , there should be NO additional surface occupancy under any alternative within the ¼ mile Lander Trail buffer on lands and/or minerals managed by the BLM as originally established in he EIS & ROD . THIS WAS ADOPTED .

4. Indirect Impact Cultural Site Monitoring . To help in this and all monitoring of the Anticline area it was recommended to get a BLM Ranger in area . This was successful a new BLM Ranger has started January 2008 . The task group has been concerned about these sites and has attempted a limited voluntary program but this program has been inadequate to establish the baseline needed to quantify the program .

B. NOT ADDRESSED

1. Due to the increased development in the Lander Trail view shed , the key observation point video/photography project was not continued but is still a high priority with this task group .

2. Soil Study Data & Cultural Site Synthesis this is also still a high priority with task group dealing with sites already found and future sites that maybe found .

3. Cultural Data Analysis & synthesis background when cultural sites are found during development ,avoidance is preferred but more often mitigation is needed . Data and artifacts are warehouse , but data is not analyzed to better understand the significance to past human presence in area . As of spring 2005 task group established 871 sites had been recorded on 15,152 inventoried acres for an average site density of 1 site every 17 acres inventoried in the Anticline . SEIS concerns in both B & C anticipate significant increases in development on the Anticline and based on high cultural site density in the last 5 years even more sites are expected to be discovered . The SEIS has no provisions for synthesizing & analyzing the huge volume of data being collected . Task Group still considers this priority high because of extensive gas development , the systematic cultural data collected on the Anticline does provide one of the most complete records of prehistoric human presence of any other area in the West . The data & artifacts should be professionally annualized to establish a true

picture of prehistoric human presence in the area .

C. No Movement

1. Monitoring significant known cultural/historical sites within 2 miles of new development (I.e. well pads & roads) should be monitored on a regular basis by professionals to document & minimize the potential of indirect impacts & vandalism due to the increased public access .

Next meeting February 11 , 2008 at 5:00 PM same place

No public comments

Meeting adjourned at 7 : 30 PM