

## PAWG DFO BRIEFING 10/1

Presented by Shane DeForest, Field Manager, Pinedale Field Office, BLM

### **Previous recommendations of the PAWG we have acted on:**

- Recommendation that BLM approve the new quarter –mile no surface occupancy buffer is in effect.
- We have worked very hard to update and keep the PAPO website current.

### **ACTION ITEMS FROM LAST MEETING**

- Wildlife exceptions map for posting on web is being worked on
- Clarification of PAWG/PAPO.BLM roles is handled before and after my segment
- FR notices for field tours and meetings is being done
- Subgroup template/questionnaires were completed and will be discussed later in agenda
- DFO monthly updates were initiated and first was published in July, There hasn't been another due to the transition but it is my commitment to continue this process.

### **Making progress on vacancies**

**Management:** Permanent FM and new AFM lands and minerals

**Enforcement and Inspection:** offer out for lead PET (Michael Lane), two PETs, two PEs and 1 LIE

**Planning:** Shelley moved from P&EC to district PAO still working one day a week in office, Her vacancy is being processed and announcement would be expected early winter.

**Resources:** added a wildlife biologist (Joshua Heminway), Lisa Sojberg accepts one year detail as statewide lead for sage grouse plan amendment Mark Tonhof moves from NRS to fill behind Lisa. , Fuels Specialist moved to district no plans to fill behind his slot.

**JIO/PAPO:** Windy Kelley – JIO/PAPO Program Coordinator for the State of Wyoming Department of Agriculture; Jeni Cederle – Air Quality Natural Resources Program Principal, Upper Green River Basin Ozone Forecast Lead for the State of Wyoming DEQ, Ryan McCammon – State of Wyoming DEQ Upper Green Data Analyst/Meteorologist, Steve Dietrich, State of Wyoming DEQ/AQD Administrator, seeking a DEQ/AQD PAPO inspector currently

**Other:** AO Clerk position filled, but other one has left so still down one,

### **Projects initiated:**

Approved three central gathering facilities for Ultra and two for SWEPI. Also close to approving liquids line for Ultra. Systems should be operational by Nov. These actions significantly reduce emissions and traffic. Operators are aggressively seeking other avenues to reduce emissions.

Delineation drilling period is coming to a close has been extended on several projects to November 15, 2010 and on a few specific efforts to later (SWEPI 10-7 pad and Stewart Pt 7-28). Extensions were to address specific circumstances and were accompanied by stipulations regarding use of big game and sage grouse exceptions. Drilling progressions are in progress.

Labarge Platform in-filling EIS, Should have a Draft EIS, Spring 2011. ROD, Spring 2012

NPL Gas Project EIS, Still developing Encana's proposal. First IDT meeting was 9/30, Contractor selections are pending. Scoping should begin in November. ROD probably early 2013.

PXP project in Noble Basin (parcel adjacent to Somers Grindstone Conservation Unit)- DEIS out very soon.

EPA air tours for Anticline, Jonah, Labarge to look at air emission improvements

### **JIO/PAPO Accomplishments 2010:**

Sommers Grindstone Conservation Easement( 19000 acres)

Cottonwood III conservation project

ARRA and Deiesel Emissions Reduction Act Grant 2.3 mil project to reduce emissions on non-road equipment Completed 2010 woodstove change-out program for Sublette CO.

On-going Wildlife and Air Quality Monitoring and ozone modeling. as data comes in we are continuing to update the JIO/PAPO website.

New Fork Crossing Lander Trail Conservation Easement acquisition (Ultra, Shell, Rocky Mtn. Power purchased land; donated to Sublette Co Historical Society; WY Land Trust will hold easements)

Completed PAPO strategic plan.

**Pinedale Anticline Activity Summary 2010:**

**#wells 126 spud since May meeting**

**Jonah Field Activity Summary 2010:**

**#wells 42 spud since May meeting**

**PAWG and Charter update**

**Charter was signed August 3**

**July 2 FR notice soliciting applications for two positions received no applications**

**Federal Register notice for nine positions (original 2 plus 6 coming open plus 1 new position approved in charter has been prepared and is into WO for review as of 9/20**

**To expand opportunity for wider interest, BLM reached out to the state agencies and in multiple public contacts to encourage application to the PAWG board.**

**We're clearly facing some challenges. Does the PAWG have any other suggestions to increase interest in the PAWG?**

**Pinedale Calendar upcoming events:**

**10/27 8:30 am BLM office; Wildlife Planning meeting: Discuss 2010 wildlife monitoring results: adaptive management discussion.**

**10/31 deadline for JIO and PAPO project applications for funding in April 2011**

**11/4, PAWG meeting**