

## **Southeast Oregon Resource Advisory Council**

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**Wednesday, July 1, 2009**

### **Meeting Location:**

Teleconference

### **Members Present:**

#### Group 1

Dick Leever  
Kevin Peterman  
Jim Bishop  
Mona Drake

#### Group 2

Bill Renwick  
Jeff LaLande

#### Group 3

Craig Foster  
Roger Sheley

**Federal Representative:** Scott Stoffel

**Guests:** None

**Welcome and Objective Review:** Bill Renwick opened the meeting at 7:15 p.m. Bill stated the objective of the conference call was for the full Council to discuss and reach consensus on the contents of comments to be sent to the team preparing the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for Vegetation Treatments Using Herbicides on BLM Lands in Oregon.

Scott Stoffel conducted a roll call to determine if a majority of the Council members of each interest group were present to constitute a quorum. After determining there was insufficient participation, Scott informed those in attendance that they would have to submit comments as individuals rather than on behalf of the Council. He stated the full Council would have an opportunity to engage in this issue again during the upcoming 60-day public comment period anticipated to begin September 11, 2009.

**Discussion:** Roger Sheley, Herbicide Planning Subgroup Chair, informed teleconference participants that the Subgroup did not prepare comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for review during this call. Roger shared that he had personally reviewed the document and felt its contents support the use of herbicides as a useful and necessary tool. However, the document could be improved by assessing techniques affecting the environment, as required when developing a comprehensive integrated weed management program. This includes an evaluation and description of education, mapping, prevention, small-scale eradication, biological controls, grazing, restoration, adaptive management and other factors that can have substantial environmental impacts.

All Council members participating on the call agreed with Roger's assessment. Roger volunteered to prepare a written memorandum that captures these comments on behalf of the individuals present. The group accepted Roger's offer. Roger indicated he would forward the document to everyone the following

morning for review and approval. The group decided each individual would have until 1 p.m. on July 2 to submit any edits. That afternoon, Roger would incorporate all revisions received into the final draft and email the document to Todd Thompson and Ken Denton.

It was noted that the final comments submitted would be representative of the individuals present on the call, not the full Council.

**Public Comments:** No public comments were provided.

**Next Council Meeting:** August 13-14, 2009 in Ontario, Oregon

The teleconference adjourned at 7:30 p.m.