

**Boise District Resource Advisory Council (RAC)
BLM Boise District Office
3948 S. Development Ave., Boise, ID
Tuesday, November 19, 2013
9:00 a.m. ~ 3:00 p.m.**

Boise District (BD) Council Members Present:

9:00 a.m. Welcome – Gene Gray, RAC Chairperson and Jim Fincher, District Manager, Boise District Office (BDO)

Gene and Jim Welcomed Everyone, Jim Introduced Tanya Thrift the Bruneau Field Office Manager. Jim also shared that Terry Humphrey the Four Rivers Field Manager is retiring the end of 2013.

RAC Members Present:

Brenda Richards, Donna Bennett, Stacey Baczkowski, Rick Just, Tina Reay, Karen Steenhof, Gayle Poorman, Sara Schmidt, Neil Rimbey

RAC Members Absent:

Karen Alder, Ted Howard, Richard Hall, Charles Lyons, Bill Walsh

BLM Advisory Present:

Jim Fincher, District Manager and Marsha Buchanan Boise District RAC Coordinator

Others BLM Staff Present: Walt George, Andy Delmas, Terry Humphrey, Tricia Roller, Michelle McDaniel, and Tanya Thrift. Dalene Lemberes Note-taker.

Guests Present: Dave Franzen, Dan Ogle, Mike Roach, Steve Damele, Rick Raymondi

9:05 a.m. Approval of today’s agenda and previous minutes: No Quorum

9:15 a.m. Brent Ralston from Idaho State Office, Sage-Grouse EIS

Brent, shared a Power Point on Sage Grouse EIS, Brent explained the History, Handed out maps and explained the 6 alternatives.

Hoping to be available to the Public by January 2014.

10:15 a.m. Break

10:25 a.m. Kurt Wiedenmann and Chris Robbins, Idaho State Office, Discussion of the Owyhee County Commissioners’ Request for “Review of Idaho Standards and Guidelines”

Kurt and Chris, led the discussion on Idaho Standards and Guidelines and the Owyhee County Commissioners' request for review.

Kurt explained that the Guidance on the EIS is approved by Washington.

Kurt then shared that the Twinfalls RAC, Idaho Falls RAC and Coeur d'Alene RAC do not indicate any needed changes. Questions were asked was this done in writing and was there a quorum? Kurt said that Coeur d'Alene was a verbal agreement.

11:10 a.m. Intermountain Rangeland Consultants Paradigm Project Update, Dave Franzen and Dan Ogle

Dave Franzen and Dan Ogle updated the group on Paradigm Project regarding the MOU

11:25 a.m. Paradigm Project Update, Lance Okeson and Chris Cromwell

Lance and Chris spoke about the Paradigm Fuel Break EA, and the internal review of the draft. They also spoke about the Forage Kochia Fuel Break off of Simco Road.

12:35 p.m. Working Lunch / Fire Rehabilitation Projects, Cindy Fritz and Alex Webb.

Cindy spoke to the group about the development of ESR plans, and how they are written and submitted within 10 calendar days from containment of fire, submitted to State and Washington Office specialists for review.

For 2013 Bureau National Priorities:

- 1-Treatment to manage imminent treats to human life and safety
- 2-Treatments to stabilize damaged Greater Sage Grouse PPH at risk of habitat conversion
- 3-If treatment funds remain other T&E designated critical habitat damages may be addressed

(ES) Emergency Stabilization and what it covers,

- 1-Human Life and Safety
- 2-T&E Habitat
- 3- Cultural
- 4- Invasive / Noxious Weeds

Burned Area Rehabilitation (BAR)

- 1-Lands unlikely to recover
- 2-Invasive/Noxious weeds
- 3-Seedlings
- 4-Facilities/repair

Unfunded BAR treatments, fence repair, aerial seeding, road fuel breaks, bitterbrush seedling planting, closure patrols and sign replacement for OHV

