

**Northwest Colorado Resource Advisory Council
Minutes
February 25th, 2010
Colorado River Valley Field Office, Silt, Colorado**

Attendees:

Resource Advisory Council Members:

T. Wright Dickenson, Category 1	Dona Shue, Category 2
Tom Latham, Category 1	Clare Bastable, Category 2
Dave Grisso, Category 1	Gary Bumgarner, Category 3
Steve Gunderson, Category 1	Dean Riggs, Category 3
Mike Perry, Category 2	Jeff Comstock, Category 3
Pat Kennedy, Category 2	Kai Turner, Category 3
Steve Smith, Category 2	

Not Present: Landle Weddle, Glenn Vawter

BLM Staff:

David Boyd	Dave Stout
Steve Bennett	Jeff Kitchens
Jamie Connell	Erin Curtis
Catherine Robertson	Karl Mendonca
Kent Walter	Anna Callahan
David Blackstun	Sue Howle (USFS)
DJ Beaupeurt	Jason Taylor
Creed Clayton	Bridget Clayton

Public:

Visitor	Representing	City
Joe McBurny	Congressman John Salazar	Grand Junction
Dennis Webb	GJ Sentinel	Grand Junction
Dave Cesark	Mesa Energy Partners	
Nikki Reckles	Garfield County	
Judy Jordan	Garfield County	
Luke Schafer	CEC	
Jamie Gardner	CRA	Yuma

T Wright called the meeting to order at 8 a.m.

A quorum is present

Welcomed new members, reappointments

Suggested Meeting Dates:

19th and 20th of May – reschedule to May 12th & 13th – Meeker /Craig – Energy Field Trip/Geothermal

18th & 19th of August – North Park/Kremmling – Pine Beetle/Refuge - WSR

1st & 2nd of December - GJ/Gateway/Dominguez

Comstock/Robertson/Dickenson: Carbon sequestration – State management/ Grazing & carbon management

Comstock: Archaeology hasn't had a big influence, we should incorporate a talk about archaeology policies in the BLM and inconsistencies between offices. RAC can lend advice in oversight for policy that all Field Offices can follow.

Walter: Concern with consistency between offices, federal requirements for preservation of cultural resources, requirements with working with state, report after state office reviews programs

Dickenson: Bring in museum, repository issue, how we use and learn from stuff, stuff in storage, suggesting that do it timely – in December

Perry - Plan a night at the museum

Steve Smith: River trip...?

Bastable: Vermillion Cliffs white water trip

Dickenson: Helen Hankins – courtesy call to NW RAC apologizing that she couldn't come. Find a way to incorporate a conversation with Hankins. Invitation to installation in Denver on Friday

Break

Wild Horse and Burro Program Presentation – Dave Boyd

POWER POINT

Dickenson: Follow up with WHB Resolution signed in August – what has happened since

Connell: Presentation on National Level

Boyd: BLM stepped up outreach on WHB program – input on RAC resolution and presentation, information in folder. Challenge to get factual information out there, want public to have right information

Dona: Very few have Spanish blood in them, majority came from 18th & 20th centuries

Robertson: Do blood testing on Wild Horses that are rounded up to determined if they are descended from Spanish Barb horses; do have some Spanish Barb horses in the Book Cliffs

Riggs: Why do you test?

Dona: People think they are all descendants, most aren't, they came from other situations, Does make a difference because the ones that have been turned loose aren't really wild horses,

Walter: Genetic viability of herds, herds are isolated and smaller, BLM insures genetic viability

Connell: Historically had an easier time keeping up with the adoption of Burros. No burros in long term pastures

Walters: BLM only has authority to manage where the Herd Management Areas – where the horses existed at the passing of the act, from those developed HMA & HML. Other herd areas, the best place for managing horses. Do not have authority to manage outside of those areas – either remove them or put them back.

Robertson: Herds don't take them in, people report that there has been an abandoned animal, get brand inspector to find out where it came from.

Dickenson: If there was a change in the act what would you like to see?

Robertson: Most of the money is going into holding facilities instead of the Herd Management Units, not water development, instead support horses that are off the range.

Connell: Problem isn't with legislation; it is with the implementation due to public reaction

Walters: Remove horses from West Douglas Herd Area. Since the establishment of the Act, determined not to manage horses in the West Douglas Area. This year doing census and new gather plan effectively communicate that all horses above 0 will be removed. Gather planned in early August. Not the best place to manage for horses (habitat). The authority to manage horses there does continue. Herd management areas carved out of the areas where horses did exist.

Highway 131 is an impediment to migration. Have to look at the big picture.

Dickenson: Why do you have to do an EA when you are over the objective (to gather horses)?

Walters: NEPA, level of analysis has to do with the level of controversy.

Connell: Management level is in the plan does not give permission to do things on the ground, must do site specific NEPA. There is additionally a NEPA needed after the planning process.

Blackstun: Make sure that the level in RMP is appropriate every time we gather. Sand Wash herd has been studied and monitored extensively by Humane Society, part of the fertility study. Start a booster injection on some horses this year.

Dickenson: Fertility control method (PZP) can keep mares sterile, synchronize fertility, when horses come off of it, there is 100% conception. Thus, there will be a very large foal crop.

Blackstun: Have not gotten to the end of the fertility control. This will be the first foal crop that will be affected. Had population dynamic studies done on herd, 6-8 years has no effect but after 8 years the population is as it would be under normal circumstances.

Walters: High risk for people participating in round ups, from manager's standpoint there is the human risk factor.

Connell: Think most horses have been kept in their adopted family. Don't have a way to track where horses are after they are adopted out. Economy is affecting adoption rates.

Connell: RMP process draws out the herd management areas. The secretary can designate areas. Can give areas a higher level of focus (new name, tourism).

Blackstun: Bring public attention to program, with attractive herd, to increase adoptions and understanding of what is going on.

Dickenson: Where can RAC advise? What can you tell us about resolution?

Connell: Went to State director forwarded up to bureau director now at assistant secretary's desk. Resolution may end up on website.

Shue: Who is going to see presentation next?

Connell: Used in the field, now it is up to people in the field to get it out there. Communicate with Field Managers, RAC, etc. Just get the facts out there.

Turner: Can't access some websites (Facebook, Twitter), doing anything to advertise on these websites? Outfitter agencies don't see or hear anything about these programs. Companion animals (compared to wild hogs, etc) applies to some. There is advertising missing, are you gaining on that?

Connell: Due to BLM computer firewalls it doesn't allow us to operate there. Maybe get a separate computer to use. WHB or public affairs sometimes you can't even see the sites. Websites can be disturbing, should federal employees jump into the debate.

Comstock: Have a problem with expanding refuges in federal hands. Other red flag, not concerned with highlighting special herds, have concern with Secretary designating some management of WH on federal land. A letter with both those points should be sent to the secretary.

Walters: RAC is poised perfectly to participate in the process, with 5 teams. The teams were just solidified last Friday (2/19/2010). We are reporting to Field committee and will be briefed on schedule

and have our drafts to Field Committee in May. How do we bring in public stakeholders, etc.? Secretary's language is very partnership based. The BLM cannot solve this without help; we are going to need partnerships.

Smith: Comstock, some euthanasia is better than more holding pens?

Kennedy: Controversy with famous people (Brook Shields). Folks that don't understand situation have a lot more of an audience. Euthanasia has been removed from equation.

Dickenson: Come out of this meeting with letter reminding of resolution sent earlier. Form group to do this. Offer NW RACs services to BLM on this issue, highlight a few special concerns. One is to reference previous resolution, if it meets everyone's approval. Concerned with special designation and grazing industry (Midwest). Dona and Jeff write out a proposed letter of resolution.

Grisso: What additional function does the letter provide (with resolution sent up) Act on resolution.

Dickenson: Offer RAC support to team that Kent Walter is a part of. If nothing else, the fact that we have taken a stance and other feedback for issues.

Robertson: Secretary's special designation – Little Book Cliffs area may be designated. Could also say that within Colorado there are areas where this may work really well. Areas that are ready to be showcased (good management practices and partners).

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

Break

Recognition of past chairs – Jamie Connell

Dave Cesark: Encourage to continue to work together and reach consensus. Served Feb 2007 – Feb 2009

White River Field Office RMP Oil and Gas Amendment, Alternatives & RMMP Sue Howle, Jason Taylor & Kent Walters

Walters: RAC working group working with plan amendment, recommendations share with RAC. Give update on where we are.

POWER POINT

Comstock: Need RAC feedback from Sub Group in May.

Clare: Thresholds concept, where else are we seeing this work?

Walters: Custom design, steal ideas from other field offices, take little pieces and developed custom design. This concept may not be being used anywhere in its current form. Cluster development limits impacts to other resources except air (Clare: Noise). Impacts analysis in March.

Dickenson: How does this affect grazing then? Look at the full picture. We are all playing and living in that landscape. No one should be bumped out.

Walters: Can't mitigate all impacts if you have development. Acceptable development level – is what this plan amendment is about. Public can weigh in.

POWER POINT

Sub-Group Updates

White River Field Office

Luke Schafer: Provide recommendations for RAC to consider, applicants themselves and Jon Hill. Process of involvement, discussions with BLM – what are engagements going to be before Plan comes out. Impact analysis on EIS. Provide specific input on variety of factors and be able to be successful with it. 3 – 4week time frame to come up with individual ideas and bring forward with recommendation to RAC. First one in April.

Connell: Two people (verbal Jon Hill & Dave Cesark) who are interested in participating and three more written ones (Letters). Membership of sub –committee of RAC must be authorized by the NW RAC. Groups made up of very diverse and balance public interests.

Smith: In recognizing need for participants, do you feel that this set of applicants is diverse?

Luke Schafer: Have a diversity of viewpoints, community, grazing, and wildlife. Good understanding and interest.

Bastable: Fully in favor of adding people to sub committees. This isn't the normal process, usually have interest slots to fill (continue with this process).

Shue: Time issue without December meeting. Made same assessments within the group and presenting them now.

Connell: Quickly go over the remaining interests. Missing a topic? Luke: Colorado Environment

WRFO Sub Group Members: Mike Lopez - Grazing, Pam Roth - Oil & Gas, Richard Blakely - Small Business, Soren Jespersen Wilderness Society, Anna - Town Planner for Meeker, livestock grazing permitte , Dave Cesark- Oil & Gas, Jon Hill - Grazing Permittee.

Bastable – Motion that we accept the 5 applicants to the WRFO Sub Committee

Bumgarner – Second

Passed Unanimously

Kai Turner: Add as second RAC Liaison for WRFO Sub Committee

Walters: to Luke, Recommend proposed alternative to RAC

Luke Schafer: Not going to have anything for May meeting, should have three recommendations for August.

Grand Junction Field Office – Steve Gunderson

Gunderson: All categories covered. Alternatives are now being developed but have not been finalized. Attendance and involvement of representative have been very high level

Create List of main RAC with sub RACS, include list of peoples name for hand out or e-mail. Who is operating under umbrella of RAC?

McInnis Canyons – Pat Kennedy

Kennedy: Explain that a subcommittee is a sanctioned group that is organized under NW RAC.

Transitory situation with McInnis Canyons – used to have RAC. Advisory Council isn't necessary in McInnis Canyons since it is now up and running (it brought it through the process). Change to sub group of RAC. Meeting next Thursday (3/4/2010) 5:00 at BLM office in Grand Junction. Current members of council – all have shown interested in becoming members of sub-committee. Slots are all filled and if they chose to continue. (Do this before May).

District Manager and Field Manager Updates

Grand Junction Field Office, Catherine Robertson

RMP Revision: The 1.2 million acre Grand Junction field office in western Colorado is revising its Resource Management Plan, which was approved in 1987. The office held scoping meetings in January 2009 and is currently engaged in alternatives development. The major issues facing public lands in the GJFO are increased recreation use, community growth and expansion, and mineral development. The GJFO has completed the Analysis of the Management Situation (AMS), Areas of Critical Environmental Concern report (ACEC report), and Community Assessment documents and posted them to its planning website. The Reasonable Foreseeable Development for fluid minerals, the Mineral Potential Report for solid minerals, and the Lands with Wilderness Character report will be posted soon.

The RMP revision includes a Wild and Scenic River analysis. The Colorado River District has convened a stakeholders group to provide additional information on the Wild and Scenic River process and its implications, to answer questions, and to determine the group's interest in exploring alternatives to

federal designation that may provide greater management flexibility while protecting the "resource values" that qualify river segments for designation.

Four alternatives are being developed for the GJFO RMP: a "No Action" alternative, and three action alternatives including a conservation alternative, a resource use alternative, and a blended alternative. Protections, formal designations, and resource uses vary throughout the three alternatives. The next opportunity for public comment will be when the draft RMP is released in June 2011. The GJFO is continuing to meet with Cooperating Agencies and a subcommittee of the Northwest Resource Advisory Council to keep them informed of the alternatives that are being developed.

<http://www.blm.gov/co/st/en/fo/gjfo.html>

Recreation: Recreational use numbers for 2009 show that more and more people are recreating on BLM GJFO land. In some cases, visits have doubled and tripled over a two-year period. This increase in use adds to the complexity of managing these areas, especially those that are within a half hour of the city of Grand Junction.

Recreation use round-up for 2009: Use is up across the board at most locations. Some areas of note:

- North Fruita Desert SRMA on 18 Road – 89,626 visitors, up from 57,000 in 2007.
- North Desert Area (27 1/4 Road) - 347,774 visitors in 2009. Up from 100,000 in 2007.
- Tabeguache TH (Monument Road) – 58,729 visitors up from around 30,000 in 2007.
- Bang's Canyon TH (Upper Little Park Road) – 29,218 visitors, up from around 10,000 in 2007.
- Dominguez-Escalante NCA (Bridgeport Bridge) - has basically remained constant since 2007 with approximately 7,287 visitors across the bridge in 2009. We expect these numbers to go up in the coming years following the recent designation of the NCA and Dominguez Canyon Wilderness.

Trailhead Enhancements: We anticipate enhancing both the Little Park and Ribbon trailheads along Little Park Road in Spring of 2010. We will be improving parking lot conditions and installing restrooms at both locations to accommodate the increased use and improve public health and safety.

2009 Volunteer Recognition: BLM recognized the accomplishments of nearly 350 volunteers and partners at an event Nov. 18 in Grand Junction. In 2009, volunteers and partner organizations donated more than 23,000 hours of their time to public lands projects. These contributions combined with in-kind donations from local businesses are valued at nearly \$600,000. Fourteen individuals were recognized for their outstanding contributions in 2009, as well as eight organizations.

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA): There are a total of 16 projects that are in various stages of completion within GJFO, Dominguez-Escalante and McInnis Canyons NCAs. Total estimated value of \$2.5 million. Projects include:

- Inventory, close, reclaim and monitor abandoned mines,
- Three solar installations including; Whitewater, Low Gap, and a portable unit,
- Black Ridge Canyons Wilderness trailhead improvement,

- Cactus Park; two new trailheads, restroom and parking area.
- Mud Springs campground upgrade,
- West Creek recreation site parking area,
- Improve Little Bookcliffs shooting range safety and access,
- Coal Canyon access road repair,
- Bighorn sheep and habitat monitoring,
- Sheep Creek road repair,
- Clearances for potential solar energy sites, cultural and T&E.

Bridgeport Trailhead: We are continuing to work with Mesa County R & B and Union Pacific RR with engineering contractor HDR to develop a final feasibility study on our options for providing a safe, legal public crossing in the Bridgeport Bridge area. Following the feasibility study, which will identify locations and relative rankings of each option (such as locations for above grade crossings or below grade crossings), additional geotechnical studies and an environmental analysis, will be completed.

Old Spanish Trail National Historic Trail: We are working with Mesa County, the City of Grand Junction, the Old Spanish Trail Association, the Orchard Mesa Neighbor's In Action (OMNIA) and the National Park Service to develop a cooperative management plan to protect and enhance recreation and cultural education opportunities adjacent to the Old Spanish and Gunnison Bluffs trails south of Whitewater. The plan is due to be completed by November of 2010.

CAM/Red Cliff Coal Mine: The proposed Red Cliff Mine is located approximately 11 miles north of the towns of Mack and Loma, Colorado, and 1.5 miles east of Colorado State Highway 139. CAM Coal Company is proposing a new portal and associated facilities to extract low-sulfur coal from current federal coal leases, several potential new federal leases, and a small amount of private coal. A proposed railroad line would traverse approximately 9.5 miles of federal land, and include one crossing of State Highway 139 and approximately 5 miles of private land. BLM's decision authority covers the rights of way for the railroad and proposed powerline across BLM land, as well as the new coal leases. The County, State and Office of Surface Mining are also involved in the permitting. A Draft EIS was released for public comment last year. Based on comments received, a revised Draft EIS will be prepared in 2010. <http://www.blm.gov/rmp/co/redcliffmine/index.htm>

Oil and Gas: Aspen Operating's Whitewater leases have been transferred to Fram Americas LLC. Fram is in the process of submitting a new Whitewater Master Development Plan for the Whitewater area of the Grand Mesa Slopes south to the Mesa-Delta county line. When BLM determines that the MDP is complete, we will begin the NEPA process, which will include opportunities for public review and comment.

NEPA analysis is continuing on the Black Hill Master Development Plan (MDP) northwest of DeBeque.

Mountain Island Land Exchange: A Notice of Exchange Proposal was published in the newspaper this fall, and a 45-day public comment period was held. The proposal involves the exchange of 788 acres of

federal lands for 576 acres of private lands in Glade Park to consolidate public land ownership, provide important public access to the Timber Ridge area and to acquire an inholding within the McInnis Canyons NCA. BLM received about 25 comments from the public, which were mixed. Appraisals of the federal and private lands are planned for this spring. The public lands that are proposed for exchange have no legal public access.

Law Enforcement: A second LEO Ranger recently completed his Field Training this month, and is now fully functional, bringing our total number of rangers to three. Supervisory Ranger Erik Boik was recently recognized as BLM's national Law Enforcement Ranger for 2009.

MCINNIS CANYONS NCA

Front Country Trails: The McInnis Canyons NCA staff held an open house in December to gather input from the public regarding existing trails in Kodels, Devils, Flume and Pollock Canyons, as well as the Opal Hill area. The open house was held to gather comments and suggestions and share possible management directions for the area. The McInnis Canyons Resource Management Plan, which was completed five years ago, established a designated trail system and determined that the area should be managed for hiking and equestrian recreation. The BLM is now performing a "check-up" on the condition of the trail system as a whole and determining where relocations or rehabilitation is needed to improve sustainability. In addition, the BLM will be looking at ways to enhance accessibility in the area and increase connectivity to other systems, such as the Riverfront Trail and City of Fruita attractions.

Ongoing Colorado River Fee and Permit Analysis: The McInnis Canyons Advisory Council will meet this week, but a subsequent meeting this spring will be held to discuss the potential fee and permit options for recreating on the Colorado River in the McInnis Canyons NCA. BLM has been analyzing initial options based on that feedback. The meeting this spring will be to share those options with the public and obtain feedback on potential permit systems. This public input will be used to prepare an Environmental Assessment to analyze different options for permitting use on the Colorado.

DOMINGUEZ-ESCALANTE NCA

BLM is extending the application period for nominations for the Dominguez-Escalante NCA Advisory Council. The application period is likely to extend through April. The Advisory Council will assist the BLM in developing the RMP. Individuals with interest or expertise in working with the geological, cultural, archaeological, paleontological, natural, scientific, recreational, wilderness, wildlife, riparian, historical, educational, and scenic values of the NCA, or with the water resources of the area, should consider submitting a nomination. Stakeholders who have an interest affected by the planning and management of the Conservation Area and Wilderness may also nominate themselves for consideration. The council will also include representatives from Mesa, Delta and Montrose counties. BLM is asking each of the three counties to recommendation representatives. The nominations will be reviewed to ensure that there is a broad and balanced representation from the various groups and disciplines interested in and affected by NCA management.

Council nomination recommendations will be reviewed and coordinated with the Governor of Colorado before being relayed to the Director and Secretary. Katie A. Stevens, McInnis Canyons NCA Manager, is serving as the interim D-E NCA Manager. Work will begin on the NCA's Resource Management Plan this summer with public scoping meetings.

White River Field, Kent E. Walter

White River Oil and Gas RMP Amendment

The BLM White River Field Office is developing an Oil and Gas Resource Management Plan Amendment and Environmental Impact Statement. Chapters 1, 2, 3, and 5 are in completed final Draft. The four Alternatives look at a range of development from 550 multi-well pads up to 2550 multi-well pads, with an average of 8 wells per pad. The WRFO launched the quantitative analysis for the development of Chapter 4, the Impact Analysis chapter, in June 2009 with anticipated completion in early June 2010. An updated Air Quality Assessment is on-schedule to be completed in spring 2010. Work is also underway to develop a Resource Management & Monitoring Protocol (RMMP), designed to serve as a cost-effective and publicly accepted approach for landscape-change monitoring and assessment. From a fundamental perspective, the RMMP is an RMPA implementation strategy that has two objectives. First, to determine the most efficient way to inventory and monitor surface disturbance and reclamation activities, with the inventorying and monitoring being completed via some combination of geospatial technologies and fieldwork. The second objective is to development an assessment protocol, using landscape metrics and fieldwork-results, to determine the ecological effects of landscape change related to O&G development. We anticipate a Notice of Availability for the Draft Oil and Gas RMPA/EIS to be published in the Federal Register in winter 2010. This notice initiates a required 90-day public and agency review/comment period for the Draft RMPA/EIS, as well as dates, times and locations of public meetings/hearings that will be held during the same time period.

Connell: Detailed presentation of how thresholds work (BLM meet with RAC members).

Walters: Notify new members of RAC Sub Committee

ARRA Projects

Two projects have been approved for the office under ARRA. One is the White River Field Office Travel Management Plan which falls under the Trails Maintenance and Construction category. The other is the Missouri Creek Road Repair project which falls under the Roads and Bridges Maintenance and Construction category. Planning is underway for both projects.

Energy Program

Oil Shale RD&D

WRFO approved American Shale Oil, LLC's (AMSO) Plan of Development (POD) on September 3, 2009. AMSO is currently engaged in detailed design and construction contracts for surface facilities and the heater-producer well. Construction of facilities is expected to commence spring 2010. Shell Frontier's exploration plan for COC 69166 (East Lease) was approved by the WRFO on October 15, 2009. Construction of an access road, two pads (one hydrology pad and one core hole pad) and drilling of five hydrologic monitoring wells and one core hole occurred late 2009 early 2010 on Shell's East Lease. Chevron is analyzing information gathered during their geo-hydrologic drilling /testing and continues to work on a POD.

Pipelines and Infrastructure Projects

The Overland Pass NGL line from Greasewood Hub to Wyoming is completed and is in service with some reclamation to complete in Spring 2010. Exxon Mobil's Hatch Gulch multi-line project is under construction and scheduled to be completed March 2010. Exxon Mobil and Williams have pending multi-line systems in the Ryan Gulch and Black Sulphur area that they plan to construct in Summer 2010. Route selection for the Gateway South 500Kv AC power line and the Transwest 600kV DC power line is still in progress. Both lines will transmit electricity from Wyoming to Nevada and will include wind generated power. Rio Blanco, Moffat, and Garfield Counties are cooperating agencies. White River Field Office is working with the Rangely Hospital District for the sale of property for the proposed new Rangely facility.

Fire and Fuels Program

Two of the three planned prescribed fires on the agenda for FY 2009 have been completed, East Jordan and Carl's Hole. The staff is working on rehab plans for this summers wildland fires, Crooked Wash, Duck Creek, Spring Creek, Denny, Mellen, and Scenery Gulch.

Geographic Information Systems Program

During early 2010, priorities for the GIS Program included developing data and processes to support the RMMP, the travel management plan, and Threatened, Endangered, and BLM Sensitive (TES) plant management. Specific data layers include (1) well pads, right-of-ways, and other surface disturbances, (2) updated road centerlines (to match 2009 aerial photography); and, (3) TES plants including the addition of all 2009 field surveys. In addition to data development, through the RMMP and working with the USGS, plans are being developed to create a web-based GIS/Disturbance Tracking tool that will allow BLM staff, Oil & Gas Operators, and the Public to access near real-time updates of surface disturbance and reclamation activities in the WRFO.

Range Program

WRFO is working on the 2010 grazing permit renewals; plans are to finish all necessary field work and issue permits by September of 2010. WRFO is working on approximately 35 renewals at this time; however, only 29 will be expiring in 2010. Field work will be starting for our 2010 and 2011 permit

renewals. Grazing Fees have not been set for the 2010 Grazing Season. The 2009 grazing fees were set at \$1.35/AUM.

Cultural and Paleontology

The cultural program is currently working on providing clearances for grazing-permit renewals (including planning fieldwork for 23 different allotments), and forthcoming prescribed burns. Also for the 2010 field season WRFO archaeologists will survey portions of Canyon Pintado National Historic District with hopes of furthering knowledge of the archaeological sites in the Canyon. Over the past year, paleontologists working in the WRFO have recovered significant new specimens of prehistoric animals and plants, most notably Eocene mammals such as Colodons (relatives of modern tapirs), and the iconic Uintathere, a saber-toothed ungulate from an extinct branch separated from modern even-toed or odd-toed ungulates.

Recreation Program

The Recreation Program has a multitude of activities underway and planned for 2010. New maps and informational materials are being added to 14 kiosks around the field office. We are continuing with road signing, as well as planning to add many new signs along the boundaries of our Wilderness Study Areas. Recreation staff are also continuing to work with the Rangely Rock Crawlers off-road club to develop trails and operational plans for the group's Spring and Fall events. Plans are underway for multiple National Public Lands Day events (trail maintenance and clean-up) and for the first *Hands-on-the-Lands* event – a program to bring outdoor education to local middle-school students. We are also moving forward with initial steps toward a travel management plan for the WRFO with road and trail inventories expected during the 2010 field season. Planning for the upcoming hunting seasons is underway. The WRFO and US Forest Service will be holding an open-house meeting for all permitted Outfitters to discuss the current issues with Special Recreation Permits and future permitting processes. BLM is currently reviewing an application for a Wilderness Therapy Program, which has been operating in the area mainly on private lands.

Soil, Water, and Air Program

In January of 2010, an air-quality monitoring station was established near Meeker (just south, on the mesa) with plans for a second monitoring station to be established this summer, in the west-central portion of the field office. Water monitoring will also continue in the forthcoming year. Currently, the WRFO maintains four stream-flow measurement sites in the Piceance Creek watershed and there are plans to add an additional two sites this summer. The WRFO also helps supports seven USGS stream-flow measurement sites to measure surface water quality in areas experiencing natural gas development. A groundwater monitoring program with the USGS will establish 5 dedicated groundwater-quality monitoring wells in the Piceance Basin this year. This summer the WRFO will also: continue collecting information on, and document the location of, natural springs used as water sources for livestock and wildlife in the resource area; and will continue monitoring ten precipitation-recording sites are maintained throughout the WRFO.

Wild Horses

On August 5, 2009 the court ruled in favor of the Plaintiffs and set aside the 2008 Gather Plan for the West Douglas Herd Area. BLM will be completing a census of both the West Douglas Herd Area and the East Douglas/Piceance Creek Herd Management Areas in February. Both areas are currently scheduled for gathers in the Fall of 2010.

Weed Management

WRFO will continue its weed program for 2010. WRFO completed several weed spraying projects in 2009, including the completion of approximately 300 acres of leafy spurge aerial spraying. In addition, weed crews have treated 250 to 300 additional acres of various other weeds within the county. The weed program is looking to complete additional spraying operations in 2010.

Kremmling Field Office, Dave Stout

Kremmling RMP Revision: The Kremmling and Glenwood Springs field offices have been working with Tetra Tech and the BLM Contracting Officer to reach concurrence on additional work needed on Chapter 4 (environmental consequences analysis) of the revised RMPs. Work on Chapter 4 is underway, again, following completion of contract modifications and agreement among the parties on how to proceed with the analysis. The Draft RMP/EIS is now expected to be published in the fall of 2010, due to delays related to the air quality analysis and the negotiations with Tetra Tech.

Tribal consultation as part of the RMP process is ongoing. Kremmling Field Office staff met with Tribal Councils of the Southern Ute Tribe in Ignacio, CO, on January 6th, and with the Uinta and Ouray Ute Tribe in Fort Duchesne, UT, on January 26th. KFO staff plan to meet with Ute Mountain Ute tribal representatives in Denver on March 19th.

Meetings with the KFO's cooperating agencies and the RAC subgroup to review a preliminary draft RMP will be scheduled when Tetra Tech completes an updated planning project schedule.

Fuels Treatments: Two prescribed burns are planned in Jackson County this spring: the 200-acre Fischer Draw burn on Independence Mountain and the 700-acre Sheep Mountain burn, west of Walden. The 200-acre Dry Gulch fuels treatment project in the Yarmony area in Grand and Eagle counties, planned for the fall of 2009, will be attempted this spring. The Dry Gulch and Sheep Mountain burns are intended to improve forage and habitat for wildlife and livestock. The Fischer Draw burn will focus on modifying rangeland vegetation and regenerating aspen. The

C Lazy U and McQuery Gulch pile burns, covering 600 acres, have been completed this winter. A 30-acre pile burn on Independence Mountain and continued work on Gore Lakes piles will be conducted over the next month or two if conditions are right. A 50-acre hydro-ax project is planned to thin pinon and juniper along the Trough Road southwest of Kremmling.

Forestry: Cooperative efforts continue with Jackson County on the North Park Stewardship Agreement. A 160-acre project on Independence Mountain will commence this fiscal year. The Colorado Youth Corps will thin dead lodgepole on about 130 acres along roads, and a crew from The Nature

Conservancy will pre-commercially thin another 30 acres. This project will have a biomass component. Commercial timber sales contracts under the Stewardship Agreement have been affected by the low monetary value of timber, and competition from the Forest Service, which is using stimulus funding to cut large amounts of dead lodgepole pine on the Routt National Forest. Outside of the Stewardship Agreement, the 200-acre Parsons Draw sale will be reoffered in June. The 60-acre Hogback sale has been cancelled at the request of the contractor, and will be reoffered. Negotiated sales of the Willow Creek (47 acres) and the Little Buffalo (17 acres) projects have been completed and work should begin in the spring. The 100-acre Reed Creek commercial sale is planned for late summer or the fall.

Junction Butte Wetlands: The long-awaited boundary fence separating public land from private land was completed last fall.

Bumgarner: Junction Butte talked to Penny Lewis had no recollection of agreement. When Wolfer? Reservoir went away took away part of property. Supposed to be first in line for permits.

Stout: Thompson (previous land owner) would have priority for permits.

Kennedy: Dates for expectations of draft in Fall. A sub-group will be scheduled someday, when?

Stout: Haven't seen current idea of schedule.

Bennett: Preliminary draft this spring

Stout: Sub group focused on one issue – range of alternatives for recreation and travel management

Jackson County Shooting Range: As previously reported, Jackson County submitted an application for a Recreation and Public Purposes patent for a shooting range east of Walden. The range, on public land, has been in use for many years but hasn't had formal administration of the site. The Colorado Division of Wildlife was in the process of purchasing the site for public use, but has deferred to the County's interest in owning the range. Work on the application is in hiatus until spring when a paleontological survey and an environmental site assessment can be completed. Following that work, a BLM Cadastral Surveyor will "monument" the legal location of the range, so that work on the application can be completed.

Union Telephone Cell Tower Location: Union Telephone Company applied for a cell tower location on Owl Ridge, southeast of Walden, in December 2005. Owl Ridge is an area of many cultural resource sites and areas of spiritual or traditional interest to Native Americans. A meeting with representatives of Tribes having an interest in the area produced concurrence with the location, with mitigations. The Colorado SHPO raised concerns with the location due to Native American concerns and cultural sites, and Union Telephone was asked to look at alternative locations for cell towers. Union has finally reported back on their further analysis, and we have started another round of consultation with the affected tribes, to consider alternatives to the location originally proposed by Union.

Rangeland Management: The KFO is processing 19 livestock grazing permits, which will be issued this spring. The appropriations rider was not used in processing any of the permits. We are considering

issuing a “drought letter” to inform permittees of possible actions that may be taken later in the year. Snowpack is low and runoff will be marginal, if precipitation continues at current levels.

David Blackstun, Little Snake Field Office

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act: The Little Snake Field Office received some funding from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, ARRA (economic stimulus bill) to support a six proposed projects in the LSFO management area. These funds are being managed out of the Colorado State Office for projects 1-3 and out of the LSFO for projects 4-6. The proposed projects include:

1. Adding a photovoltaic system to the proposed facility for the Craig Hot Shots to be built next year at the location of the current HotShot barracks;
2. Gravel re-surface of 3 miles of the East Cross Mountain Road;
3. Energy Efficiency improvements to the HVAC control system for the LSFO building;
4. Vegetation enhancement and fuels projects to include brush beating, juniper removal, or other vegetation treatments to support habitat enhancement and fuels reduction; Summer 2010
5. Additional cultural resource surveys in support of the Sand Wash travel Management plan development. – Ongoing Summer 2009 through summer 2010
6. Conversion of 3 windmills to solar powered livestock water systems. – Summer 2010

Oil and Gas: 7 Applications for drilling permits were processed thus far FY 2010. Wexpro has commenced drilling for 2010. We expect drilling activity to be on par with last year, but activity will be more for development wells than for exploratory wells.

The Rock Springs and Little Snake Field Offices continue to work with Questar and other cooperating agencies on a proposed energy development project that could include up to 4,200 new wells. About 33% of the new wells would be in Colorado. BLM is currently working through issues related to sage-grouse habitat and air quality. The Draft EIS is now scheduled to be complete in January 2011.

Questar Management Inc., BLM-LSFO, and SHPO, in consultation with Moffat County Commissioners, Eastern Shoshone, Southern Ute, Ute Mountain Ute, and Northern Ute, are pursuing an agreement on how to handle archaeological discoveries during oil and gas development in Hiawatha and Powder Wash basin. During 2009 development, discoveries of archaeological sites became increasingly common, necessitating a way to protect those resources with less time delay. This agreement has been reviewed and will be finalized and signed in the near future.

Coal: Colowyo is mining federal coal in the South Taylor box cut and in their West Pit. The South Taylor Box cut was a new area permitted in 2008

Peabody Twentymile Coal Company is mining some federal coal in the Western Mining District with their longwall system. Mining in the Western Mining District commenced Jan. 1, 2010 on a permit approved

by the LSFO in 2009. Continued coal exploration is expected under an existing exploration license for the new Sage Creek Mine. The exploration license expires in Sept. 2010.

Trapper Mine has begun mining in the slide area of the K pit using their new truck/ loader system. K pit experienced a major slide about four years ago, and it is now not minable by conventional dragline methods. This new equipment will allow recovery of coal that otherwise would have been bypassed.

Locatable Minerals: BLM received a new notice for placer mining exploration at the site of the old Joker Mine. 25 auger holes were drilled. Additional exploration drilling is expected this season. The notice expires in 2011.

Supplemental funding for Abandoned mine land restoration was received for FY 2010 for the Ace #7 mine reclamation north of Craig.

Cultural Resource Management in Moffat County: Moffat County is received a grant from Colorado State Historical Fund to study a large cultural site being impacted by a designated vehicle route in the vicinity of Vermillion Canyon. The site, which is eligible for the National Historic Register, was discovered in 2007 during a field investigation to determine effects of an ATV incursion on a medicine wheel feature near Vermillion Creek. The site lies along the last 200 yards or so of an unimproved two-track that dead-ends before dropping down into the canyon. The two-track is part of a Moffat County R.S. 2477 assertion, so LSFO and Moffat County went to the field and discussed options to protect the cultural site and respect the access claims. There are no apparent options to reroute the two-track because of the extent of the site and terrain limitations. The grant will pay for a survey, which will utilize ground penetrating radar in an effort to determine if there are any subsurface features associated with the site. The results could allow the BLM and Moffat County to better understand the site, address the cultural resource issues, and provide opportunities to address the County's concerns related to access.

Moffat County and BLM have signed a programmatic agreement which makes Moffat County a "consulting party" in the Section 106 review process for undertakings involving Moffat County permits, Moffat County Highways (including RS-2477 assertions), and non-routine actions requiring consultations with the Colorado State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO). Moffat County has been notified about several undertakings and exercised their options in accordance with the terms of the agreement.

The Vermillion Chapter of the Colorado Archaeological Society was awarded a \$90,000 grant to conduct research oriented surveys in Sand Wash. The surveys will include examination of features thought to be chert sources used in making stone tools. BLM will contribute another \$30,000 to the project. The project will indentify and improve our understanding of the rich cultural resources in Sand Wash, provide information that will be useful for BLM travel management planning, and enhance cultural tourism opportunities. Moffat County and others provided letters of support for this grant application.

Recreation Management (Emerald Mountain): The LSFO completed the Ridge Trail on Emerald Mountain by fall 2009 and together with the Routt County Riders have applied for a State Trails grant to complete the Agate Creek/Moose Draw Trail for Emerald Mountain development. Funding has also

been received from the state office to begin trailhead facilities development. LSFO is currently working with the Steamboat Rotary club to secure additional support for trail and trailhead development.

The Little Yampa Canyon SRMA is part of a heritage tourism grant that was received by the Agriculture Community Alliance to promote tourism in Northwest Colorado. The interpretive loop is known as *Journey 65 million years in 65 miles*. The self-guided tour covers both past and present history using paleontology, history of the Old West, stories of ranching, cultural, mining, and local interest.

Cedar Mountain is getting a face lift with new signs and recent trail development. Increased visitation at Cedar Mountain, located 7 miles north of Craig, is the result of the highly successful educational program, "Bioregion in your backyard", held for 6th grade Craig students. This program is in partnership with Yampatika, a non profit environmental education organization in Steamboat Springs.

Tamarisk Beetle Release: The LSFO received and released 6,000 Tamarisk Beetles on a tamarisk infestation along the Yampa River near the Duffy Mountain River access area. The beetle release is the first on BLM lands in the LSFO Northwest Colorado and is a part of our integrated management program to control tamarisk in the upper Yampa River Valley. There will not be any new information on the status of this release until summer 2010 but we want to keep the RAC aware of this event for future updates.

Wildlife Habitat Management: In 2009, the LSFO began remapping white-tailed prairie dog colonies to determine recovery after plague impacted the population in 1994-95. The survey area included colonies from the base of Diamond Peak to Hiawatha. Approximately 12,500 acres of white-tailed prairie dog colonies that were mapped from 1989 to 1994, were re-visited this past summer. Approximately 1450 acres of white-tailed prairie dog colonies were found to be active in 2009. This is only 11.6% of the 12,500 acres of previously mapped prairie dog towns. The largest active colony was 371 acres. Post-plague recovery in this area has been extremely slow and it is doubtful that the prairie dog populations will recovery to its pre-plague numbers soon. At this time, white-tailed prairie dog colonies in the study area are not adequate to support a population of black-footed ferrets. This project will continue in 2010 and 2011 in order to completely map all prairie dog colonies that exist in the LSFO.

BLM will be assisting CDOW with greater sage-grouse lek counts. This effort usually begins in mid-March and ends in late April or early May.

RMP Update: We have prepared the Notice of Availability (NOA) for the Little Snake Proposed RMP/Final EIS. The LSFO and the CSO are currently conducting briefings and in discussions with the Washington Office and the Department of Interior to inform the personnel in these two offices of the RMP management actions contained within the proposed plan. Release of the Final EIS is pending Washington review and approval.

Comstock: When do you expect an RMP out?

Blackstun: With Helen on, need to know what options are. Needs to be briefed.

Dickenson: White tail prairie dog, where are we on the conservation efforts, local plans and what is the BLMs long term thinking?

Riggs: Don't know about planning side.

Blackstun: Update of 1989 data, experimental non-essential black foot ferret area. Populations cannot support new colonies. Populations worse than 1989.

Bastable: BLM wide approach (core areas) for grouse management.

Dickenson: identified population areas are zones as opposed to core areas as in Wyoming. Concerned with Wyoming's management areas treated differently.

Connell: Wyoming is trying to balance sage grouse with oil and gas development.

Bastable: Look at habitat wide strategy, not just core areas. Back up for non-listing situation

Connell: Fuels management in sage grouse habitat, being consistent across bureau

Fire Management – February 25, 2010 The 2009 fire season ended about average for Northwest Colorado even with the first two months being very wet. We had 237 fires with about 10,500 acres burned. The burned acres were higher than our average of about 6,500 acres per year. We had a few prescribed fires during the fall as well as pile burning continuing through February at least. As of now, it looks like it could be an active fire season in 2010 with our current snow pack averaging about 60-65% of normal. Historically our big snow and rain months are still to come so making many predictions at this time is risky, at best. The Northwest Colorado Fire Management Unit will have the same number of fire resources as last season. There will be two engines assigned to Dinosaur National Monument, one engine at Browns Park National Wildlife Refuge, two engines at the White River Field Office in Meeker, three engines and one four-person squad at the Little Snake Field Office in Craig.

Colorado River Valley Field Office, Steve Bennett

Discussions continue about proposed land exchange in Garfield and Pitkin counties – Western Land Group is pursuing a legislative land exchange involving BLM and other federal lands in western Colorado. BLM does not have a position on this exchange because it is being pursued legislatively. The proposed exchange has recently been in the news because of the Pitkin County Commissioners' interest.

Western Land Group submitted another compromise proposal to local officials this week. It included more concessions dealing with the lands that the proponent would control and payment to manage the Sutey Ranch that would be transferred to BLM. To manage the potential new BLM lands they are offering a \$1 million endowment fund and an additional \$100,000 to fund development of a management plan for the ranch.

Under the Western Land Group proposal, BLM would acquire a 520-acre parcel adjacent to the popular Red Hill Special Recreation Area in Garfield County. The parcel has water rights, high wildlife habitat value and high recreation potential. BLM would exchange two parcels in the Glenwood Springs Field Office:

- a 1,268-acre parcel in Pitkin County south of Carbondale, which is mostly surrounded by private land and is difficult for the public to access. The current livestock permittee would acquire this parcel under this proposal. Pitkin County has concerns about exchanging this parcel but has not yet taken a formal position. Pitkin and Garfield counties recently toured the areas with the Field Office and Western Land Group.
- a 195-acre parcel on Horse Mountain southwest of Eagle in Eagle County. The Eagle County Commission supports exchanging this parcel. This is a very difficult parcel for BLM to manage. It has previously been identified for disposal.

Western Land Group has received letters of support for the exchange from Aspen Valley Land Trust, Red Hill Council, Eagle County Commissioners, Town of Carbondale, Eagle Valley Land Trust, Town of Marble, Prince Creek Homeowners, and Udall Consulting. Although Pitkin County tabled a resolution opposing the exchange, the County Commissioners and Open Space Department have expressed concern about a net loss of public lands in Pitkin County.

RMP update: The Glenwood Springs Field Office and the Kremmling Field Office have modified the contract with TetraTech to remove certain tasks and facilitate the completion of the Chapter 4, Environmental Consequences. The RMP revision schedule is being revised and the preliminary draft is expected to be ready for Cooperating Agency and RAC subgroup review this spring.

TetraTech will then revise the schedule for the remaining planning tasks and we will reschedule the remaining Cooperating Agency and RAC subgroup meetings. We did get comments from these stakeholders on Chapters 2 (Alternatives) and 3 (Affected Environment) and will share the consolidated comment tables with both groups prior to rescheduling the additional meetings.

We do not expect to have a final draft available for public review until fall of 2011.

Move update: The Glenwood Springs Field Office, including the Energy Office, has relocated to a new building in Silt, CO. Since we are no longer located in Glenwood Springs, a new name was recently approved and we are now the Colorado River Valley Field Office. Our address in Silt is 2300 River Frontage Road, Silt, CO 81652. Main office phone number is 970-876 9000, Fax 876-9090.

Dejour lease in State Wildlife Area: In November 2008 the Field Office discovered an oil and gas lease had been issued in 2001 for a parcel in the Garfield Creek State Wildlife Area with required stipulations only partially applied due to an administrative mapping error. Under Oil and Gas RMP Amendments in 1991 and 1999, the entire 1,520-acre parcel should have had two No Surface Occupancy stipulations attached, but they were applied to only about a third of the parcel. A big game timing limitation and Controlled Surface Use stipulations for erosive soils and visual resource management were also not properly attached to the lease when it was issued.

The 13,234-acre Garfield Creek State Wildlife Area is state-owned surface with 10,544 acres of federal minerals underneath. These errors were discovered when the leaseholder, Dejour Energy (USA) Corp., began discussions with the Colorado Division of Wildlife. Dejour purchased the lease from a previous owner.

BLM has met with Dejour, who is aware of the error. BLM Colorado will be issuing a decision letter this week giving Dejour the option of voluntarily accepting a lease amendment with the correct stipulations. If they choose not to, the lease will be canceled. Dejour has continued discussions with the Colorado Division of Wildlife in hopes of acquiring a surface use agreement. Dejour has recently indicated willingness to voluntarily accept the stipulations, but only with an exception to the surface use agreement stipulation.

BLM recently sent a protest letter to the Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission regarding Dejour's request for 10-acre downhole spacing, which is a common request in this region. BLM requested a continuation of Dejour's request until the lease issue is resolved.

Smith: Asked to comment to County?

Bennett: If congress comes down we have to take a position as an agency. Not right now

Bennett: issued oil and gas lease in wildlife area without stipulations, affection DOW. Working with lessee for past ten months to outline options. Have indicated willingness to accept those stipulations. Amend lease

Connell: willing to go forth to have an agreement with DOW.

Dickenson: Supportive of having BLM have agreement with surface owner, not treating the DOW differently.

Northwestern Colorado District, Jamie Connell

BLM Colorado Renewable Energy Update: BLM Colorado has created a five-member Renewable Energy Team based in Monte Vista. It consists of a program leader, NEPA Coordinator, Archeologist, Realty Specialist and Wildlife Biologist. The team is currently working on projects related to solar, wind and geothermal. The Northwest District will be hiring a term NEPA project coordinator to help build a renewable program and coordinate projects.

Here is a current summary of renewable energy projects in Colorado:

Wind: Three wind testing facility applications are being processed in the Royal Gorge Field Office, all located southwest of Guffey, Colo. One wind testing facility application is being processed in the White River Field Office for an area near Cathedral Bluff and the Utah stateline. One temporary wind testing tower has been established in the Grand Junction Field Office near Palisade, Colo. Also one wind testing facility is in place in the San Luis Valley near Saguache.

Solar: All four of the Solar Study Areas from the Programmatic EIS are located in the San Luis Valley. A draft of the PEIS is set to come out late summer/early fall. There are no solar applications pending on BLM CO lands. We will likely see more once the PEIS is completed. First Solar had submitted one in the Saguache area for 2,100 acres, but they withdrew their application in December.

Biomass: The most active renewable biomass programs in BLM Colorado include providing wood chips to Black Hills Power in Cañon City, providing dead and dying Mountain Pine Beetle infested trees to contractors who supply pellet plants in northwest Colorado, and providing thousands of cords of firewood for home and business heating throughout western Colorado. BLM Colorado produces thousands of tons of biomass annually through forestry, fuel hazard reduction, and range improvement projects.

Geothermal: There are currently three nominated parcels in BLM Colorado. A split estate parcel located in the Princeton Hot Springs Area has been deferred. The other two are located in the Gunnison Field Office near Wuanita Hot Springs Area and are currently undergoing NEPA review. BLM is currently working with the Colorado Department of Natural Resources to develop a Memorandum of Understanding to address geothermal leasing in terms of coordination and identifying concerns.

Connell: District trying to come up with renewable energy programs on public lands. Not much interest in large scale projects in our area. Looking to fill term position. Don't know what projects would work here. Help out people who are now working on plans.

Dickenson: Tie up large tracts of BLM land, do not agree

Connell: Put proposal out for use of parcel for wind development. But no one else could come in with same proposal, wouldn't hinder grazing.

Dickenson: Ask for presentation of how this works. Planning. Secondary issues is the transmission issue, project in San Louis valley, wealthy land owners don't like idea of a power line.

Connell: Match up corridors around west.

Smith: Interest in biomass, processing or generation?

Connell: NE part of CRV and Kremmling. Beetle kill trees

Public Comment

Luke Schafer: Progress on shed gathering/hunting policy, discussed at last meeting. Montana Fish and Wildlife and Parks were developing policy last fall.

Dickenson: No we haven't moved forward. Major break in schedule. The issue is still very much there. Wildlife committee discussion.

Blackstun: Put together committee (Law Enforcement, Rec – State Wide) to gather information to further clarify issue. Should be available for offices for this season. Compile that information then take a harder look at whether it should be state or local policy. DOW retains interest in antler once it falls.

Riggs: Factions within division, issue v. non issue. Regional managers were interested in that issue. Set up meeting to get up to speed. By definition it is correct that it is a piece of wildlife and would fall under

our jurisdiction for the parts. Heard from other DOW representatives in RACs, we are not supporting any resolution.

Dickenson: Law Enforcement has different interaction with public. Team doesn't run too far ahead of public process.

Robertson: Pleased that DOW is taking more action with this issue.

Agenda Items

May:

Archaeology policy consistency among Field Offices

Renewable energy update

Carbon Sequestration

Shed antler policy – Sub Group/DOW work on it

Comstock: Salazar internally wrote new DOI **guidelines on Oil and Gas leasing**. Rules re-written with no public comment. If managers know more, deal with it at next meeting.

Dickenson: Request briefing at next meeting on what has happened.

Bastable: Helen gives information

Connell: May not be able to release to the public.

Comstock: Want to request the same reviewing as the State Director for the NW RAC of these documents

Kennedy: Fees and permits for Ruby Horse Thief – CO River

Connell: Send additional agenda items

Meeting Adjourned: 2:49pm