

RAC Breakout Meeting 2/26-2/27

Minutes: taken by Terah Malsam

Thursday, 2/26 at 1045

Introduction by Gene Seidlitz

- Introduce Ralph Thomas – Carson District DM
- Group member introductions – In attendance: Tim Dufurrena, Matt Gingerich, Deborah Lassiter-Chair, Kyle Snyder, Verl Ray Hendrix, Andy Hart, Greg Hendricks, David Von Seggern, William Molini, Ron Cerri, Pat Irwin, Ron Keil, Mark Freese, Doug Hogan.
- Welcome to past members and new members
- Agency personnel present: Ralph Thomas-CCD DM, Gene Seidlitz-WD DM, Lisa Ross-CCD PAO, Terah Malsam-WD PAO.

Deborah L. – Open floor to discuss issues if there are members that will be absent during Friday's breakout.

- Willi Molini – Sage grouse habitat, more restoration and rehab projects in the Montana Mountains. RAC subgroup for sage grouse commented on Bi State EIS and GSG EIS.
- RAC and subgroup will like to be involved in the BLM and other agencies implementation of the plan. Projects, Proposals, Requests.
- - Gene – discussed with the RAC the past SLT meeting and brought forward updates on Fire Invasive Assessment Tool (FIAT), projects in the Montana Mountains, Double H-Bilk Creek, Little Owyhee and discussed the recent Tri-State agreement for fire suppression/fuels with ID/OR/NV
- Doug Hogan – asked about and discussed funding for habitat protection.
- Ron Cerri – Sought coordination and collaboration with the USFS – Santa Rose Range District for fuel breaks?
- Will Molini – Listing of GSG (concerns, funding to prevent listing), Sheldon removal of Wild Horses.
- Doug Hogan – Implementation/criteria for plans.
- Andy Hart – GSG listing (funding to prevent listing).
 - Implementation plan for NE Cal/NV Zone for GSG?
 - The misconceptions are that the issues are just GSG, sagebrush, WH&B, but there is so much more; SRPs, rights of way, etc.
- Ralph Thomas – briefly updated the RAC regarding greater sage grouse and the CCD RMP
- Ron Cerri – Draft EIS without public comment.

- How much can you change the document without public comment?
 - How much change without being a supplement
 - Gene – very elastic to meet targets of draft RMP.
- Pat Irwin – Transfer of local public lands: partnerships to build trust factors, opposing views.
 - Hot topic: trying to maintain County governments, State Legislation on Monday.
- Will Molini - Addressing the checkerboard land areas and negotiations. Concerned about a blanket transfer of lands.
- Ron Keil – Wind generation, any mention of this?
 - Not enough places to produce a steady wind.
 - Mark Freese – Bald eagle nests, bats, GSG in areas of wind power interest.
 - Gene – past interest several years ago with Carson City BLM and the Virginia Range/Pa Rah's.
- Gene – Winnemucca RMP: status, has briefed W.O., soon to have final RMP with Record of Decision.
 - Questions/comments regarding WD RMP
 - Deborah L. – Better to have the RMP signed from a public perspective.

Deborah L. – Elections for RAC members

- For Chair:
 - Willie Molini – Nominates Debra L. as Chair
 - Mark Gingrich – Seconds the nomination
 - All in favor
- For Vice Chair:
 - Will Molini – Nominates Mark Freese as Vice Chair
 - Doug Hogan – Seconds the nomination
 - All in Favor
- Gene Seidlitz will remain the designated federal official.

Adjourn

Friday, 2/27/15 at 0800

Chairperson – Recap on last year’s accomplishments – Burning Man tour.

- Forward letters out to anyone who has not seen them.
- Minutes from August
 - Willie Molini – Motion
 - Mark Freese – Seconded
 - Motion passed

NCA Sub group report –

- They need help with their organization from main RAC.
- Mark F. and Debra L. tag team on NCA RAC attendants.
- The sub group carries forward recommendations/suggestions to RAC, RAC then approves or not recommendations and then onto BLM NV/Winnemucca Debra will work with Dave to get a report out.
- Sub group did not report to main group. Sub-group did not attend RAC.
- DM Seidlitz provided a brief update.

WHB Sub group report –

- Questions to address:
 - Is there a contact from the Activists that we can make among them?
 - Should the Sub-group/RAC issue a response to the publics to let them know we heard them?
- Ron Cerri - proposes a letter of support from group for continued use of PZP/removal when appropriate.
- Mark Freese – proposes two levels of meetings for WHB: one local, one statewide.
- Greg Hendricks will formulate a letter, with Mark F. and Doug H., and submit to RAC group for approval.

Grazing Sub group report – Mark Freese

- Letter of recommendation to BLM.
 - BLM responded that the group will stay engaged and request reports from BLM and how those recommendations are proceeding.
 - Letters need to go out to everyone on the RAC group that does not have them.

Sage Grouse Sub group – Willie Molini

- RAC role in GSG.
- Revised EIS

- Review Sage Grouse Charter for subgroup – Willie M. will review and see if revisions are needed.
- Gene will report back on Sage Grouse after getting information from Raul at the NSO.
- Question:
 - What about bringing in groups such as Bootstraps to assist with projects?
- Monthly updates from each sub group from the sub group chairman.

Carson City District RMP update – Colleen Sievers

- Comment period ends April 27th.
- March 19th – Public Hearing in Fallon.

Carson City District DM's Report – Ralph Thomas

Winnemucca District DM's Report – Gene Seidlitz

RAC Meetings – schedule

- Carson District: May 14th & 15th
 - Desatoya – Sage Grouse
 - Pine Nuts
- Winnemucca District: Mid-September (17th & 18th?)
 - Montana's, Owyhee, Santa Rosas – Stone House for lodging

Adjournment: 11:30 a.m.