

BLM Utah Recreation Resource Advisory Committee/Resource Advisory Council Meeting  
Hilton Garden Inn, Indigo Room  
1731 South Convention Center Drive  
St. George, Utah  
March 24-25, 2010

### **March 24**

#### **RAC Members in attendance**

Bill Hopkin, Frank White, Paul Jacobs, Lowell Braxton, Ray Bloxham, Stuart Sprouse, Riley Cutler, Mike Roberts, Chuck Hawley, Gary Kofford, John Malechek, Manuel Morgan, Dell LeFevre  
Fran Amendola (3/25 only)

#### **BLM employees in attendance**

Selma Sierra, Sherry Foot, Glenn Carpenter, Aaron Curtis, Jimmy Tyree, Dawna Ferris, Todd Christensen, Micki Bailey, Clara Stevens, Steve Bonar, Kyle Voyles

#### **FS employees in attendance**

Rachel Franchina, Getchen Merrill, Marcia Gilles, Jake Bachtel, Dave Christensen, Brian Tritle

#### **Others: listed on public register**

Mike Small, Paul Van Dam, Lisa Rutherford, Kai Reed, Jeff Feldman (Citizens for Dixie's Future - CDF)  
Richard Spotts (private citizen)  
Nada Culver, Phil Hanceford (The Wilderness Society)  
Mike Empey (Congressman Jim Matheson's Office)  
Mark Williams (ECPLC)  
Bryan Thiriot (Senator Bennett's Office)  
Marreen Casper (Senator Hatch's Office)  
Gary Allred (Northstar)

#### **Introductions, housekeeping, and election of officers**, *Sherry Foot, BLM Utah State Office*

Jimmy Tyree, St. George field office manager, welcomed the RAC to St. George

Review of agenda and introduction of members were given

Election of officers, Riley made the recommendation of Lowell Braxton for Chairperson, Chuck Hawley seconded. Recommendation for vice chair – Chuck recommended Riley Cutler, Ray Bloxham seconded.

#### **Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act (FLREA) Refresher**, *Rachel Franchina, U.S.*

*Forest Service Independent Resources Enterprise Team, Aaron Curtis, BLM Utah State Office*  
FLREA was passed in the 2005 Consolidated Appropriations Act (Public Law 108-447) which was signed into law by President Bush on Dec. 8, 2004. (10-year Act)

The BLM, FS, FWS, and BOR are authorized to charge fees under FLREA. REA benefits visitors to Federal public lands by: reinvesting a majority of the fees back to the site of

collection; providing an interagency pass program that reduces confusion; providing more opportunities for public involvement in determining recreation fee sites and fees; providing focused criteria and limits on areas and sites where recreation fees can be charged; and, providing more opportunities for cooperation with gateway communities through fee management agreements for visitor and recreation services, emergency medical services, and law enforcement services.

REA identifies three fee categories for the BLM and FS: Standard Amenity Fees (includes NCAs, destination visitor or interpretive centers, areas with specific characteristics and amenities such as parking, toilets, receptacles, picnic tables); Expanded Amenity Fees (includes developed campgrounds with specific amenities, highly developed boat launches, rentals); Special Recreation Permit Fees (replaces similar authority under the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act, group activities, recreation events, motorized recreational vehicle use).

When fees cannot be collected – entrance fees, standard amenity fees for people under age 16, parking along roads and trails, overlooks and scenic pullouts, and pass-through travel.

Public outreach – agencies must provide opportunities for the public to participate before establishing new fees or changing existing fees, advance notice must be published in local newspapers/publications near the fee site, a notice must be published in the *Federal Register* six months in advance of establishing a new fee site.

RecRAC duties – make recommendations to the Secretaries of the Interior and Agriculture on the following components of the BLM and FS fee programs: establishing or eliminating fees at standard amenity, expanded amenity, and special recreation permit areas; implementing fee level changes; and, expanding or limiting the recreation fee programs. Recommendations to the Secretaries may only be made if it is approved by a majority of the Committee and general public support for the recommendation has been documented.

RecRAC accomplishments since 2007 – reviewed 131 fee proposals. Recommendations to BLM: increase one standard amenity fee; establish 5 new expanded amenity fee; increase 1 expanded amenity fee; increase 2 special recreation permit area fees; and, postpone establishing 4 new expanded amenity fees. Recommendations to the FS: increase 93 standard amenity fees; establish 9 new expanded amenity fees; increase 15 expanded amenity fees; and, increase 1 special recreation permit fee.

**Summary of Recreation Fee Proposals**, *Riley Cutler, Utah Recreation RAC Coordinator*  
Riley explained his role as RecRAC Coordinator (a committee of one). He reviews and screens all fee proposal reports prior to the meeting. Helps get the paperwork completed and reviews all public comments. Develops a brief report to take to the RecRAC.

**Dixie National Forest Proposal to Establish a New Expanded Amenity Site**, *Gretchen Merrill, Marcia Gilles, and Jake H Bachtel, Dixie National Forest*  
Pine Valley Guard Station – Proposed fee: \$75 – Current fee: \$0.

Located at the edge of the Pine Valley Wilderness Area and within the Pine Valley Recreation Area, and will sleep up to six people. Charging a reasonable price for cabin rental is

commonplace through the FS and other land management agencies. Knowing that a fee can be charged to cover costs of annual operations and maintenance solidified the decision to invest the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) money into the historic cabin, as the fee program helps protect that investment with a steady stream of revenue for its long term maintenance. Planned accomplishments include maintaining the structure and operate the site to standard. The public will be notified of accomplishments via the annual accomplishment report for the forest. Without the ability to charge a fee, the original ARRA money would not have been invested into the facility because of the uncertainty of funds to sustain the facility in the long term. Therefore, the facility would not have been open to the public and this historic structure would likely deteriorate due to lack of funds to maintain it.

**Fishlake National Forest Proposal to Increase Fees at Five Expanded Amenity Sites**, *Dave Christensen and Brian Tritle, Fishlake National Forest*

Adelaide Campground – Proposed fee: \$12 – Current fee: \$10.

The campground is located five miles east of Kanosh. The season is generally May 20 – Sept. 15. There are 7 camp sites. The associate group site accommodates 48 people and can be rented for \$50/night. Many amenities have been added or improved since the last fee increase. There are associated costs with those amenities and this will help bring the prices in alignment with other similar sites in the area. The public will be notified of accomplishments via the annual accomplishment report for the forest.

Gooseberry Campground – Proposed fee: \$10 – Current fee: \$5.

Campground is located east of Salina. Fishing and ATV riding attract visitors. The season is generally June 1 – Sept. 30. There are 13 camp sites. The associated group site accommodates 25 people and can be rented for \$20/night. Many amenities have been added or improved since the last fee increase including a campground host. There are associated costs with those amenities and this will help bring the prices in alignment with other similar sites in the area. There is a host on site. The public will be notified of accomplishments via the annual accomplishment report for the forest.

LeBaron Campground – Proposed fee: \$10 – Current fee: \$3.

Located on the shores of LeBaron Reservoir. This campground boasts high mountain vegetation and beautiful scenery. There are 12 camp sites. Many amenities have been added or improved since the last fee increase. There are associated costs with those amenities and this will help bring the prices in alignment with other similar sites in the area. The public will be notified of accomplishments via the annual accomplishment report for the forest.

Maple Grove Campground – Proposed fee: \$15 – Current fee: \$10.

Located approx. 15 miles south of Scipio. The season is generally May 20 – Sept. 15. There are 15 camp sites. It has several group sites that can accommodate 50-100 people. Many amenities have been added or improved since the last fee increase. There are associated costs with those amenities and this will help bring the prices in alignment with other similar sites in the area. The public will be notified of accomplishments via the annual accomplishment report for the forest.

Oak Creek Campground – Proposed fee: \$12 – Current fee: \$10.

Located approx. 5 miles east of Oak City. Campground provides opportunities for fishing. There are 16 camp sites. Has four group sites. The season is generally May 20 – Sept. 15. Many amenities have been added or improved since the last fee increase. There are associated costs with those amenities and this will help bring the prices in alignment with other similar sites in the area. The public will be notified of accomplishments via the annual accomplishment report for the forest.

**Written Public Comments**, Aaron Curtis gave an overview of 2 written public comments: (1) Richard Holliday (member of the BLM's California Desert District Advisory Council), requests that the RecRAC deny the Fillmore District's fee change proposal at Little Sahara until such time as the method of fee collection is modified to comply with the BLM's statutory authority specified in FLREA section 16 U.S.C 6802 (h) and does not violate FLREA section 16 U.S.C 6802 (e) (2).

(2) Kitty Benzar (president, Western Slope No-Fee Coalition, Durango, CO), opposes any fee that is not in compliance with the FLREA's requirements and restrictions. One of these restrictions is that the BLM is prohibited from charging an entrance fee. The fee at Little Sahara was originally implemented as an entrance fee under Fee Demo. With passage of the FLREA, which repealed Fee Demo, Congress withdrew the BLM's Entrance Fee authority. The group strongly advises that the program needs to be brought into compliance with the law. Requests that the members of the RecRAC deny the Fillmore District's fee change proposal at Little Sahara until such time as it is modified to fit with the BLM's statutory authority.

**BLM Fillmore Field Office Proposal to Increase Fees at Little Sahara Recreation Area.**

*Glenn Carpenter, BLM West Desert District, Micki Bailey, BLM Fillmore Field Office*

Little Sahara Recreation Area (LSRA) is located in Juab County; contains 60,000 acres of sand dunes, trails, and camping sites; Sand Mountain is LSRA's 700-ft tall landmark; LSRA includes the Rockwell Wilderness Study Area, which is a 9,000-acre vehicle-free zone; LSRA is especially busy on holiday weekends (Easter, Memorial and Labor Day); Over 204,000 visitors each year.

LSRA amenities include a visitor center, book store, picnic tables, fire rings, grills, drinking water, trash dumpsters, dump station, 255 camping sites, 16 miles of paved access roads and designated parking, toilet facilities, staffed pay booth or iron ranger, and visitor protection by BLM law enforcement patrols and by Juab County law enforcement contract.

Fee collection authority: Individual SRPs for special areas

Current fees: Single Day Permit\*, \$8 per vehicle; \$10 on holidays

Annual Permit, \$75

Annual Permit for 2<sup>nd</sup> vehicle, \$50

Jericho Campground Group Reservation (4 sections), \$10 non-refundable reservation fee, \$65 per section, \$1 for each additional person over 6 years of age

\*Includes one night and allows visitors to stay until 2:00 p.m. the following day

Senior Citizens (age 62) receive a 50% discount

Proposed fees: Day Use Only\*\*, \$8.00 per vehicle, \$10 per vehicle on holidays, no overnight camping

Two-Night Camping Permit\*\*, \$25 per vehicle, \$30 per vehicle on holidays

Seven-Night Camping Permit \*\*, \$40 per vehicle

Annual Permit, \$120 per vehicle

Annual Permit for 2<sup>nd</sup> vehicle, \$65 per vehicle

\*\*Visitors would be able to stay until dusk on the day the permit expires

LSRA Estimated Costs 2010: Labor, \$397,000; Operations and Maintenance, \$521,000; Total Estimated Cost, \$918,000; 5-year average cost, \$751,000

The 5-year (2005-2009) annual average revenue is \$457,780; the 5-year (2005-2009) annual average cost is \$751,860

Fair Market Value Assessment of Recreation Fees at Sand Dunes: LSRA was compared with seven other Dunes Systems within the western U.S.—Four areas are managed by the BLM in NV, ID, and two in CA; One are is managed by the FS in OR; and Two areas are managed by the Utah State Parks. What sets LSRA apart? Group campground with reservation, 255 campsites, 50% discount for seniors, and discounted annual permit for 2<sup>nd</sup> vehicle.

Rationale for Recreation Fee Increase: Cost Recovery Method (2005-2009): Revenue, \$457,780; Expenditures, \$751,860; Shortfall, \$294,000 (39%). Causes for increase in operating costs: inflation of goods and services, increases in deferred maintenance cost, and lack of sufficient funds for routine maintenance.

Priorities for Potential Revenue Increase: replace and repair signs; improve and promote visitor safety; repair or replace toilet facilities and improve campground maintenance and existing facilities; staffing; continue law enforcement and visitor services and increasing law enforcement contract; promote visitor outreach, education and interpretation, law enforcement, and visitor services.

No Action Alternative: if fees are not increased, lack of adequate funding could cause a reduction in staff time for visitor services, reduce visitor center hours, reduce trash removal, decrease number of facilities available, reduce maintenance resulting in facility degradation, decrease visitor safety, emergency services and law enforcement, and reduce cleaning, repairing and maintaining toilet facilities.

FFO Proposed Fee Structure: Alternative 1 – One-night camping, 2 days 1 night - (\$15, includes holidays); annual permit for first vehicle, \$120; annual permit for second vehicle, \$65.

Alternative 2 (break even) - One-night camping, 2 days 1 night - (\$18, includes holidays); annual permit for first vehicle, \$120; annual permit for second vehicle, \$65.

Public Outreach Efforts: Public comment period (letter, fax, e-mail) for the general public, 12/15/2009 - 1/19/2010; 1100 postcards mailed to LSRA annual permit holders (2009), sent 12/11/09; 1000 flyers sent to local, state and out-of-state business, Utah BLM offices and other larger sand dune areas, 12/11/09; KSL TV interviews, 12/14/09; Two news releases, 12/15-

17/09; Two legal notices, 12/22-23/09; LSRA business plan posted of Fillmore and State Office websites, 12/18/09. A total of 363 comments (of which 216 were letters) were submitted.

Comparison of Alternatives Chart available upon request.

**BLM Moab Field Office Re-Proposal for Four New Expanded Amenity Sites**, Aaron Curtis, BLM Utah State Office

The four sites for re-proposal are the Moab Skyway Group Site, Entrada Bluffs Camping Area, Bartlett Camping Area, and Courthouse Rock Camping Area.

Moab Field Office Recreation Overview: 1.8 million annual visitors, 25 fee campgrounds and camping areas with 322 individual and 17 group sites, issued 27,000 camping permits in FY 2009—up 25% from FY 2008, collected \$467,377 in camping fees in FY 2009.

Moab Skyway Group Site Proposed Fees: \$15 non-refundable reservation fee; private use: \$3 per person or \$100, whichever is greater; organized events: \$3 per person or \$200, whichever is greater; Arches National Park, Canyonlands National Park, and Deadhorse Point State Park also charge \$3 per person (2008); private camp parks with group sites charge \$8 per person (2006). Annual operating costs: \$6200, annual maintenance costs: \$2400, total costs: \$8600; projected annual revenue, \$8000.

Three Camping Area Proposals (Entrada Bluffs, Bartlett and Courthouse Rock): All three sites identified for development in the 2008 Moab Field Office Approved RMP. Camping areas include informal roads and wood-sided toilets. Fee is \$8/vehicle. Campgrounds include constructed, graveled formal road systems and spurs and concrete toilets. Fee is \$12/site. Estimated development costs of \$170,100 for toilets, signs, campsite development and fire rings. Estimated annual operating costs of \$12,800. Estimated annual maintenance costs of \$3650. Estimated annual fee revenue of \$19,000.

Public Outreach Efforts: Notice published in the *Federal Register* on 9/5/09; REA's six-month prior notification requirements ended on 2/5/10; Public notices on 8/25/09 in *Moab Times-Independent*, *San Juan Record*, *Grand Junction Sentinel*, *Salt Lake Tribune* and *Deseret News*. No public comments received. Information posted on Moab Field Office website from 8/2009 – 2/2010. News release to Moab TV and radio media. Presentation to Canyonlands Natural History Assn Board of Directors and info posted on CNHA website. No public comments received.

**Public Comment Period:**

Mike Small, Citizens for Dixie's Future. The group is concerned about proper and objective implementation of the recently passed Washington County Lands Bill. BLM should continue to coordinate with all agencies both in planning and on-the-ground management. Land management and communication could always be improved. Groups want to see air quality and water quality standards considered on all BLM lands, not just on NLCS lands. Concerns, transportation plan – possibly that plan could be held up. Might suggest that roads be signed as opened. Red Cliffs NCA – tortoise habitat concerns (continued protection). Provisions need to be made to transition to a new 'take permit' from USFWS.

## **Recommendations on Recreation Fee Proposals, Utah Recreation RAC**

### **Forest Service**

Dixie NF - proposed fee at guard station – approved

#### **Fishlake NF**

LeBaron fee increase - approved

Gooseberry – fee increase – approved

Adelaide – fee increase – approved

Oak Creek – fee increase – approved

Maple Grove – fee increase – approved

### **BLM**

Moab proposal – Skyway Group Site – approved

Entrada Bluffs – fee increase - approved

Bartlett – fee increase – approved

Courthouse Rock – fee increase – approved

Little Sahara – fee increases – 2 alternative proposals presented, BLM recommends alternative 2 – Alternative 2 approved by RecRAC

Meeting concluded at 3:30.

## **March 25**

### **Introductory Remarks, Selma Sierra, State Director**

-10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the National Landscape Conservation Systems-- events happening throughout Utah

-Ecoregional Assessments – the BLM intends to identify landscape-scale, ecologically-based conservation and restoration needs so they can be appropriately considered in developing future resource management and use objectives. Several meetings have taken place throughout Utah

- Secretarial Priorities - Treasured landscape initiative, youth initiative, climate change issues, renewable energy

-Washington Co. Bill--looking at it as a model and its progression.

### **Recap of Land Bill/Qs-As, Jimmy Tyree, Field Office Manager, St. George FO**

The Bill passed March 30, 2009.

**Key points of legislation**: NLCS Unit Planning (3 years)--14 Wilderness units, 19 miles W&S rivers, 2 national conservation areas; Travel Management Plan (3 years); Lands Actions—public purposes conveyances, transfer 640 acres to Shivwits Band/BIA, transfer of Watchman Wilderness to Zion National Park, disposals and acquisitions

**Elements of implementation**: communication plan, wilderness/wild and scenic rivers management plans, RMP amendment/travel and NCA management plans, land disposals, public purpose conveyances, St. George Field Office staffing

Public outreach: presentations to community groups, partners, volunteers; 7 fact sheets related to NLSC units completed, with supporting GIS maps; fact sheets regarding hunting within NCAs/wilderness areas distributed to local sporting good stores, user groups, UDWR conservation officers; NOC design of portal sign graphics for 2 NCAs; production of 4 portal signs for Red Cliffs NCA by Rawlins sign shop; draft communication plan for NLCS public information outreach; informal briefing materials for local elected officials and state partners; SGFO 100 K special edition NLCS/Visitor Use Map; briefing for Washington County Convention and Visitors' Bureau

Wilderness/Wild & Scenic Rivers/NCAs: In progress: developing legal descriptions for NLCS units for congressional maps and entry into LR 2000; install signing along urban interface wilderness boundaries; install fencing along priority private/wilderness boundaries (ARRA project). Completed: Coordination with ZNP on transfer of Watchman Wilderness and development of new management plans for wilderness and W&SR management plans for units adjacent to the park; identification of valid existing rights-of-way in Watchman Wilderness, case files transferred to ZNP for administration; identification of management items related to Washington Co. Habitat Conservation Plan implementation agreement and ongoing interagency relationships with regard to Red Cliffs Desert Reserve and new Red Cliffs NCA

Red Cliffs NCA: Receives intensive, primarily non-motorized, recreational use (70,000 visitor days in FY 08); has extensive hiking, equestrian, and mountain biking trail system

Beaver Dam Wash NCA: Remote – Highway 91 only paved access road; habitat for threatened, endangered and sensitive species (Mojave Desert Tortoise, California Condor, native fish in Beaver Dam Wash); intensive OHV use, no designated trails or developed visitor facilities

Wilderness Areas: 15 wilderness areas – one transferred to ZNP; 2 wilderness areas are within urban interface; wilderness areas receive intensive recreational use and several are at-risk from motorized use

Types of Planning for the SGFO: Land Use Planning, resource management plans for Beaver Dam Wash and Red Cliffs National Conservation Area; plan amendment to St. George FO resource management plan; EIS. Implementation Level Planning, comprehensive travel and transportation management plan (inc. route designations); EA

RMP Amendment/Travel & NCA Management Plans: Completed – preplan contract, planning budget, communications plan; statement of work for focused RMP amendment, management plans for Red Cliffs NCA and Beaver Dam Wash NCA, and travel management plan/EIS; \$285,000 in 1610 funding obtained from State Office in FY09 to initiate planning contract; planning contract awarded to Booz, Allen, Hamilton; GIS data layers developed with county road inventory data and data from 2005 SGFO travel management plan start for existing routes in Beaver Dam; Draft NOI for *Federal Register* publication, spring 2010

SGFO Planning Schedule: Publish notice of intent in *Federal Register*; hold public scoping meetings (May 2010, St. George, Mesquite, Salt Lake City); publish draft RMPs/EIS (Fall 2011); public review and comment period; publish proposed RMPs/EIS (Summer 2012); publish

3 records of decision (Spring 2013); Release draft travel plan/EA (Summer 2013); Approve travel plan/DR (Winter 2014)

Land Disposal: Completed: RMP disposal acreage and parcel configurations verified; issues identified for each parcel, including NEPA, cultural, T&E, environmental site assessments, and cadastral survey needs; prioritization strategy developed for disposals; GIS data on disposal parcels developed; BPS project proposal submitted for funding and support needed to move forward with initial parcel offering

Public Purpose Land Conveyances: Completed: Patent ceremony 3/26/10; Shivwits Band 640 acre transfer. In Progress: Public land order for Shivwitz transfer

SGFO Staffing/Organizational Changes: Completed: New SGFO table of organization developed and approved; base funding requested to support new TO; position descriptions and recruitment strategies completed for 6 new PFTs; Park Ranger/Rec Tech(2)-selected, reported in Oct. 2009; Outdoor rec planner, biologist, law enforcement ranger – hired. In progress: NCA manager – recruitment being finalized.

County Commissioners' Perspective on Land Bill, *Washington County Commissioner: Denny Drake for Commissioner Gardner*

This was a collaborative effort. All were used in coming up with a plan, which is the Bill. Jim Crisp was an integral part of the planning. We established some NCA wilderness areas and Red Cliffs Desert reserves. Was long and tedious. Was a compromise--bill was productive for Washington County. This was a tremendous effort and well deserved in the congressional book. Issue – we are a cooperating agency, there were things taken out of the bill, but they could live with the issue (i.e. land sales). They feel comfortable in Washington County: that we will achieve success.

SITLA's perspective on Land Bill, *Kevin Carter, SITLA Director*

Impacts of creation of protected areas on trust lands – desert tortoise, Washington County land bill, other county land bills

- Large area of Red Cliffs NCA is SITLA lands (approx. 7000 acres of land within the area). ELT company has gone into bankruptcy—SITLA has an interest in their portion of that land
- Beaver Dam slope--4500 acres of land is SITLA
- A portion of NE Washington County (200-300 acres) and 1000 acres in Docs Pass is SITLAs (all of these lands are captured within wilderness issue lands)
- Other land bills on the horizon - Beaver/Piute; Emery County/San Rafael Swell (SITLA has a large footprint in the county); San Juan County (what would make sense to SITLA is to trade scenery for minerals, there are complications with leasing mining claims). O/G properties are of value, their argument is that they should only be able to pay ½ of the monies (royalties) that go back to the state (instead of the full 12%). Land exchanges can be difficult.
- On upcoming land bills that the county is processing, SITLA would like to do a land exchange.

### Status of Ongoing Land Use Bills from Other Counties, Randy Johnson, Consultant

He was very appreciative of the county commissioners and with their vision and process. Design set-up by the patterns of Harry Reed (Nevada). Dispose of lands where there were growth concerns. This current bill sets a far better precedence. Main benefits from Washington County Bill – good language, developed partnerships, sense of optimism. Process – original planning stakeholder process--information used as a base; re-engage original working groups. Process is not a negotiation, it's a collaboration. Goals – want to improve on Washington County Bill, major progress has been made with advocacy groups in regard to historical culture within the county and to preserve and protect this, looking at transferred or sold lands that would help economically, looking a little more holistic view of the planning effort.

### Field Tour – Red Cliffs National Conservation Area (NCA) and Anasazi Site, Jimmy Tyree

Red Cliffs NCA includes 45,000 acres of public lands. The boundary follows the Red Cliffs Desert Reserve. Special values: Dwarf Bear Poppy, Shivwits Milkvetch, small native plants, kit fox, Gambel's quail, and the Mojave Desert Tortoise. The newly designated Red Mountain and Cottonwood Canyon Wilderness areas are also within the NCA. There are more than 130 miles of non-motorized recreation trails for hiking, mountain biking and equestrian trailing riding. There are camping and day-use areas in developed sites where fees are charged. Special restrictions: all motorized vehicle travel is limited to designated roads in the NCA. Cultural Resources: sites have been recorded that date from the Archaic, Formative, Neo-Archaic, and the Historic periods. The overall condition of cultural resource sites is considered "good" and there have been no known cases of significant or large scale problems with vandalism, looting, although minor problems (initials being scratched into rock art panels). Dinosaur tracks, trackways, and fossilized skeletal remains have been identified in the NCA. Volunteers are key in helping to take care of the campground and cultural sites (i.e., campground hosts, students working on archaeological projects).

### What's Next for the RAC, RAC Chairperson/State Director

A number of topics were addressed for future RAC Meetings:

- Visit to Little Sahara Recreation Area
  - Committee with Governor and Ted Wilson  
(Wild Scenic Rivers, Balanced Resources, RS 2477 Roads (process/how are things going?/ plan))
  - RMPs - impact/affect/decisions. What are the projects/implementations?
  - Sage grouse issues
  - Ecoregional Assessments - what are the decisions/processes? What role can the RAC play?
- Integrate within planning process
- BLM/FS allotments - grazing, clean water, habitat (sage grouse)
  - NRCS (Natural Resource Conservation Service)
  - TNC (The Nature Conservancy) - energy by design, TNC/Questar partnership
  - Sage Steppe - USU/BYU - Vernon, field tour and overview, sage grouse
  - Deseret Land and Livestock tour - collaboration and partnerships (DLL/FS/BLM)

The RAC chairman and state director will further discuss the proposed topics and set agenda for next RAC meeting. Meeting date set for July 29-30, Ogden, Utah.

Meeting adjourned 3:30.

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_/s/ Lowell Braxton\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_4-12-10\_\_\_\_\_

Lowell Braxton, RAC Chairman