

November 17, 2004

Meeting Minutes

PAWG's Reclamation Task Group

Chairman Dan Stroud called the regularly scheduled meeting to order in the Pinedale Library at approximately 6 p.m.. Other Task Group members in attendance were Stephen Roseberry, Chris Land, Dessa Dale, Kevin Williams, Gary Daane, Doug Vickery, Adrienne Peterson, and Lani Matthews. No members of the public attending.

Members reviewed and accepted Dan's proposed agenda for the meeting.

Minutes from the November 10th meeting were discussed. Lani had prepared these and she and Dan had received no comments. The minutes will be sent out again with the minutes of this meeting with comments. A process for the approval of meeting minutes was discussed. In the future, all minutes will be sent out following the meeting. If no comments have been received within one week (7 days), they will be approved and Dan will sign them for our formal record. Please submit comments for the minutes to either Dan or Lani.

Dessa provided us with an updated contact sheet and an email address that she thought would be helpful to us: www.fido.gov/database.

Other important dates: Another meeting of PAWG will take place on January 5th. The tentative meeting time is 9 to 5 at the Firehall. The intent of this meeting is to check the status of task groups and answer questions. **February 18th is the reclamation task group deadline for our monitoring plan.** Any recommendations for funding the plan should also be submitted at this time. PAWG is scheduled to present their recommendations to the BLM on March 2nd and 3rd upon review of the task group plans.

Following the agenda, the group members discussed future meeting dates. These will need to be advertised 45 days in advance in the Federal Register. We will also have to be sure the location is available to the public and available prior to submitting them for advertisement. Wednesdays seemed to generally be best for all in attendance. A field trip was planned with Kevin and Dessa to take us out on November 30th (Tuesday). Meet at 9 am at the Questar Office and we can go

out together for about 3 to 4 hours. RSVP to Kevin by Monday Nov. 29th. The December 8th meeting will be cancelled and Dessa will take care of posting that and notifying the newspaper. Alternative field tours can be scheduled with Dessa and Kevin if necessary. Other future meeting dates determined were:

- ☐ **January 4th in the Pinedale Library at 9 am to approximately 1 pm** or as needed for the agenda. This meeting will be in anticipation of questions and progress report to PAWG on January 5th.
- ☐ **January 19th in the Pinedale Library from 6 pm to 8 pm** or as needed for the agenda.
- ☐ **February 9th in the Pinedale Library from 9 am to approximately 1 pm** or as needed for the agenda.

These schedules were made in an effort to allow members to do more research and report back to the group. Several members discussed that shorter meetings were difficult for those that travel to and from Pinedale longer distances as are those that beginning later in the evening so this was the compromise. Note also that the Library is the first choice but if we find there is a scheduling conflict, we will try for the Pinedale fire hall.

Subcommittees were discussed again with Adrienne and Kevin to make recommendations on invasive species. Amy, Amber and Doug will work on vegetation management issues. Marilyn and Chris will work on visuals/view sheds. Gary and Steve will work on erosion, drainage, and discharge recommendations.

Financing of the monitoring program was a topic of discussion several times throughout the meeting. Dessa indicated again that recommendations would be helpful but that we could focus on prioritizing sources if choose too. Doug indicates he doesn't have a concern that the operators wouldn't help pay for this activity.

Doug asked about our need to schedule meetings following our recommendations and PAWG's final review. It was agreed that he could inquire about that on January 5th as our representative. Doug expressed concern to the group as to whether PAWG and/or the BLM would accept our recommendations. Members discussed that there is no guarantee that even if recommendations were accepted that there wouldn't be a suit --nullifying our recommendations and process. Otherwise, there seems to be much incentive for a community group recommendation to both the BLM and the operators who recognize the long-term potential of the field. Certainly it would be

very risky for the BLM not to give considerable weight to our recommendations.

As members prepare reports for the group, they may simply send them by email in advance of meetings for discussion if they prefer. Dan would appreciate agenda recommendations.

No public comment as there were no members of the public present.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Next Meeting: December 15th at ~~5:30~~^{6:00 JKM} pm in the Pinedale Library.

Respectfully submitted by Lani Matthews.

Certified as accurate:

Dan O'Sullivan

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