

Pinedale Anticline Transportation Task Group Meeting

Meeting minutes for 12/07/04
Lovatt Room Sublette County Library, Pinedale, Wyoming

- Attendees, see attached form. Two general public's attended the meeting.
- Minutes from 11/16/04 meeting were past out and approved with slight changes (**Bill W. to submit to Carol Kruse**)
- Charles explained protocol as discussed on 12/6/04
 - All recommendations need to be made at task group meetings.
 - Talked about how the BLM was looking to The Task Groups to provide solid funding recommendations.
 - Task Group report due to PAWG on 02/18/05.
- Mayor of Pinedale asked that Pinedale be represented on the Task Group (Ron Brown).
- Consensus of the Task Group was to include Ron and ask PAWG for OK.
- Wyoming Department of Transportation (WYDOT) has three representatives (Gary Michaud, Jay Meyer, Mike Gostovich) to discuss traffic count, accidents etc.
- Gary Michaud had a power point presentation on traffic counts and accidents, hard copy attached.
- WYDOT-No significant upward trends in accidents on State Highways
- Tyler Street is a problem due to narrowness, curves, etc.
- Scio-Economic Task Group is preparing a survey to go to operators asking for drilling schedule.
- Produced water trucking also a big concern.
- Task Group had a short discussion on injection wells for produced water.
- WYDOT talked about needing traffic information as soon as possible to be able to react.
- WYDOT does not want to build infrastructure that will not be needed in a couple a years (bust cycle for oil & gas)
- WYDOT left turn lane at Highway 191 and Paradise not in plans. Takes 2-3 years to get in construction plans. Not enough room for turn lane.
- WYDOT increase or decrease in traffic counts do not generally count until problems arise.
- WYDOT level of service based on delays at intersections, rule of thumb 25-30 seconds is OK.
- WYDOT does not use Infrared traffic counters, but would be willing to help on traffic counts.
- WYDOT highways around Anticline are not anywhere near capacity. Rule of thumb average 2 lane highway can handle 2000 vehicles per hour. General problems do not occur until 5000 vehicles per day. Highways in Sublette County average 2000-3000 vehicle trips per day.
- WYDOT is willing to look at problem areas, traffic counts in the summer. Can also monitor off the highway system.
- Scio-Economic, Wildlife, Transportation all working on similar issues.

- Web site for PAWG minutes other information is www.wy.blm.gov/PFO
- Letter from Victoria Springer was passed out to Task Group. (copy attached)
- Wildlife Task Group is going to address vehicle seasonal closure issue.
- Task Group recommending 7 monitoring site (traffic counts).
 - Paradise Road and South Mesa Road
 - Tyler Street
 - Boulder South and Middle Crest Road
 - Highway 351 and North Jonah Road
 - Southern Anticline Crest Road and North Jonah Road
 - East Green River Road and Flying Heart Road
 - Southern Anticline Crest Road and Highway 191
- Charles and Bill need to talk to Martin Hudson Outdoor Recreation Planner BLM about Infrared traffic counters.
- Alan to talk with Tracy Opp, BP permit agent about contactor road between Antelope area and Luman road.
- Bob to talk with EMS to see how they currently navigate in oil patch.
- Bill to ask Karen Rogers GIS Specialist BLM to see if she can come to next meeting to talk about master maps of oil patches.
- Task Group talked briefly about common road names.
- Recommend that BLM follow-up on speed limits and get them posted.
- WYDOT Highway 351 is not scheduled for any widening, improvements, etc, only maintenance.
- Public Comments:
 - Sam McClure- Ultra Petroleum
 - Any fines collectd by Sheriff Department should go to Food Basket.
 - Connector road between Industrial Park and Twin Bridges west of town should be looked at to reduce traffic on Tyler Street.
- Next meeting 01/11/04 same place at 1 PM.
- Meeting adjourned.

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Chairman, Transportation Task Group