

Meeting Agenda

PAWG Cultural – Historical Task Group
December 9, 2004: 5:00 – 8:00 pm
Pinedale BLM Office

1. Review and approval of October 26, 2004 meeting minutes
2. Review of PAWG meeting & directions
 - a. Visual
 - b. Consensus
 - c. Group Membership
 - d. Official Meetings
 - e. Official Records
 - f. Funding Issues
 - g. Meeting Dates and Deadlines
3. Current BLM monitoring and mitigation procedures
4. Review of Draft EIS and Record of Decision
5. Monitoring Plan Discussion
 - a. What to monitor
 - b. Who will monitor
 - c. Funding ideas
6. Public Comments
7. Schedule of future meetings
8. Adjourn

PINEDALE ANTICLINE WORKING GROUP
Cultural/Historical Resources Task Group

Meeting 2 Dec. 9, 2004

Location: BLM, Pinedale Field Office Conference Room

Attendance: Dennis Foley (Questar), Dave Vlcek (BLM, PFO), Kierson Crume(BLM,PFO), Clint Gilchrist (resident, CLG), Jonita Sommers (rancher, teacher), Paul Haggstein (PAWG Member) Fred Linton, (secretary, OCTA), Fern Linton (OCTA)

Task Group Chair: Clint Gilchrist

Minutes: Fred Linton

- Handouts:**
- 1. Meeting attendance form**
 - 2. Record of Decision for PA natural gas exploration July , 2000**
 - 3. Shoshone Consultation Points of Emphasis 10/12-12 , 2001**
 - 4. Proposed well sites along the Lander Trail**
 - 5. Cultural Resources Monitoring and other Stipulations , Dave Vlcek 12/9/04**
 - 6. Lander Road Current APD Approval, Dec., 2004**
 - 7. Map of Lander Road for reference to the Programmatic Agreement**
 - 8. Programmatic Agreement for Lander Road**
 - 9. Cultural Technical Report for PA Oil and Gas Exploration**
 - 10. Minutes of PAWG Historical/Cultural Task Group Meeting 1, Oct, 2004**

BLM Liaisons: Dave Vlcek, Kierson Crume

Minutes of Meeting Dec. 9, 2004

Minutes of the Oct .26,2004 meeting were reviewed and approved. Clint gave a review of the PAWG meeting and discussed the directives as they pertain to our task group. He also referred to the ROD pages 22 , 25- 29 ,A3,A16 and A25 referring to the area and the environment , mitigation, development restrictions, and programmatic agreement. In regards to the programmatic agreement it did not ratify within the time frame given and so although there is a document it is not valid at the present time.

Clint also explained how and why the PAWG was formed . It was created to help monitor the management plan for the Pinedale Anticline and follows the Federal Advisory Committee Act.

Visual and recreational concerns are to be addressed only as they are related to our historical and cultural issues that we are addressing.

This group will arrive at recommendations by means of group consensus and any dissenting opinions may be recorded for the record. Recommendations that do not get group consensus will be recorded and forwarded to the PAWG.

Group membership is defined in the BLM ROD for the Pinedale Anticline and can also be looked up on the internet under BLM , Pinedale. The Pinedale office has the capability to have teleconferencing in case some members are unable to travel to a meeting.

Group membership could use other representatives from the community , operators and perhaps the Native Americans. Clint will check on these suggestions.

All official records, minutes, handouts, attendance sheets must be approved and kept on file at the Pinedale BLM office.

Bob Reese, Chair of the PAWG reminds us that not only do we need to recommend what, who and when monitoring is to occur; but recommend ways to fund these suggestions.

Meeting dates and deadlines: Jan. 10, 2005 our task group meeting and PAWG meeting 1/5/05 . The deadline that we need to have our recommendations ready for Clint to present is 2/18/05 . March 2 and 3 of 2005 the PAWG will take all the plans to the BLM for presentation.

We need to set our meeting dates at least 45 days in advance so that they can be published in the National Register and also in the local newspapers.

Clint , as the chair for this task group went to the PAWG meeting on 11/4/04 and gave a short review on our first meeting there also was a administrative with Carol Kruse reviewing our objectives.

Dave gave us a brief summary of monitoring and mitigation for all surface disturbance in regards to inventory of the cultural resources in the Pinedale Anticline. He referred to handout #5 as listed above. Some of the types of monitoring that currently exists are open trench inspections, operator on site reporting, private consulting archeologists funded by developer companies, and BLM spot checks. There are about 30 operators working the Anticline area, with about 1000 to 1200 projects and more in the planning stages. BLM checks all known historical and culturally sensitive sites annually checking for any natural or human disturbances. All the sites are in the BLM computer data base and can be referred to and pulled up for reference . Keirston can access this program.

The BLM monitoring process consists of monitoring the ground at the start of site preparation , 99% of this is done by private consulting firms that inform the BLM of any significant signs , the consultants are paid for by the operating companies. There is a 3 day advance notice for any field work inventory. If any significant finds are bladed up during construction the BLM must be notified .

SHPO has done some extensive background work on the Lander Road and has some good visual documentation from identified KOP'S these points could be a useful tool to develop for future monitoring. Kierson showed portions of the SHPO web site with these visual scenes., some with 360 degree views.

There are certain areas that are already protected by the EIS for the area. Some of these areas are Native American sites (ceremonial and burial and ancient sites) , Trappers Point, Other sites may need to be mitigated with the operators as each well pad is identified and permitted. Well pad development needs to be permitted on a case by case basis. As there is a 3 mile area of concern and a 1/2 mile no surface occupancy (aka NSO) zone due to the old Resource Management Plan along the Lander Road (that's a ¼ mile either side of the Lander Trail) which is a National Historic Trail , unless topographic screening or other mitigation can keep proposal hidden closer than the ¼ mile on either side . These existing sites as have already been identified definitely need to be on our list of areas to be monitored.

Other sites we need to consider and investigate might be the New Fork Wagon Road and the Cattle Drift.

Discussion of the handout ROD . Suggestions might be more BLM monitoring on a regular schedule. Perhaps more education of the onsite well pad employees as to how to recognize a cultural discovery. These suggestions are as a result of page 22 paragraph 5 of the ROD. Also , page A25 item 3 , of the ROD refers to education of the public on historical and cultural issues. We might consider making suggestions to incorporate teaching kits to be used in the local school systems and or summer recreational programs.

Summarizing our discussion so far and items to consider for discussion at our next meeting are as follows: monitoring process to consider or review ones that are already in place. Presite inspection by private archeological consultants., More public notification through local media. Identifying special interest groups and notifying interested parties within those groups. More construction employee education from BLM. More public education through local presentations and use of educational kits for school age children. More law enforcement to prevent vandalism and unauthorized off the road access to sensitive sites.

Increase the frequency of the monitoring process by BLM, private consultants, or special interest groups. Perhaps adding a Adopt a Site program.

Next Meeting will be Jan 10, 2005 at 5pm but we also need to publicize a meeting for Feb 3 at 5pm. For the Jan 10 meeting we need to come up with ideas of what and how to monitor the cultural and historical areas impacted by the oil and gas development

Meeting adjourned 9:20 pm

Signed

Frederick W. Linton
Secretary
PAWG (Cultural/Historical Resources Task Group)



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