

PAWG Meeting
July 26, 2007

PAWG Members Present:

Nylla Kundard, Paul Hagenstein, Betty Fear, and Matt Anderson

Also present

Chuck Otto, Field Manager

Caleb Hiner, Facilitator

Therese Hartman, Wyoming Game and Fish

Kathleen Erwin, US Fish and Wildlife Service

Major Items

Introduction of new field manager, Chuck Otto

Review of Minutes

PAWG chairperson was not present to approve minutes.

Status of SEIS

The BLM is responding to comments received on the Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (DSEIS) and anticipates a Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (FSEIS) in September with a Record of Decision to follow.

PAWG Recommendations on SEIS

The BLM is considering the PAWG recommendation on the DSEIS when responding to comments. Specifics could not be provided because a decision on the comments and recommendations has not yet been made.

PAWG and Task Group Membership

The schedule for appointments to the PAWG is:

Now

State of Wyoming

Member at Large

Adjacent Land Owner

March 22, 2008

Steve Duerr (Member at Large)

Betty Fear (Sublette County)

October 23, 2008

Cathy Purves (Environmental Community)

Nylla Kunard (Town of Pinedale)

Paul Hagenstein (Livestock Operator)

Robin Smith (Operator Representative)

The charter will need to be renewed by June 23, 2008.

In May 2007, the BLM solicited people interested in serving on the wildlife task group, on the air quality task group and on the PAWG to contact the BLM. Three people responded with interest in serving on the wildlife task group.

Future of PAWG

Those present expressed opinions that the PAWG has been effective because of the number of recommendations that have been generated by the task groups, the implementation of those recommendations by various groups and agencies, and the number of advisory groups that formed since the ROD, such as the Community Partnership.

It was suggested that the PAWG charter should be allowed to expire and in its place a group that has oversight over all of Sublette County be formed. Prior to making this decision the PAWG will issue a press release soliciting public input on this idea. The public input and the future of PAWG will be discussed at the next meeting.

Next Meeting

September 27, 2007 at the new BLM office.