

The Wildlife Task Group met at the BLM PFO March 25th 2008 at 10:00 am.

Those in attendance and their team designations were:

Therese Hartman (WGFD - Team Lead)
Pete Guernsey (Operator Representative)
Asa Nielson (Public at Large)
Stephanie Smith (BLM)
Joy Owen (NGO -Public at Large)

Therese Hartman provided a review of:

- Sublette Mule Deer Study 2006 report, Sawyer
- Upper Green River Basin pronghorn study, Berger
- ERG report

Written summaries were provided

Pete Guernsey provided a review of:

- Aldridge and Boyce, 2007
- Using the Best Available Science to Coordinate Conservation Actions that Benefit Greater Sage-Grouse Across States Affected by Oil & Gas Development in Management Zones I-II

The group discussed the documents and reviews that were presented and provided additional recommendations. These recommendations will be compiled and presented to the PAWG at a date to be determined. Ace Nielson will look through the reference list and identify literature he would like to review. A reference list for most current literature provided.

The contact list was updated

Members agreed to meet monthly and continue to review recently published literature. The group will provide PAWG recommendations from results of reviewed studies. Summaries of relevant information from these materials will be provided at the next meeting.

Proposed for discussion at the next meeting:

Pete Guernsey will review
Doherty et al. 2008;
Holloran et al. 2007; and
Walker et al. 2007.

Therese Hartman will review
Upper Green River Basin Sage-grouse Conservation Plan

Kathleen Erwin will review:
Ingelfinger 2004
Taylor 2007

Joy Owen will review:

Western Governors' Association documents:
Coal Bed Methane Best Practices: A handbook
Policy Resolution 07-01. Protecting Wildlife Migration Corridors and Crucial Wildlife Habitat in the West.
Wildlife Corridors Initiative: Oil and Gas Working Group Report

Tim Lingle will review:

Oil and Gas Development in Western N Amer. Effect on Sagebrush Steppe Avifauna

During the past month, Therese contacted all historic Task Group members to elicit participation. Response was received from two past members who declined to participate at this time.

Meeting adjourned 12:00pm

Our next meeting scheduled for April 30th, 10:00 to noon at the Pinedale BLM, Rendezvous room

Respectfully Submitted,
Therese Hartman
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