

PAWG Minutes
January 24, 2008

PAWG Members Present:

Robin Smith, Cathy Purves, Nylla Kundard, Paul Hagenstein, Caleb Hiner, Chuck Otto

Others Present

Scott Smith, Clint Gilchrist, Kathleen Erwin, Kellie Roadifer, Josh Skorcz, Kirk Hoover, Therese Hartman, Jocelyn Moore, Patricia Poletti, and Alicia Warren.

Major Items

Approval of Minutes

The September and October Minutes were approved

Updates

Chuck Otto provided an update on the Healthy Lands Initiative and Wyoming Landscape Conservation Initiative.

Caleb Hiner provided an update on the PAPA SEIS.

Kellie Roadifer provided an update on the RMP Revision

Caleb Hiner provided an update on the PAWG Nominations

- Public at Large- Four nominations were received to represent the public at large, Chris Corlis, Sara Domek, Callie Domek and Patricia Poletti. Patricia Poletti was present at the meeting and briefly provided her background.
- State of Wyoming- one nomination was received to represent the State of Wyoming, Scott Smith. Mr. Smith was present and briefly provided his background.
- Adjacent Landowner- as of today, no nominations were received to represent the adjacent landowner. Questions about how adjacent a representative had to be were raised. The representative does not need to own land within or bordering the PAPA, only be able to represent those landowner who do have land within or bordering the PAPA.

New Projects

Chuck Otto provided the PAWG with a briefing on the following upcoming projects which are expected to be kicked off in late winter or early spring:

- Rands Butte (Cimarex)
- Greater LaBarge (EOG)
- Jonah South (EnCana)

Discussion

Chuck stated his desire that the advisory group stay together and advise over a broader area. He also discussed bring in a facilitator to help look at what worked and what did

not in the past. The facilitator would help with a process and team building which would be accomplished by spending some time getting to know the community and the history of the PAWG followed by a one or two day meeting. It was decided that this would be a good idea to consider once we have a full PAWG (October 2008). The overall goal is to begin building trust in the committee. Robin and Caleb will work to get the straw man process revised and provide it to the task groups.

It was also decided that the Socio-economic task group should continue. The recommendations that the task group provides to PAWG and PAWG subsequently provides to the BLM will be forwarded to the appropriate agencies, if the recommendation is not within the scope of BLM's authority. The work the task group did in compiling information was very valuable to the BLM in the PAPA SEIS and the Revision to the Pinedale Resource Management Plan.

There was some discussion on the formation of task group memberships. The BLM and PAWG would like the task groups to continue to use the suggested membership in Appendix C of the PAPA ROD. Deviation from this suggested membership can be contemplated by the PAWG. Task Groups that have difficulty with members attending meetings should take action to get members to commit or resign so that more involved members can be appointed. One suggestion is to send a letter to those members who are not actively participating stating that if a response is not given by a certain date that he/she is no longer a member. The task group should select the chair person.

The transportation task group should continue. One thing the BLM requests the task group look at is the number of truck trips resulting from hauling gravel to build roads and pads and the feasibility a gravel pit or two within the gas field to reduce the truck traffic in Pinedale and on the highways.

Other Items

- **Air Quality Task Group Recommendation--At the last meeting the PAWG requested clarification from the Air Quality Task Group Chair on the second recommendation. Clarification was provided as follows:**
Retain a forum for multiple organizations (BLM, WDEQ, USFS, EPA, public, operators, contractors and environmental groups) to continue communicating and evaluating air quality information in order to provide recommendations to state and federal entities, such as the BLM, WDEQ and the PAWG (if retained). The Air Quality Task Group should operate independently from any interagency office.

The PAWG revised the recommendation by adding to the end “**under the auspices of PAWG.**” Caleb will check with the air quality task group to ensure that the change in the recommendation is acceptable. If the change is acceptable, the recommendation will automatically be forwarded to BLM.

- **Review of the Revised Draft**

The PAWG also discussed reviewing the Revised Draft SEIS and providing recommendations to the BLM. It was determined that another meeting would be needed to do this and the scheduling of the meeting is constrained by the federal register notice process. Individuals are encouraged to review the document and provide comments to the BLM.

- **Vice Chairpersons**

Cathy Purves was elected as the Vice Chairperson for the PAWG.

Public Input

The public was invited to provide input on the recommendation to be passed to BLM. No input was given.

Next Meetings

March 27th

May 22nd