

PAWG Reclamation Task Group Meeting 4-14-09

The PAWG Reclamation Task Group called their meeting to order at 1:00 at the BLM offices in Pinedale. Those in attendance included, Adrienne Peterson, Erin Marincic, DeeJ Brown, Cara Farr, Pete Guernsey, Sandy Taylor, and Therese Hartman.

The group discussed the Pipeline Monitoring Baseline, which is either going to be included as an appendix or a separate set of standards. A meeting with Chuck Otto from the BLM will clarify this matter.

Next, comments were taken from the task group members on the recommendations from last meeting. These included clearing up some of the used terminology, (i.e. "desirable" and "frequency") which could be achieved with an included glossary. There was also a concern among members regarding a density percentage comparison between the first and the fifth years on a site. Arguments cited that during a dry year, the data might not show a significant improvement on the location, but with the qualitative monitoring sheet (similar to ones used in the Jonah field) the monitoring plan would allow sites to mimic surrounding conditions.

In trying to achieve the highest success on sites, specific data is going to be favored over a sweeping "One-size-fits-all" model. (APD's & sundry notices) This group is also in agreement that a 2 year reclamation plan be adopted, rather than a 4 year, unless a site specific extension is requested.

The reclamation group decided to recommend that planting forbs in the interim, near sage grouse habitat should be decided on a site by site basis. If a location is not in a critical range for pronghorn or grouse, and is going to be redisturbed in less than 2 years, perhaps annual forbs could be planted on that site.

One of the final recommendations of this meeting was in regard to maintaining topsoil viability. The priority in which we would encourage soil usage whenever possible, is as follows:

- 1) Direct Haul-On Pad
- 2) Direct Haul-On Lease
- 3) Direct Haul-Off Lease
- 4) Storage at < 1 meter deep w/ deep rooting plants
- 5) Stockpile and Stabilization-Revisit ASAP

Also, ideally, soil would only be stored during drilling on location.

In response to the PAWG group's request that there be more public representation present at the task group's meetings, Erin Marincic volunteered to serve as a member of the general public.

The next meeting for the Reclamation Task Group is scheduled for May 19th at 1:00 at the BLM offices in Pinedale.

Respectfully Submitted,
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Adrienne Peterson