

Jack Morrow Hills Work Group Meeting
MEETING SUMMARY
May 4, 2010

Attendees:

Kimberlee Foster, JMH Project Lead, BLM RSFO
Carrie Nelson, Wildlife Biologist, BLM RSFO
Jeromy Caldwell, Supervisory Wildlife Biologist, BLM RSFO
Patrick Burke, Wildlife Biologist, WGFD
Robert Price, Rangeland Management Specialist, BLM RSFO
Mark Kot, Planner, Sweetwater County
Trisha Cartmell, Petroleum Engineer, BLM RSFO
Bonnie Cannon, Field Representative, Representative Lummis
Ken Peacock, BLM WY State Office
Steve Furtney, Governor Freundethal's Office
Chris Wichmann, WY Dept of Agriculture
Gavin Lovell, AFM Resources, BLM RSFO

Recap of Last Meeting and Minutes

Minutes from the January 13, 2010 meeting were reviewed. No changes to the minutes were requested. Copies are available upon request.

Discussion: JMH Website

The JMH website needs to be updated. The Work Group discussed the types of items to be included and whether some data should remain confidential (due to pre-decisional status). The following items were identified for posting to the website: work group meeting summaries, updated oil/gas leasing maps, monitoring data (as appropriate), and the annual report upon completion. The JMH CAP Implementation Matrix will also be made available after some additional refinement of the tasks/decisions. Additional items, such as public educational info, may be posted in the future as they are developed. Some items, such as the recent roads survey maps, will not be posted at this time due to ongoing evaluation and decision making.

JMH CAP Transportation Planning: Map Review

The Work Group reviewed the roads survey map for the JMH area. This map was created from the raw GPS data gathered by BLM over the last few years. The data has not yet been quality control checked and has not undergone GIS comparisons with other available data layers such as aerial imagery. The current roads map includes all types of roads including: BLM, County, two-tracks, trails, and unauthorized roads.

The next steps for the roads survey include the following: quality control check the data; identify authorized roads for uses such as range allotments and existing ROWs; conduct verification with available GIS data layers; and identify unauthorized roads. This process will help identify which roads are necessary and which ones might be evaluated for closure/reclamation. All decisions about road closures would need to undergo site-specific

NEPA analysis, which would include opportunities for public involvement. It is anticipated that any decisions about road closures would be controversial.

JMH CAP Implementation Matrix

The Implementation Matrix continues to be updated. A handout highlighting the implementation tasks associated with each resource area was reviewed and discussed by the Work Group. This handout is a simplified version of the matrix intended to help identify any missing tasks for a particular resource. The Matrix will continue to be refined and additional updates are needed before it is made available to the public on the website.

Questions/Comments/ Next Meeting Items for discussion

- There have been no changes to the lease suspensions in the JMH area and no new applications or expirations.
- The Annual Report will be drafted and available for review at the next meeting prior to being made public.
- The next Work Group meeting is tentatively scheduled for the last week of July, 2010. A firm date will be determined and notice will be sent prior to the meeting. The meeting will be both a conference call and a Netmeeting.