

**Jack Morrow Hills Work Group Meeting**  
**MEETING SUMMARY**  
**November 3, 2010**

Attendees:

Kimberlee Foster, JMH Project Lead, BLM RSFO  
Jim Speck, Sage-Grouse Amendment Lead, BLM RSFO  
Robert Price, Rangeland Management Specialist, BLM RSFO  
Jeromy Caldwell, Supervisory Wildlife Biologist, BLM RSFO  
Morgan Line, Rangeland Management Specialist, 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  
Scott Stadler, Supervisory Archeologist, BLM RSFO  
Mary Thoman, Sweetwater County Conservation District  
Mark Conrad, WY Department of Environmental Quality  
Amanda Losch, WY Game & Fish Department

Recap of Last Meeting and Minutes

Minutes from the August 11, 2010 meeting were reviewed. No changes to the minutes were requested. Copies are available on the JMH CAP website. Additionally, an electronic copy of the lease status map was posted to the JMH CAP website.

Updates: Sage Grouse Amendment, Green River RMP Revision, VRI

The work group discussed three big efforts underway that will have an impact on the JMH CAP.

- *Sage Grouse Amendment:* An alternatives workshop is planned for November 30-December 2, 2010 in Cheyenne for cooperators/BLM staff. Discussions will be to determine what alternatives will be analyzed as part of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) document. As a reminder, the EIS analysis will include impacts for all 6 field office RMPs that are being amended for the sage grouse policy. Currently, there are four alternatives proposed: No Action (existing RMP policies continue), Conservation, Resource Use, and Balanced.
- *Green River RMP Revision:* The Notice of Intent (NOI) is currently at the BLM Washington Office. The publishing of this NOI in the Federal Register will officially kick off the public scoping period for the RMP (60 days). Public meetings will be scheduled and announced after the NOI is published.
  - *Transportation Plan:* Work Group members again expressed concern about the JMH Transportation Plan and how (if) it will fit into the RMP Revision. The Sweetwater County Conservation District has offered to help facilitate public meetings for the transportation plan, possibly coinciding with the timeframe for the RMP Revision meetings. Discussions are ongoing to determine the best course of action for the transportation plan and will be discussed further in detail at the next quarterly meeting (Feb 2011).

- Cooperative Involvement: Work Group members discussed the level of involvement and input into some of the pre-planning aspects of the RMP revision, including the Analysis of Management Situation (AMS). The State Office indicated that the AMS will be made available for cooperator review. Note: the AMS identifies current management actions, needs, and trends.
- *VRI*: All fieldwork for the Visual Resource Inventory was completed in the fall of 2010. A preliminary report is expected by the end of the year. This data will be used to help guide decisions about Visual Resource Management in the RMP Revision.

Questions/Comments/ Next Meeting Items for discussion

- Range Specialist Update: Morgan Line has been converted from a career intern to a full-time Range Management Specialist. She will be assigned some of the allotments within the JMH area, with the rest remaining with Bob Price.
- The next Work Group meeting is tentatively scheduled for either February 16 or 23, 2011. A firm date will be selected and notice will be sent prior to the meeting.