

# **Resource Advisory Council Meeting**

## **Feb. 6-8, 2013**

**Wednesday, Feb. 6, 2013**

1:30 p.m. Rock Springs Wild Horse Holding Facility Tour

3:00 p.m.

**Chris Aimone, Resource Advisory Council (RAC) Chairman:** Introductions, housekeeping rules. There will be some time after the presentation for questions from the public.

### **Buddy Green, Deputy State Director, Resource Policy and Management**

- General overview
- Budget
- Removal/adoption
- Population growth suppression
- Ecosanctuary
- Discussion:
  - Population challenges: There are 32,000 free roaming horses, which is over the appropriate management level (AML) by 11,000. Land use plans dictate the AML. Are we getting any closer to the numbers? The gap is increasing with the population growth and adoptions are down. The horses have no natural predator.
  - Herd sizes can double in four years. In the U.S., there are 179 herd management areas (HMAs), with 16 in Wyoming. Long-term holding costs account for 59 percent per year of the total budget for managing Wild Horses.
  - PZP treatments: one year for hand treated and 22 months for pellet. Working with the USGS for Spay/Vac protocol. Gelding is safe, effective and humane. Still looking into spaying in the field.

### **Dennis Carpenter, Field Manager, Rawlins Field Office**

#### **Ecosanctuary Presentation:**

- The Ecosanctuary is funded the same as long-term pasture, so it is the same as what holding costs, but has fund raising opportunities to offset costs. If the private landowner decided the ecosanctuary is not feasible, there is a cancellation clause for both the landowner and the government.
- Does the cost go up as the horse ages due to vet bills, etc.? The costs continue throughout the life of the horse.
- Discussion on Spay/Vac and it being approved for use. There is a lot of testing being done. The McCullough Peak bait trapping was a success, why not use that method and do more PZP darting. It is more effective to use a helicopter when doing larger gathers. Bait trapping would take a lot longer in the larger HMAs and we would probably only get an 85 percent gather rate.
- Opinion expressed that bait trapping is less expensive than helicopter roundup. If mares not having colts, there would be fewer to gather. PZP is 95 percent effective for 22 months. If

the horses are not gathered for five years the birth rate is once again up. Need to treat every two years.

**Lance Porter, Acting District Manager High Desert District  
Checkerboard Land Pattern Discussion:**

- State of Wyoming Consent Decree signed in 2003, wild horse numbers down to AML. If survey showed the horse population was over AML, request funds for gather.
- There are two million acres in the Rock Springs field office, a large portion of those land are in a checkerboard ownership pattern, of which 50 percent is owned or leased by the Rock Springs Grazing Association (RSGA). There is a cooperating relationship with the RSGA and the BLM.
- Currently, horse numbers are under AML but after foaling season, the numbers will be over.
- 1981 lawsuit by RSGA to remove all horses, and HMA's were developed from that. On October 2010, RSGA requested that the horses be removed and filed suit July 2011. Oral arguments were heard Sept. 17, 2012, in Laramie. An agreement is needed by March 1, 2013, or the judge will rule on this. Negotiations are ongoing.
- Need to be a good neighbor to private land owners. BLM continues to struggle with maintaining horse numbers at AML.

**Don Schramm, member of Rock Springs Grazing Association, Comments:**

- By 1979, there were over 7,000 horses on lands managed by RSGA, and there should have only been 1,700. In heavy winters the horses move on to the checkerboard areas.
- On checkerboard lands 500 horses are allowed. How many AUMs of livestock grazing? Over two million acres. Question asked if the private areas are fenced. No, if private landowners fenced their land, horse and wildlife would suffer.

**Thursday, Feb. 7, 2013**

**Steve Dondero, District Manager Wind River Bighorn Basin District:** Welcome to the RAC Members and the public.

**Lance Porter, Acting District Manager, High Desert District:** Welcomed everyone.

**Don Simpson, BLM Wyoming State Director:**

- Welcomed everyone.
- Member update: Four terms expiring: Chris Aimone, Gary Cukjati, Don Hartley and Doug Thompson, Mr. Simpson thanked them for their work on the RAC and presented them with a token of appreciation.
- He explained the process for RAC nomination approval.
- Marilyn Mackey will take over as chair at the next meeting and a co-chair will need to be elected at that time. Thanks to Vickie for taking the notes and they will be posted on the web.

**Chris Aimone, RAC Chairman:**

- Asked if anyone was recording and there was one person from the public and Vickie Arends, BLM, recording the meeting.
- Asked for everyone to introduce themselves and introductions were done around the room.

**Lance Porter: High Desert Overview:**

- New District Manager, Mark Storzer will be here March 24, 2013.
- Overview of the High Desert District major projects.
- Project maps were posted on the walls for discussion.
- **Discussion on Wind Projects:** How far along are the projects? Choke Cherry is furthest along but does not have any defined turbine locations yet. Quaking Aspen, south of Rock Springs is working on power purchase agreement and the EIS is in alternative development stage. Sand Hills needs additional eagle monitoring, an environmental assessment was signed in 2011 but the decision record is not signed yet. Whirlwind Hogback will be adjacent to the Sierra Madre project. White Mountain is waiting for their eagle plan from Fish and Wildlife, and then permitting with the county.
- **Discussion on Wind/Transmission study:** Half the wind projects in the state are in the High Desert District. Need a wind/transmission study to see where wind is and where other resource conflict may exist.
- **Transmission:** Routes not determined yet, have portrayed several alternative locations on map for Gateway West, Gateway South and Transwest transmission projects.
- **Uranium:** Lost Creek ROD signed in December. Production expected by July. The project is in District Court right now awaiting a decision.
- **Rock Springs RMP.**
  - Rock Springs RMP has several cooperating agencies that are working with the BLM to develop the range of alternatives.
  - Conduct RMP analysis of alternatives -Spring 2013
  - Cooperating meeting to formulate travel management planning alternatives is expected in summer 2013 and meetings to formulate preferred alternative will follow.
- **Joanna Nara-Kloepper (Assistant Field Manger-Rock Springs) -VIRTUAL TRONA TOUR.** Wyoming is the trona capital of the world. \$540,000 royalties in 2011. Trona goes for \$100 per ton. Trona discovered through oil and gas exploration. Expansion planned for FMC to manufacture powder form of trona for use in power plant scrubbers. Discussion of oil and gas resources in the Trona Basin, a study was done and there is no federal leasing under mechanically mined areas. There is a lot of gas resource under the trona mines but they can't be leased until trona mining is done.

**WLCI Presentation by Michelle Windsor (WLCI Coordination Team Lead for BLM) , Pat Anderson (WLCI Coordinator for US Geological Service), Jim Waseem (WLCI Coordinator with Wyoming Game and Fish Department), Clark McCreedy (WLCI Coordinator with the US Fish and Wildlife Service), John Linn (Executive Committee Member for WLCI) and John Andrikopoulos (owner of Rimfire Ranch, LL)**

- Brief Overview: WLCI coordinates projects on 19 million acres in the High Desert District.
- Partner funding with BLM, Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, NRCS and others.
- Pat Anderson: Trying to be more strategic with easements. Habitats are best maintained if we can maintain agriculture.

- John Linn: Need to consider leasing in lieu of conservation easements. WLCI, science data catalog, put science in one place. Provides support for WLCI to help synthesize and analyze needs. Develop web page with internet land scale data. Host science workshops, do effectiveness monitoring for habitat effectiveness.
- John Andrikopoulos: In the past there were tax credits for donated conservation easements granted by the IRS, but they have evolved into purchased easements. John has a WLCI sponsored project on his land for wetlands to benefit swans. They have built ponds but they will need funding for maintenance to keep irrigated corridors health.
- Jim Waseem: Wyoming Game and Fish Department partners with WLCI to ensure projects have a wildlife component. Communication is foundation of working with others.
- Clark McCreedy: Partners programs: level of trust with private land owners. Pro-active conservation agreements needed. Need conservation obligations before approaching BLM and other land management agencies. Need to have a native seed collection program.
- John Linn: currently serves as the County Commissioner representative on WLCI board, but will be replaced by Wally Johnson. They represent local interests and develop programs locally and give advice.
- Discussion: What to do if money dries up, does the landowner get left holding the bag for projects on their lands? If threatened species are so important, the government needs to be responsible to maintain these projects. Private funding may be a source. New projects are proposed: Commitment to wetlands, riparian, sage-grouse and corridor projects. Riparian corridors will remain a priority along with wetlands which are difficult to do but valuable for wildlife. Discussion on ranking of projects: if project hits on focal areas, the project ranks high. Ranking sheets are used to review projects.

#### **Dennis Carpenter. Chokecherry and Sierra Madre Wind Energy Project Virtual Tour:**

- The project is outside core area.
- Record of Decision (ROD) signed October 2012 by Secretary Salazar providing for a VRM amendment and an allocation approval for wind development. Sub steps were approved to do actual location analysis of roads, transmission and turbines.
- Wind generators 300 feet tall, 300 foot diameter for blades.
- PCW worried about not getting total project approved and will delay the project until a larger portion of the project is approved.
- Discussion: Life span of a turbine? Approximately thirty years. Have reclamation bonds in place in the event the project is stopped and these will pay for removal and reclamation. What transmission line will be used? Gateway West is an option along with TransWest of which they are part owner. Total construction cost of the project is estimated to be \$5 billion dollars. It will benefit Carbon County with sales and property tax collected. There will be approximately 125 permanent workers when the project is completed. There will be haul roads to handle the traffic. There has been eagle/bird monitoring done for the project. They will apply for take permits from Fish and Wildlife for bird fatalities.

**Carl Bezaonson (Rangeland Mgmt. Specialist, Kemmerer) , Julie Allen Kraft (Assistant Supervisor-Sublette County Weed and Pest), Gale Lamb (Supervisor- Sweetwater County Weed and Pest District, Jerry Dayton (Assistant Supervisor-Lincoln County Weed and Pest), Chris Aimone (Supervisor-Uinta County Weed and Pest, RAC Chairman): Invasive Weed Panel:**

- Data collection pool needed to identify cheat grass locations.
- There seems to be too much emphasis on single species management such as sage-grouse, there are other issues at work on sage-grouse besides cheat grass. There are alternative methods available to treat cheat grass but they can't be used on federal lands until approved, and approvals are tied up with the EIS process.
- Bacteria based controls need to be investigated and we need to look at long term options. Reclamation with non-native seeds should be a tool, and then perennials and natives could be introduced.
- Cheat grass can used for spring grazing. It can't be eradicated but needs to be controlled.
- Treating areas affected by burns remains a high priority.
- Need more support for the weed issues ongoing. Would like to see a more stable budget, needs continual work.
- Trying for backpack crews to reduce the cost.
- New chemical treatments for weeds need to be approved timely by the BLM.
- Sweetwater County has a pepperweed and cheatgrass problem. Funding is available for a couple of years then dries up.
- Some of the chemicals being used now are cheaper, but they cannot be used on federal lands.
- Discussion of using bio-control insects to help control the weeds, one for Salt Cedar looks promising.
- Use integrated management and go on landscape basis.

#### **Don Hartley. Trail Issues:**

- Handed out BLM trails map.
- Hundreds of miles of trails from Torrington to Evanston. Some of the trails are over 160 years old. Some trails disputes ending up going to Congress for resolution.
- Rocky Ridge has become a tourist destination and 7,000 people went over it in one year.
- Land swaps have been done to protect trails. Trails can go undiscovered in some areas until development occurs and archeological surveys are conducted.
- There is no funding to buy private lands with trails on them to put them in the federal government control.
- The Cherokee Trail is one that cannot be identified. A lot of trails go towards Fort Bridger. It is a challenge to manage trails on private land.
- There is also visual resource management issues associated with the trails. Sometimes there is not enough evidence left to determine exactly where a trail is located.

#### **Shane DeForest and John Anderson, Pinedale Anticline Working Group (PAWG):**

- Last summer it was recommended by the PAWG that it be discontinued and the current charter be allowed to expire in 2014. BLM Director has approved that recommendation.
- The gas field development has slowed in the area along with community. It was difficult to get people to attend and to even have a quorum, and it was difficult to get people to apply for positions on the board.
- Asked if the RAC would be interested in forming a subcommittee to help if needed. . It was suggested that former members of the PAWG could be used for a sub-committee. A sub-committee could be formed as long as a member of the RAC was on it, but someone will check with Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) and make sure of this.

- There could be a renewed interest if natural gas prices rise again and to address issues with an upcoming project known as the Normally Pressurized Lance or NPL.
- Issues identified that might be seen in the future are: Air/Water Compliance, socioeconomic issues, fracking and wildlife issues and impacts. It was suggested that this be discussed further at the next meeting.

#### **Discussion Questions:**

- Reclamation: table until 2/8, need copies made.
- PAWG: table for further discussion.
- CHEATGRASS:
  - Lag time in approval of new chemicals
  - Buddy follow up with Gina Ramos-BLM Weed Coordinator
  - Don Simpson will follow up at the State Directors meeting next week regarding EIS schedule.
  - Don't target just one species,
  - Not always BLM policy, sometimes county, state, local, etc.
  - Other control methods/chemicals available.
  - Objective: Control. Eradication not available.
  - BLM process to evaluate pesticide seems to be an attempt all bullet proofing analysis where EPA has already approved.
  - PAPA approved for each use of pesticide by DSD, RAM.
  - Integrated Pest Management Approach
  - Restoration/Recovery is the goal in some areas.
  - Long term landscape approach should be used.
  - Preference for use of native seeds, but need ground cover to maintain until native seeds grow. Should review use of non-natives in certain situations if it would aid in the reclamation process.

## **Friday, Feb. 8, 2013**

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

##### **Judy Walker**

- It is important to keep the wild horse herds intact in the Red Desert Complex.

##### **Carol Walker** (Cloud Foundation)

- A proponent of the use of PZP
- The first time PZP was administered to the wild horses in the Adobe Town Herd Management Area was 2010. It was done in October, which is the wrong time of year. There has not been enough time yet to see if the PZP was effective.
- Concerned of the outcome of the *RSGA v. BLM* litigation and potential to zero out the wild horse herds.
- Would like to see the BLM manage the wild horse population numbers while still on the range.

##### **Bruce Pendry** (Wyoming Outdoor Council)

- Oil and gas:
  - They consider CD-C, Hiawatha, Moxa Arch, NPL and LaBarge "mega fields."
  - It is not WOC's plan or position to categorically oppose these projects because they are not in the "heritage landscape."
  - They do encourage BLM to "do it right."
  - WOC has hired two air quality experts to draft comments on CD-C. They will use these same comments for the other projects.
  - WOC considers NPL/LaBarge in a different category due to EPA regulations.
- Wind:
  - WOC's greatest concern with CCSM is the impacts to golden eagles and Greater Sage-Grouse. An additional noteworthy point is the impact to VRM.
  - White Mountain: Personally, he was glad to hear this project is on hold as he is not in favor of seeing wind turbines on the bluffs above Rock Springs.
- Transmission Lines:
  - WOC's fundamental objective is to have the lines follow existing corridors, especially along I-80. They want to stop any intrusion into Commissary Ridge or the Shirley Basin.
- Uranium:
  - WOC does not want Lost Creek to serve as a precedent for future development as they are concerned about the encroachment into the Governor's Greater Sage-Grouse Executive Order.
- Pipelines:
  - Denbury CO2 Pipeline: If this project is pursued under the current alternatives which cross the Jack Morrow Hills, WOC will oppose it.

(Don Simpson requested WOC send the RAC his "Do It Right" criteria. Mr. Pendry agreed to do so.) [Attachment 1 - "Do It Right"](#)

**Janet Carabello** (Member of Northern Colorado Wild Horse and Burro Partners)

- The cost of the WHB program is unsustainable
- Suggested BLM and wild horse advocates align to allow advocates to volunteer to help with the program.
- Supports the use of PZP to keep the wild horse population numbers to sustainable levels.

**Julia Stuble** (Member Wyoming Outdoor Council)

- Thanked the members of the RAC for their time committed to the group and their service
- At the October RAC meeting, she presented a memo detailing why WOC believes cooperating agency meetings should be open to the public, particularly when it deals with land use plans such as the Rock Springs RMP.
- WOC is not asking to sit at the table at CA meeting, or to be able to comment, they only want to be able to observe, similar to how RAC meetings are organized.
- She stated as a working person, it is hard to get time with elected representatives and federal representatives during the day, and WOC would like to hear what those officials say at the CA meetings.

**Erik Molvar** (Biodiversity Conservation Alliance)

- Referenced former Secretary Bruce Babbitt's recent comment that for every acre made available for O&G leasing, another acre needs to be set aside for conservation.
- Feels the BLM is facilitating industry to use public lands.

- Said in the RFO RMP, 98.4 percent of public land is open to oil and gas leasing
- States there is room for the crown jewels, i.e. Adobe Town, Jack Morrow Hills, to be managed right along with oil and gas, recreation, horses in the millions of acres of public land.
- BCA feels they have a different perspective than elected officials to lend to CA meetings and every American's voice is just as important as an elected official.
- Would like transmission lines to run along I-80 and be shielded from view behind the bluffs so they wouldn't have to run through prime wildlife habitat.
- CD-C is the largest project west of the Mississippi River. It is being developed in an area already under development.
- Would like to see wells congregated on existing or singular well pads.

**Melissa Maser**

- Claims wild horses are being sent to Presidio, Texas, to be slaughtered, and then the meat sent to Europe.

**Joyce Crawford** (Green Mountain wild horse adopter)

- Would like to see the diversity of wildlife, and horses preserved in the Green Mountain HMA.
- Feels there is room for all multiple uses if we work at it.

**Dawn Robinson** (Wild horse advocate)

- Doesn't understand why if the law mandates wild horses be protected, that isn't happening.
- Feels rich ranchers push wild horses off the land.
- Feels we need to protect what we have and not let people with money dictate what happens.

**Linda Hanick** (Cloud Foundation Board Member, Northern Colorado Wild Horse and Burro Partners)

- Sees wild horses as a tremendous educational tool and should be used to create core curriculum for school children.
- Encourages school tours to the range, not to the corrals.
- Has created a reading list for children about wild horses.
- States people want to see stallions fighting, and family bands.
- Feels the waste of money in the WHB program is killing the taxpayer.
- States PZP works when administered appropriately.
- Referenced USGS study on wild horses that claim foaling increased population by 10-15 percent, not 20 percent as claimed by BLM.

**Paula King** (Cloud Foundation)

- Very concerned about the survival of wild horse herds
- Wants to see the numbers of wild horses managed on the range with PZP.
- Wants to see bait trapping as the preferred gather method.
- Is not in favor of Eco sanctuaries where all the horses are geldings as you don't see the bands of stallions, mares, and foals. Claims people want to see the diversity on the range.
- Feels the horses at the RSWHFF are incarcerated, it is oppressive, and made a correlation to concentration camps.
- Would not let her children, or grandchildren tour the RSWHFF as that would be a horrifying experience as wild horses should be viewed in the wild.
- Oil and gas companies need to do more to improve range degradation.

- Wild horses should be the highest priority under the 1971 Wild Free-Roaming Horse and Burro Act.
- Encourages openness, transparency and honesty for better solutions.

**Ginger Kathrens** (Cloud Foundation Founder/President)

- Saw 109 wild horses, 30 elk, and around 1,000 antelope in Great Divide Basin HMA yesterday.
- Feels management of wild horses has not been successful.
- Feels there is a lack of commitment to genetically viable herds.
- Feels ecosanctuaries with geldings have no appeal to the public as people want to see horses on the range.
- The Cloud Foundation is willing to help make wild horse management work. Would like to sit down with RSGA/BLM to work together.
- The members can tell you where the horses are for bait trapping or darting efforts.

**Review of Hot Topics:**

**Sage Grouse:** Buddy Green and Don Simpson

- Amendment 3 Revisions going on, national planning effort with 79 RMP plans from BLM and 24 USF plans being amended.
- Involving Fish and Game, Forest Service, and FWS in the process.
- Public review this summer of 90 days.
- Sage-Grouse 9 Plan amendment, 6 are BLM and 3 are Forest Service.
- Try for consistency for regulatory certainty. If RMPs need to be done by 2014, for review by 2015 by FWS.

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**Invasive Species:**

- Don't just look at one species.
- Does the RAC want to present some guidance to the BLM?
- Landscape Approach to Invasive Management.
- Don Simpson offered to provide more information to the RAC so can offer guidance if they can.
- Invasive weeds chemical-on agenda for next meeting.
- MOUs for weed management
- Assistance Agreements
- See if we can get Ken Henke and Game and Fish to give an update at next RAC meeting.

**Recommendations on PRB Restoration Brochure:**

- Using shared positions.
- Not a BLM brochure, no emblem on it – meant to be ideas for all to use.
- Bureau funded this year.
- Landowners approached BLM on what they should do.
- Banking is being worked out should funding increase.
- Actions in the brochure are in priority order.
- Reclamation: try and take further than just reclamation of a well pad control of invasive weeds holistically.

- Direct response letter to Don.
- Annual Report on Powder River actions should be prepared to help FWS see what is being accomplished.
- Thoughts on how to get brochure out. A cover letter was discussed, as well as a landowners meeting. Coming up with a list of people that attend the meeting. Have the groups together.
- Meet requirements of EQUIP, is there funding at the state level available?
- Look at quick draft to RAC and send out through Cindy.

#### **Landscape scale management:**

- BMP-Best Management Practices that have made is successful, repeat in future projects.
- Look at what EnCana did to make theirs successful in the NPL Project.
- RAC subcommittee to look at what was done may be considered.
- EIS feedback from operators ahead of time.
- Recommendations on whether BLM is interacting on landscape scale and if they should.
- Need lessons learned on a broader scale.
- Each project has individual characteristic and taking a broad approach will take away flexibility of projects.
- Need the DO IT RIGHT process.
- Get either Paul Ulrich or a similar company like EnCana that has had these successes to discuss with the RAC.

#### **Letter from Wyoming Outdoor Council response:**

- Greater openness for RMP and major EIS.
- Greater public transparency.
- More touch points for public comments.
- Cooperator meeting specifically defined in NEPA, not public meeting, there to participate and influence local perspective. An unintended result is the public transparency becomes negative.
- Suggest subcommittee. Working group in Sublette County is already looking at problem and how to bring back to the RAC and have them tackle it.
- Need for public to give input back to cooperators on impacts. Not enough expertise on all points, go back to the public for input.
- Revisit cooperating agency policy when recommendations from RAC are received.
- Need to define what you can talk about as a cooperator, and what you can seek input on, these still needs to be defined.
- Could have hybrid meeting with the first hour closed to the public then open it up to the public.
- Misinformation can be a problem, but 99 percent are there for the right reason.
- Doug Thompson will take the lead on the RAC subgroup recommendation to BLM on open/closed meetings and Gary and Marilyn will participate via the phone. Task-how to balance needs to be transparent with pre-decisional process. Would be a good idea to see if we could get someone from the governor's office to participate, along with Kristen and Caleb from the Lander office

### **Public Comments on WH&B:**

- On comments from WH&B advocates we need to talk more and litigate less. Lance Porter and Don Harley will put together a meeting with WH&B advocates and the RSGA. We need to take advantage of partnering with them.
- Timing issue is unfortunate with working on agreement for settlement with RGSA, but still need to work on building rapport with the two groups.
- If horse numbers can't be kept in check, there will be zero horses on the HMAs in the checkerboard.
- We need to discuss birth control methods for the horses with advocates.
- The advocates need a better understanding on how we count horses and make other decisions to gather.
- Encouraged by comments from volunteers on controlling the population of the horses and agree with them that long term holding is not the solution.
- It would be beneficial for a RAC subcommittee on horse issues.
- Partnering with the advocates could be a valuable opportunity, maybe try a pilot program.

### **RAC: What's next?**

- Capture big ticket items.
- Lessons learned
- Put on next agenda to discuss.

### **Next Meeting:**

- Lander, May 21 to 23 agenda items:
  - Planning
  - Cooperating Agencies
  - Processes
  - WH&B
  - Field trip-what to see
  - Uranium issues
  - BMP, what has worked and what has not.
  - Process EIS
  - Outdoor Recreation
  - Half day field trip
  - Follow-up from Ken Henke and WG&F on invasive species
- Set next meeting in either August or September:
  - Have jumped around a lot, take opportunity to brain storm on areas. Prioritize what we have seen. Need organizational meeting.
  - Buffalo was decided on for the location of the meeting. Date of August 21, 22 and 23.
  - Things to see: fire rehab restoration.
- **FOLLOW UP ITEMS:**
  - Don Simpson: Requested WOC send the RAC his "Do It Right" criteria. Mr. Pendry agreed to do so.
  - Buddy to see if we can get Ken Henke and Game and Fish to give an update at next RAC meeting.
  - Next meeting, work on Peabody letter.

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 Cherie Taylor  
 Jim Schroeder  
 Tom Foertsch  
 Stephanie Connolly  
 Steve Dondero  
 Vickie Arends  
 Lance Porter

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 Chris Aimone  
 Tom Clayson  
 Walt Gasson  
 Gary Cukjati  
 Doug Thompson  
 Don Hartley

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 Gregg & Donnie Figguet  
 Rita Stenbrech  
 Don Schramm  
 Julia Stuble  
 Wally Johnson  
 Bruce Pendry  
 John Linn  
 Paula Todd King  
 Judy Walker  
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