

**B-D Working Group  
Draft Meeting Record**  
Thursday, October 20, 2016  
Emma Park Center, 25 West Silver, Butte  
1:00 – 5:00 p.m.

BDWG Members: Mark Thompson, Maureen Connor, Tony Colter, Darcie Warden

Committee Members/Others: Noorjahan Parwana, Steve Flynn, Bob Zimmer

Forest Service: Alex Dunn, Betsy Herrmann

Facilitator: Karen DiBari

**Action items**

- Send an email letter to Craig Kendall support for the Strike Team working on Greenhorn (Karen DiBari will draft for Dave Schulz and Tony Colter)
- Karen DiBari will email information to the group about upcoming workshops (done).
- Mark Thompson will talk to Leonard about attending the Montana Forest Collaboration Network workshop.
- Tony Colter will work with Russ Riebe to set up a committee meeting for the Pintler Face project on November 10 at 9 a.m. (done).
- Discuss with the Boulder Committee the purpose of a field trip

**Minutes**

1. September Meeting Record was approved.
2. Public comment - *none*
3. Announcements

**Forest Service**

- Betsy Herrmann gave an update on Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest (BDNF) budget
  - Met targets
  - EDV implementation moving forward
  - One sale sold on Flint Foothills, second sale being prepped
- Sage Grouse – GIS team
  - Using Fire and Invasives Assessment Tool
  - Looking at conifer encroachment
- Farm Bill Strike Team at work on Red Rocks
  - Going to make Red Rocks project area bigger
  - Maxville is second on the list in priority
- Montana-Dakotas NEPA Strike Team
  - 4 of 6 staff on board in Dillon.
  - Acceptance from team leader and writer/editor
  - Trying to get Greenhorn first on the list
- Greenhorn
  - Evaluating effect of a MOU between FWP, BLM, BDNF
    - Transfer big horn sheep
    - Think it could be a showcase
  - How to support Greenhorn?

- Proposal: letter in support of Greenhorn being a high priority for the MT-Dakota Strike Team.
- ACTION: BDWG send an email letter to Craig Kendall support for the Strike Team working on Greenhorn
- Tony Scardina acting
- Russ Riebe, Wise River Ranger, is retiring in January
  - Flying announcement now
- Fleecer
  - EIS did not explain how temp roads affected elk security.
  - Doing a Supplemental EA
- Issued a ROD on snowmobiles
- Roadside hazard removed - #9
  - CE in progress
  - Highway from Chief Josephs Pass south to Skinner Meadows
- Two Allotment Management Plan Revisions Pintler
  - South Gravelles
  - NEPA will start this fall
- Pintler Face
  - Team currently reading all the scoping comments that were received.

Upcoming events:

- SWCC workshop on Landscape Restoration will be December 1-2, Lubrecht Experimental Forest
- Montana Forest Collaboratives' Network workshop, December 5-6, Radisson Colonial Hotel, Helena
  - Who from the BDWG can attend?
  - ACTION: Mark Thompson will talk to Leonard about attending.
- ACTION: Karen DiBari will email information to the group about upcoming workshops

4. Congressional Policy Updates - *none*

5. Membership - *none*

6. Aspen Restoration Project Discussion

The group looked at the decision memo and the BDWG letter, and discussed the issues and how they were represented.

- FS identified a toolbox available at stand scale.
  - Wanted to retain fencing as a tool
  - Memo emphasizes conifer encroachment as a major problem for aspen which is what is indicated by monitoring
  - Majority of ungulate browsing is wild life according to FS monitoring.
  - There are a few spots where livestock are an issue for aspen so wanted to include fencing as a tool.
- Main focus of decision memo is conifer encroachment.

7. Carcass Removal and Composting Programs– *postponed till next meeting*

8. 5 Year Action Plan and Outyear Capacity Projections

Discussion of what was desired for this presentation, which will be scheduled on the agenda in November.

- By FY – projects slated for action

- Plan B in case more money is available
- Ongoing update

#### 9. Committee/Project Updates

- Pintler Face
  - Tony spoke with Russ
  - Asked with the BDWG could provide
    - ACTION: Tony Colter will work with Russ Riebe to set up a committee meeting with FS staff for the Pintler Face project on November 10 at 9 a.m.
    - Karen DiBari will invite Chris Marchion and Paul Olsen to the meeting
- Boulder River
  - Boulder Lowlands implementation beginning
  - ACTION: Discuss with the Boulder Committee the purpose of a field trip
  - Monitoring this winter?
  - The group reviewed a draft press release about the Boulder Lowlands project and decided to wait until after implementation.

#### 10. November meeting agenda items

- Carcass Removal and Composting Programs
- Boulder Landscape Strategy
- Presentation on Red Rocks from Farm Bill Strike Team
- 5Year Action Plan and Outyear Planning
- Project Updates

**Upcoming Meeting Dates  
(generally 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the  
month):**

- November 10, 2016
- December 15, 2016
- January 19, 2017
- February 17, 2017