

Minutes for November 15, 2007 Meeting of the North Central Nevada Sage Grouse Planning Group Lovelock Nevada

Attendees

Brad Schultz	UNCE, Winnemucca
Cameron McQuivey	BLM, Winnemucca
Jose Noriega	USFS, Winnemucca

Discussion of Risk Assessments:

Jacksons

- Plan was on hold while additional information was being gathered. Cameron indicated that the BLM now has that information and it can be incorporated into the plan.
- A concern was raised regarding the low risk assigned to springs and meadows in the PMU. Photos were shared and we all agreed to change the risk to a high rating. Additional discussion should occur with BLM and the permittees regarding potential management changes in the area.
- Cameron will follow-up to make the changes in the Risk Assessment and then forward the assessment with maps to Jose. The document will then be forwarded to the State Committee for review.

Sonoma

- Brad has completed some comments. Brad will complete his comments and send to Jose who will then forward to the group for additional review.
- Sonoma plan is currently at the State committee for initial review. Once those comments are received the entire group will review all comments and accept all appropriate changes and provide that information to Kyle.
- Once changes are incorporated, the Final Plan will be sent to the State.

Trinity

- Jim Jeffress completed the Draft Trinity Risk Assessment. Brad has provided comments. The group reviewed the format and likes it.
- Jose will forward the report by Email to the group with Brads Comments to provide one last opportunity before Jim updates the plan and it is forwarded to the State for review.

Other PMUs

The group agreed to use the Trinity format for the completion of the remaining small PMUs. Jim has the green light from the group to complete the remaining reports with this format. Jim can coordinate with Cameron regarding priorities.

Other Observations/comments

- The few group members at the meeting had concerns about the size and composition of the remaining group.
- The group agreed to move quickly to finalize the remaining risk assessments and determine what the next step is for this group.
- The next meeting should focus on finalizing plans and discussion about the future of the committee.

Next Meeting

- The group agreed that because the majority of the more recent participants are from Winnemucca, the next meeting will be held in Winnemucca.
- Next meeting will be in February and Jose will send a message requesting potential dates in the next month.