

Subcommittee Members: Steve Marquez, Shane Boren,
Trent Gordon, Jake Rosevear, Gracian Uhalde, Jr.,
Justin Rozich, Cody Coombs, Matt Rajala

Staff to the Subcommittee: Josh Kirk
Madi Ellingwood

**Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners
Mule Deer Enhancement Oversight Committee
Mule Deer Enhancement Program Subcommittee
White Pine County; Management Area 13**

Wednesday, August 30, 2023 / 5:30 p.m.

Meeting only accessible via [www. Zoom.us](https://www.zoom.us)

DRAFT Minutes

1. Call to Order – Department Representative

The meeting was called to order at 5:33 p.m.

In Attendance:

Shane Boren, Subcommittee Member
Trent Gordon, Subcommittee Member
Justin Rozich, Subcommittee Member
Matt Rajala, Subcommittee Member
Charlie Clements, Oversight Committee Member
Josh Kirk, Department Representative
Madi Ellingwood, Department Representative

2. Approval of Agenda – For Possible Action

Subcommittee Member Boren motioned to approve the minutes.

Subcommittee Member Gordon seconded the motion.

The motion passed.

3. Approval of Minutes (May 10, 2023) – Department Representative – For Possible Action

Subcommittee Member Boren motioned to approve the minutes.

Subcommittee Member Gordon seconded the motion.

The motion passed.

4. Member Announcements and Correspondence – Informational

No announcements were reported.

5. Area 13 Project Proposals – – Department Representative – For Possible Action

The Subcommittee discussed the Draft 2023 Area 13 project proposal. Subcommittee Member Boren asked what the priority Pinyon Juniper removal units were for this project. Department Representative Kirk explained that the eastern most units were the higher priority for mule deer. Mr. Boren and Subcommittee Member Rozich mentioned that the proposal should indicate that if the requested funding is not fully supported, that the project can be scalable with the prioritization of the eastern most units first.

The Subcommittee discussed possible future Area 13 MDEP projects. Subcommittee Members Rozich and Rajala gave some updates regarding the Forest Service and BLM lands in Area 13.

Subcommittee Member Boren motioned to approve the draft project proposal as written with an edit to add verbiage regarding prioritization of units.

Subcommittee Member Gordon seconded the motion.

The motion passed.

6. **Public Comment**

No public comment was received.

7. **Future Subcommittee Meetings – For possible Action**

A future Subcommittee meeting was not scheduled.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

WHITE PINE COUNTY MA13 MULE DEER ENHANCEMENT SUBCOMMITTEE

Re: Mule Deer Enhancement Program White Pine County – Management Area 13; Limiting Factor Rankings and Project Proposals

Dear Mule Deer Enhancement Oversight Committee Members,

The White Pine County MA13 Mule Deer Enhancement Subcommittee is pleased to submit one project proposal for consideration for the FY24 field season. This project was selected by the subcommittee because the members identified (1) Improper grazing - Wild horses, (2) Climate/Weather, (3) Pinyon-Juniper (Conifer) Invasion, and (4) Limited Water Distribution as the top limiting factors affecting the MA13 mule deer herd. This project will address at least one of the interrelated limiting factors listed above.

There has been much research done documenting the negative ecological impacts related to expansion and infill of pinyon-juniper outside of proper ecological state and function. In addition to impacts to sagebrush habitats, it is known that pinyon-juniper encroachment and infill greatly impedes water resource availability on the landscape. Improving the habitat quality of an important migration corridor and pinch point will facilitate successful movement to and from summer and winter ranges, as well as allow for deer to hold up in these areas for longer periods of time, resulting in a staggering of movements across the migration path. We are proposing a lop and scatter pinyon-juniper (PJ) removal. This project will run congruently with a United States Forest Services (USFS) conifer removal project that is within the area and already funded.

Please see attached supplementary project information describing the benefits to mule deer for the project. The project will improve Nevada ecosystems for multiple species, and benefit populations to increase opportunity for the public. We look forward to feedback from the Oversight Committee and working together in maintaining and enhancing healthy mule deer populations and their habitats in Management Area 13.

Respectfully,

Subcommittee Members: Shane Boren, Cody Coombs, Trent Gordon, Steve Marquez, Matt Rajala, Jake Rosevear, Justin Rozich, and Gracian Uhalde, Jr.

Department Representatives: Josh Kirk and Madi Stout

Table 1: Cost analysis breakdown in segments if funding for all units is not allocated in one year.

Scenario	Acreage	Cost
All Units	4,320	\$259,200 - \$345,600
Units: 4-7, 9	776	\$46,560 - \$62,080
Units 3	97	\$5,820 - \$7,760
Units 8 & 10	766	\$45,960 - \$61,280
Units: 0-2	2,680	\$160,800 - \$214,400