From: Tom Christiansen
To: Paul Lowham
Cc: Dave Kimble; Hugh & Isabelle Lowham; Kevin Spence
Subject: Re: Next meeting of the Yellow Creek Team
Date: Friday, March 28, 2014 4:45:40 PM

Paul and Hugh,

I believe there will be meeting notes forthcoming on the leatherside chub meeting topic (which is out of my expertise anyway). However, I do have two items to report of interest:

1) I spoke to Dave Kimble regarding the appropriate agency lead contact for your diverse projects. He agreed to that role if it is okay with you. Many of your projects are outside of my more narrowly defined duties related specifically to sage-grouse conservation. I will remain engaged as it relates to the steel jack spring protection fence installation for section 7, potentially in Section 4 and the grouse lek searches. I'm sure Kevin Spence (aquatic habitat biologist) is willing to visit about fish related projects as well and I understand you have been working with our Walk-In access coordinator, Andy Countryman. Also, you might be interested to know that Jessica Beecham is transferring to Riverton soon. A new Evanston game warden has not yet been named.

2) The county road between the Yellow Creek Road and Hwy 150 was still snowed in so Kevin and I were not able to search your property for a grouse lek. However, we drove on down into Chalk Creek Basin and found what is very likely a new and substantial lek there. These may be the birds that use your place in the summer but I still have hopes of finding a lek on your place. I'll return to the area in mid-late April to confirm the Chalk Creek lek and search the area in section 7 that looked promising to us in November.

Regards,
Tom

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On Wed, Mar 19, 2014 at 4:33 PM, Paul Lowham <plowham@aol.com> wrote:

> Thanks for the info. We would appreciate a report following the meeting.
> Paul
> On Mar 19, 2014, at 2:44 PM, Tom Christiansen wrote:
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> Paul and Hugh,
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> Kevin Spence and I plan to attend the meeting tomorrow. First we are going to go out and look for a grouse lek on the ranch property. I hope to have good news to report.
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> As part of the discussion tomorrow, perhaps during a break, we'd like to discuss the best way to move forward with the your overall project. I can continue to assist from a grouse perspective and Kevin from the fish side of things, but perhaps Dave is better situated to lead with the "big picture" (?).
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> I apologize for not replying earlier. I've been out of state recently assisting my ailing father.
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> Regards,
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On Tue, Mar 4, 2014 at 9:56 AM, Paul Lowham <plowham@aol.com> wrote:

Dave
Thanks for the info. If our schedules permit, we will try and attend. I am copying Tom Christensen with WG&F as he has been working with us to develop several springs and figure out how the reservoir spillway could be repaired.
Paul
On Mar 4, 2014, at 8:32 AM, Dave Kimble wrote:

Paul and Hugh,

I thought you would like to know about this meeting coming up and the attention that is being given to Yellow Creek. As you probably already know, much of the reason for the attention is because Yellow Creek has some of the largest numbers of the northern leatherside chub (minnow) that are known to exist anywhere. If either of you happen to be around Evanston on the 20th you would certainly be invited to come. We are inviting landowners, although I'm sure the majority of the attendance will be from agency and conservation organization staff. Please let me know if you have any questions.

I'm looking forward to talking more with you about helping with some of the projects you are interested in this coming spring and summer.

Sincerely,

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Subject: Next meeting of the Yellow Creek Team

All,

The next meeting of the Yellow Creek Team will be:

Date and time: MARCH 20 from 9:00 to 11:00 (sorry that we couldn't find a time that would work for everyone!)

Place: Evanston Wyoming – Forest Service Conference Room (1565 Highway 150, Suite A).

I have attached an agenda. Please let me know if you would like to add anything.

Looking forward to our next meeting and advancing conservation work on Yellow Creek – thanks!

Joan

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