

GSG FMT Meeting - Agenda

Our objective is to work with our partners (Federal, State and local) to provide for conservation of the great sage-grouse across the 11-State, 3 Region range of the species. At this meeting we intend to share information, improve coordination, identify issues and concerns, discussion options, continue to elevate issues of concern, ensure internal consistency and understanding and work towards solutions to make progress towards conservation for the species.

Tuesday, June 4th

8:00am Opening remarks/Logistics (Noreen/Mike T./Brian Kelly)

8:15am State of the bird – overview of current survey data, etc. (Pat)

8:45am Presentation from Steve Knick regarding his recent research paper and provide an opportunity for FWS staff and managers to ask questions

9:45am Break

10:00am State efforts (Nicole)

Objective: Clarify messaging regarding support for State plans, the relationship to the BLM IM and BLM development of a state-specific IM

- Round the range – Quick progress report regarding State efforts, identify any issues

11:00am BLM/FS planning efforts (Mike T./Pat)

Objective: to provide awareness and common understanding in order to deliver consistent recommendations and messages across the range.

- Overview of what is happening in the planning process, identify what is working and what concerns we are seeing across the range (Pat)
- Discuss lessons learned – MT/ND example (Kevin Shelley; Jeff Berglund)

12:00pm Lunch

- Biologist discussion over lunch re: concerns and coordination

1:00pm BLM/FS cont.

- Identify solutions and next steps regarding how do we help them.

2:00pm Break

2:30pm Fire & invasive species discussions (Jesse/Jason)

Objective: Identify technical and policy concerns in BLM/FS revision process and develop a path forward on how we will proceed.

- Provide an update on WAFWA efforts (Ken Mayer)
- Discuss coordination and communication with BLM/FS including preliminary modeling; Identify technical and policy concerns raised in BLM/FS revision process
- Discuss and identify what we can do to influence these issues and begin development of recommendations.
- Identify follow up and next steps.

4:30pm Internal coordination and communication (Matt)

- Discuss internal communication and provide feedback and suggestions for improvement.
- Update regarding external communication including a SG communications blog.

5:00pm adjourn

Wednesday, June 5th

8:00am Conservation efforts reporting (Nicole)

Objective: Define our approach to conservation effort reporting and identify necessary resources needed to implement it

- Discuss and clarify what we want including what will be useful for a listing determination. Consider a narrative report and database or access to database of conservation efforts.
- Identify follow up and next steps including preparation for the discussion at the Task Force meeting in July

9:30am Spatial data (Pat/Jesse/Sean Finn)

Objective: Identify key functionality, potential available evaluation tools and necessary steps to acquire access.

- Provide an overview of LC Map and other options to facilitate a discussion of spatial data and managing data reporting
- Consider and discuss any barriers to coordination and sharing information
- Identify follow up and next steps. Consider tasking a small team to tackle issues and make recommendations to FMT on how to proceed.

10:30am Update regarding LCC efforts (Steve Torbit)

11:00am Update from Mitigation team (Paul H.)

11:30am Discuss energy Industry coordination and next steps (Mike T./Nicole)

- Provide feedback and ideas on priority issues or areas, existing coordination and good contacts within the energy industry to enable the SG energy team can begin developing a work plan.

1:00pm Wrap up and follow up

2:00pm Adjourn