

Developing a Compensatory Mitigation Program

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Meeting Objective: Through collaboration, determine basic elements of a compensatory mitigation program for Montana with a focus on sage-grouse and energy developments.

Draft Agenda

10:00-10:15 Introductions and review agenda

10:15-10:30 BLM perspective on scope and need for compensatory mitigation, basic goal and approach (BLM staff)

10:30-10:45 FWP perspective on scope and need for compensatory mitigation, basic goal and approach (FWP staff)

10:45-11:45 Specific details (discussion topics):

- Framework elements:
 - Who are the key players? Is some type of oversight or working group needed?
 - Types of compensation: Protection, Enhancement, Restoration, and/or Combination
 - Mitigation longevity (short term? long-term? perpetual?)
 - Determining extent of impact area
 - Determining impact to population or habitat function
 - Determining effectiveness of compensation
 - Determining extent of compensation needed vs. impacts

11:45-12:30 Break for lunch (order in? We may be passing the hat for lunch)

12:30-3:30 Continue working through listed topics

3:30-4:00 Summarize areas of agreement and needs for advancing further.

4:00 -- Go home