

Renewable Energy & Eastern Oregon Landscape Conservation Partnership

Tuesday August 31, 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m

ACTION ITEMS & NEXT STEPS

- Send any comments to Pete on preamble, DoC language and send in support statements to be reviewed at the next meeting
- Please send feedback on BLM's communication plan by September 14th. Mark will send out an electronic version.
- Please send feedback on the agenda for the workshop, the workshop committee group will meet soon and we concluded on a target date in early-mid November.
- Next meeting date will be in early October (will send out doodle).
- Work on developing outreach and communication strategy after DoC signing in Mid October

BRIEF MEETING SUMMARY

Overview of Agenda and Introductions

Declaration of Cooperation – Finalize revisions & sign support statements

Discussion around how to proceed with DoC. Group decided to have signing ceremony in mid-October and meet before then to discuss any changes and finalize the preamble DoC language.

Will work on communication and outreach strategy at next meeting and plan to address how to share DoC as part of strategy.

Renewable Energy & Sage Brush Conservation – Opportunities Map Status

Handout -latest iteration of map, retitled “Wind Energy Development” Map. Other changes include strengthening of language describing map's purpose and emphasizes it is not a decision-making document. It is intended to share macro scale information as it becomes available.

Workshop/Forum – work group report back

Subcommittee group met last week and revised draft agenda for proposed workshop/symposium. Please provide any feedback. Target audience includes developers, NGOs and other renewable energy stakeholder with a major focus on sage grouse and wind issues. Want to differentiate workshop from ODFW public hearings and will not create formal mechanism through workshop to have a position on ODFW issues. Focus on information sharing and creating a two way dialogue to discuss tool to plan for renewable energy development while conserving eastern landscape. Timeline should be early-mid November in Bend.

Renewable Energy NW (John Audley) – Current Renewable Energy Efforts and Issues

Renewable Energy NW is made up of a variety of organizations, primarily non-profits but also large-scale developers. All of our members including the energy developers are committed to reducing reliance on fossil fuels. In order to have reliable source of renewable energy need to develop energy from a variety of sources in a variety of geographies. OR and WA have created positive policy environments for renewable energy and it is no coincidence that both states have seen a lot of growth in renewable energy development. Concerns about message ODFW Sage Grouse Conservation Strategy is sending, the lack of outreach to renewable energy developers in data development and the limitations it puts on renewable energy development on a macro scale for wind. Important to know that renewable energy developers share values about conservation and would like to have high level discussions with policymakers about mitigation strategies.

ODFW update on revised sage grouse conservation strategy outreach and dialogue.

6 public meetings have been held and 2 have been added 1) in Burns on September 14th and 2) with the Steens Mountain Committee on September 17th. Have met with 5 county commissions and we are on track to share an overview of public comments at the September 30th commission meeting.

Other Issues

- Wyoming Executive Order- group should review and consider how it relates to this group
- Golden Eagle Survey Status-working with BLM, looking for other partners for funding and data sources
- Status for a “revamped” Renewable Energy Work Group-ODOE is working on broadening the members. The 1st meeting of the Energy Advisory Group is Thursday the 2nd at 2 p.m. BLM is also working on putting together an interagency energy group for middle management.
- WREZ update-so far the group has addressed energy siting and is now starting to look into transmission corridors
- Website-Oregon Solutions will be creating a project page on its existing website for this group, which can help team share information with each other and other interested parties.

Participants

Meeting Convener: Mike Haske, BLM State Office Deputy Director

Agency

Attendee

BLM	Mike Haske
BLM	Mark Brown
BLM	Cathie Jensen
BLM	Tim Barnes
NRCS	Bill White
AOC	Mike McArthur
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Dept of State Lands	Lanny Quackenbush
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