

**PAC WORKING GROUP:
GRAZING ON THE CASCADE-SISKIYOU NATIONAL MONUMENT**

**Meeting Notes
May 17, 2004**

Members Present: Romaine Cooper, Cate Hartzell, Bob Horton, John Roth, Mark Grenbemmer, Bob Miller, Ed Kupillas, Gene Bowling

BLM Staff Present: Kimberly Hackett, Paul Hosten, Howard Hunter

Facilitator: Jon Lange

Various Audience Members and press

*Robert Horton agreed to act as coordinator (with John Roth agreeing to take his place between 7/10 and 8/15).

*Jon Lange and Terry Morton will take notes based on key points and decisions made. Group members will be asked to verify (and edit if desired).

*Howard Hunter reviewed the proclamation and the mandate of the group which, because of the controversy and in order to attempt to build trust, is to review the study, increase public understanding, and assist the SW Advisory Committee and BLM in providing recommendations about the study, aiming for September of 2004. This mandate is further elaborated in the "Charter."

*Discussion continued on how the group's recommendations will fit into the long range plan and how the study relates to the Standards and Guides for Rangeland Health. This is also detailed in the first section of the study, particularly in the table. Some dates were added to some of the events in the table, going out to 2007.

*Peer Reviews from OSU "should" be in by mid-June. [Additional note: We should remind the scientists of the fact that we will be waiting for those reviews.]

*The "additional studies" were discussed briefly. Howard Hunter has asked for them but has not yet heard back. Presumably, the Working Group will get them and comment on their appropriateness and applicability.

*Gene Bowling and others asked that there be a field trip to see what could be seen with regard to the study.

*Much of the meeting was devoted to Paul Hosten going over the study. He was only given enough time to answer only a few questions. It was pretty much agreed that the group would need to work with Paul throughout the process.

*There was discussion about one of the OSU scientists, Dave Pyke, coming down to talk with the group.

*Romaine Cooper requested a written list of what is asked of the committee (for now) and what is NOT wanted. Other requests of the BLM were made— including *information on decision criteria, *resources available should the group recommend additional work, and *further information on what the study is trying to answer (i.e., a) effects on biological objects of interest or b) conformity with the standards and guides or c) something else). Howard Hunter took note of these requests and will get back to the group as soon as possible.

*There were several comments from the public. Some of these included

- some information about the decrease in cattle grazing since 1960, on one ranch in particular
- a comment on Della Salla's (WWF scientist) lack of objectivity
- comments on "takings" and property rights and how the Working Group is not getting the right story yet
- questions about land use allocations and riparian areas
- comments about how the CSNM is not all rangeland and a reminder of poor reference consolidation
- a recommendation about the cautionary principle

*Lange announced times, dates and locations for initial (preliminary) interviews. All working group members signed up or will do so. Some audience members did as well. Other stakeholders will be sought out for interviews. Some ranchers will contact Lange and arrange a meeting place and time. Cate Hartzell asked to see the interview questions prior to these meetings and Lange agreed.

***Friday, June 18th at 1:00 at the Medford BLM is the next meeting date.**

Lange and Morton will have a preliminary assessment and set of recommendations for the group to help them design the process that will follow. The purpose of the meeting is to decide on that process. Lange encouraged the group members to read the study if they had not already.