

**Eastern Washington Resource Advisory Council Meeting
Spokane BLM District, Spokane, WA
Field Trip – May 27, 2004**

<p>Members Present (interest/term expiration): <u>Designated Federal Official (DFO):</u> Joseph K. Buesing, Spokane District Manager, BLM</p> <p><u>Sub-Group 1</u> Dave Billingsley (Grazing/2004) Andrew Berg (Energy & Minerals/2005) Maurice Williamson (Commercial Recreation/2005)</p> <p><u>Sub-Group 2</u> Charles Warner (Environmental/2005) Steven McKinney (Conservation/2004) Mark Amara (Archaeological/Historical/2005) Al Cunningham (Environmental/2004)</p> <p><u>Sub-Group 3</u> Mary Hunt (Elected Official/2006) James Dobrowolski (Academician/2004) Julie Dagnon (Public at Large/2006) Doug Pineo (State Government/2006)</p>	<p>Members Not In Attendance: <u>Sub-Group 1:</u> Lori Jordan (Rights-of-Way/2005) Steven Tveit (Timber/2004)</p> <p><u>Sub-Group 2:</u> Sharon Vore (Dispersed Recreation/2006)</p> <p><u>Sub-Group 3:</u> B. J. Kieffer (Indian Tribe/2006)</p> <p><u>Others in Attendance</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kevin Devitt, Field Manager, Border Resource Area, BLM • Jim Fisher, Field Manager, Wenatchee Resource Area, BLM • Rich Bailey, District Archaeologist, Spokane BLM • Kathy Helm, Planner & Environmental Coordinator, Spokane BLM • Kerrin Doloughan, Range Specialist, Spokane BLM • Barb Benner and Diane Stutzman, Botanists, Spokane BLM • Lori Baker, Recreation Specialist, Spokane BLM • Joyce Whitney, Wildlife Specialist, Spokane BLM <p><u>Meeting Recorder:</u> Kathy Helm</p>
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The meeting started, at 9:00 a.m., at the Spokane District BLM office. There was no public comment presented. At 9:30 a.m., the tour group departed from the district office for a field tour of public land in Lincoln County known as the Telford parcel, which was recently acquired. A quorum was established at the field tour site. Various resource specialists were along on the tour and at a couple different stops through the property. The following Spokane BLM specialists gave brief overviews of their programs relative to natural resource values on the parcel:

- Joyce Whitney (wildlife biologist) briefed the RAC on the types of wildlife inventoried and being monitored on the property.
- Barb Benner and Diane Stutzman, both botanists, talked about the botanical values across the landscape and distributed a list of the plants identified to date on the property.
- Rich Bailey, District Archaeologist, presented some historical information about the property and also talked about its tribal values, including the plants and their roots that were part of the Native cultures.
- Kerrin Doloughan, Range Technician, told the RAC about the grazing lease.
- Lori Baker, District Recreation Planner, discussed the parcel’s recreational opportunities.

There was a lunch stop at the old home site. The two grazing lessees who graze cattle on the parcel were introduced to the RAC members. The lessees talked about historical grazing practices compared to their BLM lease and also answered some questions that RAC members asked about adjusting to federal grazing leasing compared to private grazing leases. One adjustment for the lessees was a reduction in the

authorized AUMs (the animal unit months, which is the number of cattle they can graze on the parcel in one month).

The minutes of the February 2004 meeting were approved.

The field tour participants returned to the Spokane District office about 4:00 p.m.



Officially Approved: October 7, 2004