

John Day/Snake Resource Advisory Council
 October 21, 2003
 Conference Call-6:30 PM PT

RAC Members	Group	Federal Officials
Adriane Borgias	1	Dave Henderson
Steve Courtney	1	Barron Bail
Terry Drever-Gee	1	Debbie Lyons-facilitator
Art Waugh	1	Peggy Diegan-notetaker
Dan Fouts	2	
Joseph Jones	2	
Shirley Muse	2	
Berta Youtie	2	
Mike Hayward	3	
John Tanaka	3	
Absent		Absent Federal Officials
David Riley	2	Karyn Woods
Bobby Brunoe	3	Roger Williams
Tim Keith	3	Jeff Blackwood
Tim Sterns	3	Larry Timchak

Debbie Lyons

Roll Call

- There is not a quorum present at this conference call, RAC members agreed to record the votes of all RAC members present and then a Federal Official would contact missing members of group 3 and record their votes on all of the issues that are discussed at this conference call.

2004 WORK PLAN DOCUMENT

Debbie Lyons

- Not all RAC members received the latest e-mail version of the annual work plan. A hard copy will be mailed to members for discussion/approval at the December meeting.

SUSTAINING WORKING LANDSCAPES LETTER

Debbie Lyons

- Concern was expressed by John Tanaka that the SWL comments may no longer be needed or relevant, since he had heard from Hugh Barrett that everything had changed, especially in regard to reserve common allotments. Follow-on discussion concluded that Hugh's comments probably applied to the regulatory portion of the SWL initiative, not the policy portion the RAC was drafting its comments for. The group agreed to finalize comments on the letter with the following two caveats:
 - Verify with Hugh Barrett that his comments pertained to the regulatory portion of SWL and that comments were still desired on the SWL draft policy.
 - Follow-up to find out where the RAC fits into the SWL regulatory timeline with any changes that might have been made.

- RAC members agreed to make the following addition between the parentheses in the second sentence of the second paragraph of the Sustaining Working Landscapes letter:
 - (i.e., Recreational trails, *other surface disturbances*, and noxious weed issues).

SAGEGROUSE HABITAT CONSERVATION STRATEGY LETTER

Debbie Lyons

- RAC members agreed to clarify the phrase "this document" in the last sentence in the second-to-last paragraph to read "the PECE document".

Berta Youtie

- Will make the corrections/additions to the both letters then send it electronically to Debbie Lyons and John Tanaka.

John Tanaka

- Will be at the Vale District Office next week and will sign the completed letters and send on to the BLM OR State Director, Elaine Marquis-Brong.

FY 2006 BLM PROGRAM INITIATIVES-e-mail request from Twinkle Thompson National BLM RAC Coordinator

- RAC members agreed to recommend emphasizing the following opportunities and initiatives to BLM OR State Director, Elaine Marquis-Brong, for FY 2006 BLM budget year.
 - National Energy Plan-Renewable Energy
 - Healthy Forests
 - Challenge Cost Share
 - Resource Protection/Public Land Restoration
 - Recreation and Visitor Service Enhancement
 - Law Enforcement and Security
 - The first item listed: Critical Facilities Protection
 - Land Use Planning and Resource Monitoring
 - Hazardous Materials Management and Resource Restoration
- John Tanaka will e-mail RAC's recommendation to Elaine Marquis-Brong.

ROUNDTABLE

Dan Fouts

- Question about the Wild Horse & Burro data sheet that was handed out at September Joint RAC meeting at the Kahneeta Resort in Warm Springs, OR.
 - Why doesn't the Big Summit Herd Management Area in the Prineville District have an AML set for the Wild Horse herd that is located there?
 - Barron Bail said that either this has not been set yet or the recommendation is zero.
 - Dave Henderson has some background information on how the AML is set and will get Dan a copy of this. Also, will obtain definitive answer on zero AML at Big Summit HMA.

Dave Henderson

- Thanked everyone for supporting the Joint RAC meeting held in September at the Kahneeta Resort.

All other RAC members and Federal Officials passed on any further comments during the roundtable.

Call ended at 7:30 PM PT.

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Follow-on actions/votes:

October 22, 2003 - Craig McKinnon in the State Office verified that SWL comments were still pertinent and wanted. There are changes being discussed in the regulatory process, but that will not affect the draft policy comments. He is in contact with Molly Brady at the WO who is leading the SWL initiative. He will be talking with her and there should be follow-up information to provide at the December meeting regarding the RACs involvement in the regulatory portion of the SWL initiative. Debbie Lyons will therefore print the SWL letter for John Tanaka's signature the week of Oct. 27.

October 24, 2003 - Debbie Lyons contacted Bobby Brunoe of JD/S RAC Group 3. Bobby had scheduled the call incorrectly on his calendar and had intended to participate. After reviewing the comments made during the conference call, and having received the draft SWL and Sagegrouse letters, as well as the initiatives and opportunities for FY 2006, he concurred with the group's recommendations and was comfortable completing the quorum for these three votes.