

Beaverhead Collaborative meeting 3/17/2022 Notes

Meeting purpose

- 1) Review and discuss Appendix Q
- 2) Brainstorm Elevator Speech
- 3) Attend to administrative tasks

Attendees

Colin Cooney (TU), Jeff Johnson (landowner), Sen. Jeff Welborn, Tom Rice (Beav. Commiss), Zach Owen (Beav CD), Alec Underwood (MT Wildlife Fed), Jim Berkey (TNC), Scott Laird (TRCP), Barb Cestero (TWS), Jack Kirkley (citizen), Chris Edgington (TU), Emily Cleveland (MT Wild), Byron Martinell (landowner), Parke Scott (recreation), Sean Steinebach (sun mountain lumber), Rep. Walsh, Tim Love (MFCN), Brett Slaughter (Sen. Daines), Mike Durglo (CSKT), Tom Reed.

Decisions

- Add space to every agenda for reflection, ask questions and express hesitation on items.
- Create name plates for meetings with names and affiliations (Colin/Karen)
- Second Recreation Seat outreach – share information, see if they are interested and then invite to next meeting.
 - Jeff will reach out to Jamie Holyfield MT Backcountry Horsemen, Dillon
 - Byron will reach out to Gene Loder from Beaverhead Outdoors
 - Barb will reach out to MT Mountain Bike Assoc. Cory

Assignments

EVERYONE= Review Appendix Q Hidden Pasture – each person comes prepared to share their support or rejection of the management prescriptions listed and offer any additions or changes they would like to see. *Colin/Karen send out definitions for different categories in appendix Q .

EVERYONE= Review draft elevator speech and prepare edits / amendments.

Colin – provide maps, ACE study and other documents to Mike Durglo.

Colin – send EVERYONE the ACEC study

Karen – create a shared drive to house and organize materials, notes, etc.

Meeting Notes

Administrative

Karen Filipovich will be facilitating, contract set.

Collaborative now accepted into the Montana Forest Collaborative Network (MFCN).

Brett serves as Senator Daines natural resource advisor and shared their interest in the group's work and a letter drafted to BLM to work with local collaboratives as they update RMPs. The letter and any associated press releases will be distributed to the group.

MFCN grant submitted – decision March 24th , request \$5,000.

Code of conduct friendly reminder – this is a safe forum and the work will progress best if concerns and hesitations are voiced during our meetings.

Work Topics

Appendix Q : Concerns about oil and gas and minerals – need to understand these and this could be an issue if the WSA was dropped. Double check the ROW rights of way to fully understand.

ACEC – the current study and resources protected. It does not include Westslope Cutthroat Trout or Big Horn Sheep or other areas that have pictographs (FS).

*Language: administrative action can be communicated as temporary. Congressional action can be communicated as permanent (although obviously it isn't, just harder to achieve).

Process & Scope

- 1) Work to develop a list of issues and problems to solve (see attached draft agreement document as a start)
- 2) Mapping exercise to identify ideal outcomes – values, uses and protections.
- 3) Develop revised appendix Q – ideal administrative management outcomes.
- 4) Use guiding vision and values of the collaborative (see attached draft agreement document as a start) develop recommendations for these values that are relevant to the area.
- 5) Recommend a pathway for Hidden Pasture
- 6) Move to the next area in the watershed and REPEAT 1-5 and continue the process until...
- 7) The group has a geography that is significant enough to attain congressional support for congressional action and members of the collaborative have a suite of recommendations that serve the diverse interests and uses of the area.

Additional learning to support the process: 1) toolbox of management options – look beyond agencies 2) case studies and templates to follow 3) look at other collaborative models (RVSA)

Draft Elevator Speech:

The Beaverhead County Collaborative was formed in 2021 by a grassroots group of diverse perspectives in order to create solutions for land management issues. The group has built trust to support forward thinking, meaningful solutions that are durable and resolve public land conflicts. Laser focus on crafting solutions that protect the resources, uses and values held in common (fish, wildlife, cultural, agriculture, recreation etc.) are making significant progress and ending the cycle of conflict and inaction.

Next Meeting

Colin – bring large print out map for each member so they can draw changes / desired outcomes on their map for the next meeting.

Review input on Appendix Q

Review Elevator Speech

Update – Karen contract

Update – grants funding