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DIAMOND MOUNTAINS WORKING GROUP

January 9, 1997 Meeting

NOTES

WILD HORSES

One census should be done to cover entire Diamond Mountain area. A census should be done annually.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

The following suggestions were made:

- ◆ The group adopts recommendations by vote.
- ◆ Need more participation from all groups involved.
- ◆ Horse interest groups are not responsive.
- ◆ Identify the group with legal recognition. This was voted down. The group is to remain as is.
- ◆ Need full records of meetings. This was voted to have the meetings highlighted on flip-charts and any statements may be placed on by request.
- ◆ Asking the RAC to recognize the group as a subcommittee. This was voted not to ask for recognition by the RAC.

CORE TEAM

This team is to bring together all information and data to write all documents. Also will set the horse gather date with the input from the Working Group. The horse gather date is tentatively set for July, 1997.

Suggestion made for the Core Team:

- ◆ Formalize group with representatives from each involved group to form one document.
- ◆ A point person be established for contact.

This team will consist of the three BLM Districts and Eureka County (*added by majority vote*) and anyone who desires to be on.

MONITORING SUBCOMMITTEE TEAM

This committee was created at the previous Working Group meeting.

Suggestion made:

- ◆ Monitoring has to be allotment specific.

Members of this team already in place are John Balliette, Jim Baumann, Wendy Fuell, Roy Leach, Chuck Peterson and Matt Spalding.

To represent Wildlife on the team, the following were nominated: Duane Crimmins, Mike Perkins and Mike Podborny. Mike Podborny declined the nomination. **Mike Perkins** was placed on the team by majority vote.

To represent wild horses the following were nominated: Bob Brown, Kathy McKinstry and John Winnepenninkx. **John Winnepenninkx** was placed on the team by majority vote.

The complete Monitoring Subcommittee Team list of is: John Balliette, Jim Baumann, Wendy Fuell, Roy Leach, Mike Perkins, Chuck Peterson, Matt Spalding and John Winnepenninkx.

BLM expressed the need to obtain Eureka County's monitoring data.

AGENDA ITEMS ADDED

1. Monitoring Condition on horses
2. Status of Eureka County/BLM Cooperating Agency Agreement

UPCOMING WILD HORSE GATHER

The first sequence of events is the draft Gather Plan document be available to the public. The following two items were voted on and passed:

1. The draft Gather Plan will reflect the exact number of horses to be removed.
2. The Working Group will review the Gather Plan the same time as the public.

Contents of the Gather Plan

1. Introduction and identify goals of the Working Group to the public
2. Compilation of monitoring data
3. Analysis of data
4. Methods used to determine the number to be gathered
5. Any changes to permits due to transfers
6. Summary of Multiple Use Decision in Railroad Pass
7. Interim Livestock Agreements
8. Type of Summary Monitoring Plan
9. Map and/or discussion to show where horses can move between Districts
10. Identify the total timeline.

INTERIM LIVESTOCK MANAGMENT AGREEMENTS

There was concerns if livestock adjustments were necessary?

Shannon Station Allotment - If horses are not removed and proposed fences in place, there will not be an agreement.

Diamond Springs Allotment - If horses are not removed there will not be an agreement. When the horses are removed the permittee agrees to up hold his part of the agreement.

Brown Allotment - Recommend horse management population be set at zero.

EUREKA COUNTY/BLM COOPERATING AGENCY AGREEMENT STATUS

A meeting is to be set in the near future.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

- ◆ BLM needs to review and consider economic impacts on AUM reductions.
- ◆ More interaction between BLM horse specialist, Eureka County and interest groups.

Working Group will review the monitoring plan before setting another meeting. At the next meeting the Draft Gather Plan will be reviewed.

Adjourned.

Chuck

Please take a look at this approach to AML. It eliminates "PAPER cows", set a stocking level below a level known to cause damage, sets horse specific objectives, allocates forage and establishes a new monitoring study, (with real data)

There maybe a use for a density figure to apply across HWAs?

Review the present gather plan and you will find a table that shows a 38% increase in livestock Actual use with an 80% decrease in wild horses. This is more dramatic in the Browne — Be reasonable How can this be supported as an interim measure?

Ray

BROWNE ALLOTMENT

Carrying Capacity

Actual USE

Horses	571	Aums	—	78%	(offending Annual)
LIVESTOCK	164	Aums	—	22%	
TOTAL	— 735	Aums			

$$\frac{735 \text{ AUMS}}{.80 \text{ Ob. Ut}} = \frac{CC}{.50 \text{ Desired \%}}$$

Reduction (AU) \rightarrow 35 Aums - 460 Aums = 275 Aums (CC)

Horse \rightarrow 275 Aum \times .78 = 215 Aums

Allocation Forage

$$571 \text{ Aums} - 215 \text{ Aums} = 256 \text{ Aums}$$

21 horses

FROM: 99
TO: 21

79% reduction in
Horses

Density
21 horse
(Heath Acre) + (Severe Acre)

Brown Allotment

Livestock Agreement

From: Season use
5/15/6 to 8/5 164 Ams

Adjust
To: 6/1 to 8/5 164 Ams

Agreement to sustain Actual use for
two years or FMUD with Gater,

Wild Horse objective

20% key species prior to
livestock or 6/1
50% key species by 11/1
OR

Authorize use outside area
heavy & severe use. Agree water hauls
or new pipeline.

Mountain plan

20% use by Horses by 6/1
50% total use by 11/1

U~~D~~M — overall
KMA — Horses