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MEMO

TO: CRMP MEMBERS

FROM: Ken Sakurada  
Ken Sakurada

Enclosed are copies of CRMP Local #1 minutes of the February 12, 1982 meeting, and the Coordinated Resources Planning outline prepared by Tina Nappe for your review. Sorry for the long delay.

The Little Owyhee plan was approved, but not every one has signed the signature sheet. It is important that every one does sign. If you have not received a copy to review, please contact me so we can be sure to have approval from every one.

Agenda items for the next meeting April 9, 9 a.m. at the Extension Office, Fairgrounds, Winnemucca include:

1. Ground squirrel control - buffer zone
2. Wild horse sub committee report
3. Water Rights meeting report
4. Allotment plan final review and new plans

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MINUTES OF C.R.M.P. LOCAL # 1  
Humboldt County Library, Winnemucca, Nevada  
February 12, 1982

Meeting called to order by Chairperson Ugalde at 8:40 a.m. Minutes of the previous meeting were mailed to members prior to this meeting. Motion by Hill to accept the minutes of the January 15, 1982 meeting without reading them.

Reports:

Report on meeting with Roland Westergard and Jack Shaw-Shields reported that Hill and Thrasher did an excellent job of explaining the benefits of the CRMP process. Westergard was interested and his first question was, "Are state agencies cooperating?" We said, "yes," and he went away very satisfied and wished it was going as well in the other BLM districts as it was here.

Ugalde explained some background on Westergard earlier feelings concerning the CRMP process and Heil Funds for wildhorse programs. Larry Hill then explained that copies of the wildhorse plan were given to Westergard. He asked that a budget be prepared for horse plan operations. He also asked for a copy of the overall plan including the wildhorse plan and budget so he could take it to the committee. He seemed quite favorable about getting the funds.

Ugalde stated that this money, approximately \$600,000 was left to the state by Mr. Heil for wildhorse programs but has not been used.

Thrasher explained that what Mr. Westergard asked for was a complete Little Owyhee plan after approval with a budget with plan of how funds would be administered jointly by the state agencies, BLM etc. The BLM has agreed to prepare a preliminary cost figure.

Little Owyhee Allotment Plan: Thrasher stated that Hank Taylor is the newly elected Chairman of the Winnemucca District of the Cattlemens Association. He called and said they are interested in CRMP and intends to be an active participant but couldn't attend this meeting but his son, Clay, is representing him today.

Ugalde stated that Knappe could not be here but indicated she has reviewed the plan and is in agreement to date. Thrasher explained that Dawn Lappen who provided input into original Wildhorse Sub-committee had concerns about including private checkerboard lands. She could not agree to this plan without consideration of private lands also. Thrasher apologized for oversight in earlier meetings, that some mention was not made covering private land so that BLM received the consequence. The wildhorse plans did change somewhat, but everyone has concluded that the whole Little Owyhee Plan must be considered with the Wildhorse plan a part of it. The new categorization is included. Thrasher asked that the BLM person making the recommendations initial or have the name indicated. He proceeded to review the allotment plan page by page.

Page 2, Maps- Land Status Map- total allotment and deeded land with forest permitt.

Page 3- Current fence lines and range improvments.

Page 4- Wildlife resources

Page 5- Map showing water gap and stream monitoring.

Planning Objectives: none have changed but have added another #16 to protect the significant cultural, historical, and archaeological items.

Page 6- No change

Objectives: Were reviewed page by page by Thrasher

Elaborated on the stocking rate-spelling out the active preference plan to achieve in ten years with increases or decreases to be shared proportionately by livestock, wildhorses and wildlife according to monitoring. Initial stocking rate determination and the present situation which AUM allocated for wildhorses and livestock are reduced to facilitate the removal of wildhorses and lessen the range deterioration for the first year or total non use of the Lake Creek field and also another field rested from livestock grazing. The 15,800 AUM will be allocated for wildhorses during this gathering period. NFC is willing to do this for the first year but year two there will be 27,800 AUM allocated for livestock which was originally scheduled for the first year and will be the first economic use of the allotment. Years 3-5 will go into rest rotation systems.

Objective #3-Wildhorse Plan - To establish a wildhorse management plan that will perpetuate a viable herd, which is manageable and compatible with livestock operations and wildlife resources. This is acceptable to wildhorse groups consulted. Specific proposed management practices were then reviewed and explained. (Secretary did not attempt to list these as copies would be a part of the total plan.) Changes or discussion are included. Objective #10 was included to clarify checkerboard and scattered deeded property issue, even though there are no such land as part of the Little Owyhee Allotment. NFC does have checkerboard private lands in other nearby allotments and is including this objective to come to an agreement on horse numbers. The idea is that wildhorses are acceptable on these lands if they are managed. The checkerboard deeded lands area poses problems as allotments are in common with other users. Though they would attempt to get as many users as feasible this wouldn't be right away. NFC cannot speak for other users. Thrasher asked Dawn Lappin if that was an acceptable agreement. Dawn Lappin stated that it was as originally proposed. Her conception of CRMP was to get numbers to a manageable level. The 200 was not her proposal but was considered low particularly since this was the largest public lands wildhorse area in Paradise-Denio District. So they (wildhorse groups) felt that if they could work in conjunction with those operators who had no problems in maintaining numbers that they (operators) felt could be maintained on checkerboard lands. This would create some pulling together through CRMP Groups - it would not invite outside intervention. The 83% reduction would definitely invite outside intervention. That operator expression of wildhorses on deeded land would draw wildhorse groups and operators closer together. Thrasher then explained that the plan ties the Little Owyhee, Bullhead and the checkerboard together. Lappin stated there was no problem with the objectives. Thrasher then stated that the wildhorse plan is the crux of the whole plan because the unmanaged horses now present, have destroyed the grazing for any use and must be resolved before any use can be made of the allotment.

Dave Griggs asked Thrasher to mention the wildhorse die off occurring on the allotment. Thrasher explained that there isn't sufficient forage for the horses there. That with the snow, there will be reduction from the die off.

Discussion: Location of horses and grazing pressure created. BLM is also monitoring the location of horses and situation.

Discussion: by Lappin, Ugalde, Thrasher, and Shields concerning original CRMP discussion of wildhorse management on deeded checkerboard land. CRMP group was in agreement for manageable numbers on public lands where horses were present and would encourage the same on checkerboard with user groups. Lappin's concern was that Little Owyhee plan didn't reflect the earlier group agreement and that a decision change was being made. Assurance was given that CRMP group still concurs with original agreements. Shields stated that BLM has no problem with this.

Shields expressed concern about the present wildhorse situation. Die off from lack of forage. This group may be the proper forum for discussion of the solution.

Discussion: Allowing them to starve, feeding, gathering and destroying. Group agreement that reducing numbers is best, if possible to gather, feed and remove, or if not possible inspected by a veterinarian for his decision to destroy. Lappin and Riley agree that with a qualified person to determine conditions of horses to save or destroy those that apparently cannot survive. Concensus that BLM move quickly on this.

Suggested representation: Humane Society, wildhorse groups and one of the local veterinarians, Zimmerman, Cannon, and Morgan.

Thrasher suggested flying prior to that date to spot herds and to take equipment to destroy animals if necessary. Group appointed: Lappin and Riley group representatives, Don Jones, a Veterinarian, Larry Hill and BLM Personnel.

Motion by Jones, that this committee work with BLM personnel go out to areas, inspect wildhorses and to take necessary action that situation indicates. Date of first trip to be Tuesday, February 16, 1982. Seconded by Hill, motion carried with no nays.

Thrasher continued reviewing Little Owyhee Plan objectives with Weller reviewing Objective #9 concerning Wildlife Allocation.

Objective #11 - Weller stated there are other grouse strutting grounds not on the original map that he will place on the final copy of the map.

Objective #16 - This is a new objective added. Discussion: To include "BLM and other interests," to avoid future confrontation. Protect significant cultural, archeological, historical values.

Objective #17 - Monitoring: "CRMP monitoring committee," will be included in key area selection.

Signature page new addition. Statement: All parties will make every reasonable attempt to accomplish the goals outlined in the CRMP, funding priorities, and management objectives will be determined by the responsible governmental agency. This entire plan will be reviewed annually and adjustments made accordingly.

Thrasher read a letter from Tina Knappe, with a copy of her suggestion for CRMP outline, that he proposed to be adopted by this group and placed in the Handbook.

Moved by Gene Weller, that the Little Owyhee Plan be accepted and approved, seconded by Frosty Tipton. Motion carried without dissent. Signature sheet to be prepared for signing this afternoon.

Chairperson Ugalde appointed a Wildhore Subcommittee to assist in pushing wildhorse management plan further: This included members of the Little Owyhee Wildhorse Subcommittee plus Don Jones. Buster Duffurena, Chairman. Discussion followed of what avenues to take to seed funding in addition to normal BLM channels and the Heil funds.

Wildhorse Report - Helen Riley: Mr. Buford met with a committee February 3 in regards to amending the 1971 law. Present insufficient funds and money from sale of horses for slaughter could be returned to Wildhorse and Burro program. Senator McClure, Idaho to sponsor the bill. No hearing has been scheduled as yet. She has visited with Dave Tidwell about her concern with slow movement of Palomino Valley horses. At this time cannot determine whether cause is \$200.00 adoption fee or adverse weather conditions

through out eastern portion of U.S. No instruction presently as to destruction of unadoptable animals, a very touchy situation and are trying to avoid problems. Tidwell asked her opinion concerning a plan to cull horses. Destroying those unadoptable, and the others to be taken to a California location where grass and climate would hasten "shedding off" and make them more desirable and available in that state. Idea is good but also requires funds. Presently only have 5,000 applications for 11,000 horses or two per request. Another meeting is being scheduled with Tidwell and Buford for 22 of this month with their Ad hoc Committee. Location in Reno and to be a closed meeting to the news media.

Bullhead Allotment Plan - Thrasher: Have a February 28th deadline for input from the BLM and Wildlife interest groups concerning that specific area has been a bit of a problem of getting plans to the Sierra Club. For this allotment plan, would like to get input by the date so that a copy can be sent to Riley, Knappe and others to give them sufficient time to review before our next meeting. The BLM now can put the necessary resources information needed for allotment plans together, since they know what is expected in the plans.

Jordan Meadow Allotment Plan - Hill: April 1st deadline for input. Tour of Davytown-Jordan Meadows area about the last of May.

Coyote Hills Allotment Plan - Ugalde will have more at next meeting.

T Quarter Circle Allotment Plan- Tipton: Still working on it, also waiting on wildhorse suit situation, as well as Little Owyhee Plan outcome to determine to follow up on the suit or develop the allotment plan through CRMP process.

Dave Griggs stated, he thought the justice department is going to object to the recommendation by Magistrate Adkins. Basically because the horses were already removed and they want the decision to be ruled mute.

Coordinated Resources Planning Outline - prepared by Tina Knappe: A portion was read by Ugalde. Discussion followed.

Agreement that a copy of this outline to be sent out with this meetings minutes for review by members with discussion and consideration at the next meeting.

Water Rights - Chairman Ugalde stated: She had recently attended a meeting of Society of Range Management in Elko. The Nevada Cattlemens Association requested the Society appoint a special sub committee to study the BLM filing for water rights. The Cattlemens Association wanted suggestions from this sub committee so they could go before the Legislature for appropriate laws to protect water rights. Ugalde asked if the group wanted to address this question since the members represent diverse interests. Discussion followed: Hill said he had visited with Westergard and State Engineer. The BLM is filing for water rights under the state law and in all filings there has also been protests. Hill has been trying to head off the confrontation by working on filing a 50-50 basis water rights with the BLM so that when PBU are completed on wells or springs at that time the percent of money put in would be recorded on the PBU, then the certificate granted on that basis. Hill felt this would be the appropriate way to proceed to prevent Congress from granting BLM water as well as land since states are not giving water. This could happen if states do not grant water to Federal Government. This is already in the works. Nevada First Corp. recommendation will be that joint filing be made with BLM.

Griggs explained BLM filing on those water rights where significant amounts of public funds had been spent, and there are currently no filing. After questions from

Thackaberry, Shields stated that in future before developments are made, BLM will get water rights. Discussion followed on present policy of joint filing and ownership of development.

Gene Weller stated that by state law the water is owned by the people of Nevada. Water rights is use of water. The Fish & Wildlife service reviews all water rights requests and if there is an impact upon wildlife, it is protested on that basis. Usually this protest carries significant weight. Also legislature saw fit to pass legislation which requires on developments such as springs, a certain portion be allocated to wildlife.

Ugalde asked Shields if BLM files on water and has complete title and title to maintenance, what happens if you run out of money? Shields response, new policy established by director this year is that the range user, for range benefiting projects or livestock facilitating, would do the maintenance even though BLM owned 100% of the projects. In discussion that followed, Hill stated that his recommendation where percent of improvement contributed would be on the PBU and not 100% to BLM is the way Westergard would like to handle this. Shields stated that the present BLM cooperative agreement policy would have to be changed. Long discussion continued including beneficial use.

Water Rights Sub-committee Appointed: To look into water rights issue, Weller, Hill, Ugalde, Thackaberry, Thrasher, Piquet, or a County Commissioner, Berogan or SCS District Representative, Jones, Larrenetta, Hank Taylor. Group consensus that above groups be organized and Pete Morros, and or Roland Westergard be contacted to meet with the subcommittee. Hill contacted Morros to set up meeting date. February 25, 1982 at 1:00 pm at the Library or the Extension Office.

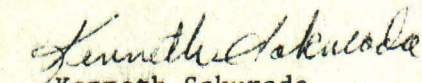
Next CRMP Local #1 meeting will be April 9th at 9:30 a.m. at the Extension Office, Humboldt County Fairgrounds.

Agenda items:

1. Ground squirrel poisoning - Buffer zone - concern of large range poisoning possibility.
2. Report from Water Rights Sub-Committee meeting.
3. Report from Wildhorse Sub-Committee.

Meeting adjourned

Respectfully submitted,

  
Kenneth Sakurada  
Secretary

COORDINATED RESOURCES PLANNING OUTLINE

I. History of the area under review:

- a. Permittee name
- b. Describe AMP. (When was it started, was successfully and continuously implemented. Are there existing improvements and if so in what condition are they.)

II. CRMP: When was CRMP group formed, when was AMP brought before it, who or what representatives comprised the group. What did they hope to resolve.

III. Description of Major Resource Users

a. Land: Private

Public: BLM  
FS  
Other  
Total:

b. AUMS: Livestock: Preference  
Actual  
Suspended  
Total

Wildlife: Species	Existing	Reasonable	Optimum
Deer			
Antelope			
Bighorn Sheep			

Horses: Existing  
Proposed

c. Numbers: Livestock:  
Cattle  
Sheep

Wildlife:  
Deer  
Antelope  
Bighorn Sheep

- d. Major riparian areas including those with fish resources, or could have fish resources, or where improvement is needed. Any riparian habitat on public land.

IV. Range Condition: Identify problem areas, monitoring sites and when they were established.

V. Other special resources and values: special wildlife habitat or species, archeological sites, historical areas, plants, endangered species, orv areas, utility corridors, mining activity, dumps, access roads, etc.

VI. Identification of conflicts.

VII. Proposed Resolution