

Fremont County WPLI Advisory Committee Minutes

FINAL

February 27, 2017 | 6:00 p.m. | Fremont County Commissioners Chambers

Meeting called by	Douglas L. Thompson, FCPLI Chairman	Advisory Committee: Travis Becker, Reg Phillips, Gary Horton, Rick Mickelsen, Josh Milek, Nick Dobric, Andy Blair and Julia Stuble
Type of meeting	Regular	Absent: Ginger Bennett
Note taker	Amy Amack	Public: Byrl & Helen Nichols, Louis Herbst, Lindy Linn (Representative for Congresswoman Liz Cheney), Jaz McDonald Agency: Jared Oakleaf (BLM) Press: Daniel Bendtsen, Riverton Ranger

AGENDA TOPICS

Welcome | Chairman Doug Thompson

Doug welcomed everyone to the meeting and had Advisory Committee members and members of the public introduced themselves.

Approval of Agenda | Chairman Doug Thompson

Doug asked for approval of the Agenda. Reg moved, Gary seconded, to approve the Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes | Chairman Doug Thompson

The minutes of the regular meeting held January 23rd were reviewed. Julia wanted her comment in the January 27th minutes about the Tin Cup and Long Creek Mountains Public Comment from the January 9th minutes reiterated to say she wanted it clarified that these areas are not WSA's not to have this comment removed from the minutes entirely. Julia as well as Reg and Nick suggested other clarifications and grammatical errors be fixed prior to the Final of the January 23rd Minutes being made public. Julia moved, Travis seconded, to approve the January 23rd minutes, as amended. Motion carried unanimously. Doug suggested sending these corrections to Amy prior to the meeting so they can be reviewed as a group using the projection screen.

Doug stated that the committee would not have to have so many clarifications in the minutes if the minutes didn't have to be as in-depth as they are currently. Amy has been dictating the meetings minutes as was Becky Enos, the prior note taker. He suggested that the minutes could be brief since the discussion will be on the Draft Recommendation Outline and that document could serve as the administrative record for the meeting and the minutes would be on touch points such as the agenda items. The committee agreed.

Recommendation Development: Copper Mountain Narrative | *Chairman Doug Thompson*

Prior to the meeting, each committee member typed their responses to each of the categories on the Draft: Recommendation Outline for Copper Mountain on the Google Form Andy created (See Attachment). Every time a member submitted a Google Form it would then be compiled onto a Google Spreadsheet with their name and be date stamped. Doug asked Amy to take the responses populated on this Google Spreadsheet and insert each member's response into the correct category in a Draft Recommendation Outline Google Doc for Copper Mountain. This Google Doc was projected onto an overhead screen during the meeting and will be considered the administrative document for each meeting.

Doug stated the committee is field testing the recommendation outline process with Copper Mountain. Working through this site will help to see if something is missing and if the committee is comfortable with this process. The purpose of the Google Form was so every committee member and their constituent base has their input documented in this recommendation process. That information has now been inserted into a Draft Recommendation Outline Google Doc with the member's name in front of their comment. The goal is to take this information from this document to create a narrative for each category to prepare the committee for the recommendation stage. He suggested working through each category to agree what should and shouldn't be there also find out if the committee will need more information for that category. Once the committee agrees on the information within this outline, a narrative can then be created for each category. The committee can then start the recommendation process of how it wants to see that WSA move forward, once this information gathering stage occurs.

The committee then discussed each category through Current Uses: Non-Motorized in depth on the Draft Recommendation Outline Google Doc for Copper Mountain. This document will be the administrative record to be saved and documented within Google Drive.

Next Steps for Recommendation Development | *Chairman Doug Thompson*

Doug stated now that the committee has an idea of how this process is going to work, he asked the committee if this was the proper approach. The committee consensus was seeing this outline tonight gives each of them a better idea of how to respond and agreed the committee was moving in the right direction with this process. The committee agreed to finish working through the Draft Recommendation Outline Google Doc for Copper Mountain at the next meeting. In the meantime, Andy will create a Google Form for Sweetwater Canyon for the committee members to populate and do so before March 20th so Amy can take the comments and populate a Google Doc for that WSA to be discussed at another meeting.

Public Comment | *Audience*

Lander resident Byrl Nichols asked the committee to research BLM documents. He had seen on the internet within the BLM website that the US Congress would not allow Wilderness designation for Copper Mountain. He has not been able to find the document and was concerned if this was true, the committee needs to take that into consideration. Doug stated he would address Byrl's concern and see what he can find.

Jaz McDonald of Red Desert Audubon Society is a local birder and compiles bird surveys for the Game & Fish and the USGS. She knows of almost 30 species of birds within 10 miles of the east side of Copper Mountain. She would be happy to provide specifics for the committee upon request. The juniper habitat brings in a number of migratory song birds in the spring and is interested in knowing more about comments made

during the Recommendation Outline discussion of there being winter bird watching opportunities. Julia stated she would address Jaz's questions and also obtain information about the birds using Copper Mountain habitat.

Next Meeting, Committee Comments and Adjournment | Chairman Doug Thompson

Doug set the next meeting for Monday, March 27th at 6 pm. Andy will not be able to attend this meeting due to being out of town for a previous engagement.

Josh reminded the committee of the Lander 2 meeting March 23rd at the Lander Community Center and a WPLI participating county report. Doug asked each committee member to submit their comments for him to compile for this discussion during the Lander 2 meeting. Doug also encouraged all committee members to sign up and attend the meeting. Josh stated the doors open at 7:30 am with the meeting starting at 8 am and finishing at 5:30 pm that day.

The committee encouraged public comment by contacting the committee member who represents that particular interest, filling out the form on the FCPLI website or coming to the meeting and speaking during Public Comment.

There being no further business, Reg moved, Andy seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m.