

Fremont County WPLI Advisory Committee Minutes

FINAL

April 24, 2017 | 6:00 p.m. | Fremont County Commissioners Chambers

Meeting called by	Douglas L. Thompson, FCPLI Chairman	Advisory Committee: Andy Blair, Reg Phillips, Gary Horton, Julia Stuble, Rick Mickelsen, Nick Dobric, and Ginger Bennett
Type of meeting	Regular	Absent: Josh Milek & Travis Becker
Note taker	Amy Amack	Public: John New, Juan Laden, Heidi Stearns, Cody Booth, Kevin Wilson, David Doll, Craig Bromley, Rob Hendry (Natrona County Commissioner), Lloyd Larsen (District 54 House Representative)
		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

The agenda for the meeting was reviewed. Reg moved, Gary seconded, to approve the Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes | Chairman Doug Thompson

The minutes of the regular meeting held March 27th were reviewed. Julia corrected the publication name stated in the Public Comment section from “Wyoming Wilderness Association document” to “Citizen's Wilderness Proposal.” Doug asked for approval of the minutes. Reg moved, Nick seconded, to approve the minutes from the March 27th meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Interest Based Negotiation Training | Chairman Doug Thompson

Other committees are doing interest based negotiation training such as Teton County and Sublette County. The training would teach the committee how to discuss interests while not taking a position. Keeping values first instead of arguing about designation. Julia has been through similar trainings and found it very beneficial and a way to communicate with each other and find common ground. The committee was interested in seeking more information about a hands on training to learn these skills if it could be tailored to this committee's needs. Julia and Doug will research more about the trainings and bring information to the committee at the next meeting.

Natrona County and Sweetwater County Interaction | Chairman Doug Thompson

Rob Hendry from the Natrona County Commission was present. The committee began discussion about the

FCPLI presentation to the Natrona County Commission. Rob was asked to update the committee and he said there is not much interest yet about the Sweetwater Rocks Complex but no advertising has been done. He asked the committee to give the Natrona County Commission a presentation similar to the one given at the Lander 2 Meeting. Tentatively the presentation is set for May 2, 2017 at 1:30 pm during the Natrona County Commissioners meeting. Julia asked if there would be a public comment after the presentation. Rob was hopeful there would be public attendance once it was advertised.

Doug gave an update about Sweetwater County who wants to meet with Fremont County at some point and possibly visit the WSA's shared with Fremont County. This is dependent on the progress of their RMP which is keeping them very busy right now.

Potential 2nd Evening Meeting Per Month To Populate Outline | *Chairman Doug Thompson*

Doug hopes the outline population process speeds up as the committee becomes familiar with the process but a second evening meeting would ensure that the recommendation phase could be underway this fall. Gary was concerned about the 2018 deadline at the current pace and he, Julia, Ginger, and Nick were for a second meeting. Ginger suggested maybe using other locations within the county would help. Nick suggested instead of having a second meeting to have a longer meeting each month. Julia suggested if going to a longer meeting moving Public Comment to the first part of the meeting instead of at the end to accommodate the public. Rick suggested instead of a meeting once a month, change to having a meeting set every three weeks. Doug asked the committee to continue to think about this for more discussion at the next meeting.

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

The committee began discussion on the outline for Copper Mountain starting with the "Adjacent Land Status" category and finishing the draft outline for Copper Mountain. This document will be the administrative record to be saved and documented within the FPLI Google Drive.

During Copper Mountain Outline discussion the committee discussed the Visual Resource Management (VRM) of the WSA's and incorporating that information into the draft outline. The committee chose to revamp the draft recommendation outline by renaming the "Adjacent Management Constraints/Concerns" category to read "Adjacent Management." Also the category "Potential Uses (High, Medium, Low)" was moved to the Recommendation portion of the outline since its more subjective.

The Copper Mountain Draft Recommendation Outline will now be tabled until the other WSA Draft Recommendation Outlines have been completed.

Recommendation Development: Sweetwater Canyon Outline | *Chairman Doug Thompson*

The committee began discussion on the outline for Sweetwater Canyon starting at the beginning with the "Location- General and Legal" category and moving through "Fisheries." This document will be the administrative record to be saved and documented within the FPLI Google Drive.

Nick distributed a document compiled of Wyoming Game & Fish Department statistics about Sweetwater Canyon to the committee members.

During Sweetwater Canyon Outline discussion, the committee chose to revamp the draft recommendation outline by renaming the "Unique plant communities" category to read "Vegetation Types and Unique plant communities" so as to document the current vegetation within the WSA.

Site Visit to Sweetwater Rocks Complex | *Chairman Doug Thompson*

The committee discussed the site visit for the Sweetwater Rocks Complex. Julia will send out a Doodle Page to the committee to see what weekend would be available for committee members. This information will be discussed at the next meeting.

Public Comment | *Audience*

Juan Laden thought the outline needed to be more in depth to include geological, biological, and hydrological characteristics of each WSA. He has not been able to go to the website so he asked about what resources were being used to compile the draft recommendation outline and so that was discussed.

Next Meeting, Committee Comments and Adjournment | *Chairman Doug Thompson*

The next meeting is set for Monday, May 22nd at 6 pm in the Fremont County Commissioner Chambers.

Nick discussed the Wyoming Outdoor Expo scheduled for May 20th. Nick and Gary thought this would be a great opportunity for the committee to talk to sportsmen about the initiative. Nick said he would distribute information to the committee about this event.

Gary is concerned about the time frame and would like to see a decision made soon about the meetings so as to keep moving forward in this process.

Rick is looking forward to receiving information about the negotiation training.

Julia would like to see public comment be earlier in the agenda to accommodate the public. It was decided to be after approval of the minutes during future meetings.

There being no further business, Reg moved, Andy seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m.