

## Upland Game Bird Enhancement Program Council

### *Draft Agenda*

April 16 -17, 2012

FWP – Region 7 Headquarters

352 I-94 Business Loop

Miles City, MT

### **Objectives:**

- 1) Review UGBEP Annual Report
- 2) Meet Steve Atwood, R7 Upland Game Bird Enhancement Program Biologist Tour sage-grouse and sharp-tailed grouse leks; visit rest-rotation grazing system (Tour guides: Dale Tribby, Steve Atwood)
- 3) Update on the UGBEP database
- 4) Program and UGBH biologists' updates
- 5) Council memberships

### **Monday, April 16, 2012**

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| 5:00 am          | Gather at the Guest House Inn to board vehicles for an onsite at lek at 5:45 am. <i>If you wish, bring your binoculars. Staff will have scopes set up for viewing. Breakfast bars and snacks will be available. Please bring your hot/cold beverage of choice.</i>                        |
| 8:30 - 9:30 am   | Tour a rest-rotation grazing system.  |
| 10:30 am         | Return to motel in Miles City. <i>Lunch will be on your own.</i>  |
| 12:15 – 12:30 pm | Gather at FWP Headquarters in Miles City  |
| 12:30 – 12:45 pm | Introductions, general housekeeping – per diem, facilities, acceptance of minutes, etc.   |
| 12:45 – 2:00 pm  | <b>Second review of the FY 2011 UGBEP Annual Report:</b> Council to provide input on program accomplishments and to evaluate whether objectives, goals, and performance measurements established in the Strategic Plan are being met or are expected to be met. (87-1-251(b)(i-iii), MCA) |

- 2:00 – 3:00 pm      Program updates and discussion: Items to cover include CRP program initiatives (general sign-up, CP 37), Open Fields status, ARM Rule status, contracts, budgetary updates, pheasant release implementation (update on program cap), program implementation on public lands, implementation of a communication/media strategy.
- 3:00 – 3:15 pm      Break
- 3:15 - 4:00 pm      UGBEP – R7 update: Steve Atwood and Mellissa Foster
- 4:00 – 5:30 pm      Open House: Opportunity for the public to provide input and comments to the Council
- 5:30 pm              Open House concludes

*Dinner will be on your own, enjoy the good eating in Miles City!*

**Tuesday, April 17, 2012**

- 7:45 – 8:00 am      Gather at FWP R7 headquarters
- 8:00 – 10:00 am      R4 and R6 UGBEP updates
- 10:00 – 10:15 am      Break
- 10:15 – 11:00 am      Update on the UGBEP database
- 11:00 – 12:00 am      Future Council memberships and closing remarks
- 12:00 noon           Meeting adjourned - *Lunch will be provided*