

Upland Game Bird Enhancement Program Council

Draft Agenda

December 9-10, 2013

Montana Wild Outdoor Education Center, 2668 Broadwater Ave
Helena, MT

Objectives:

- 1) Report on program accomplishments for 2013 (all program staff)
- 2) Discussion on program field staff positions
- 3) Governor's Sage-grouse Task Force update
- 4) Council membership introductions
- 5) Pheasant Forever – Meet Dan Bailey
- 6) Opportunity for public comment

Monday, December 9, 2013

7:45 am Meet at the Montana Wild Center. *Beverages and light snacks will be provided.*

8:00 am Introductions, general housekeeping – per diem, facilities, acceptance of minutes, etc.

8:30 am ★ Legislative update: HB 170 (3-day nonresident upland bird license); known bills currently in draft for the 2015 session – *Ken McDonald*

★ Functions and responsibilities of the UGBEP Advisory Council: Revisiting the Council's role, past and present - *Rick Northrup*

★ Chairman update – *Joe Perry*

9:00 am 2013 UGBEP Accomplishments

- UGBEP fiscal report: a review of the program fiscal accounts, obligations, expenditures, and balances.
- Summary of UGBEP Habitat Enhancement Projects initiated in 2013: Contracts, project type, acreages, expenditures
- 2013 Pheasant Release summary
- 2013 Open Fields summary
- UGBEP database – progress update

- Other program accomplishments: Habitat Forever contracts, forms revision, field manual, program promotions, fabric purchase order, brochure, program web page
- Review of Regional strategies and work completed towards those strategies
 - 2013 field accomplishments for Region 4 - Graham Taylor, Craig Roberts
 - 2013 field accomplishments for Region 5 – Jay Watson, Dennis Yurian
 - 2013 field accomplishments for Region 6 – Ryan Williamson
 - 2013 field accomplishments for Region 7 – Steve Atwood

- 12:30 pm Lunch. *Lunch will be provided.*
- 1:00 pm 2013 field accomplishments for Regions 1, 2, and 3.
- 1:30 pm Other accomplishments: Farm Bill positions – *Rick Northrup*
- 2:00 pm PF/UGBEP role in improving public lands – Dan Bailey, PF Representative, Montana
- 2:30 pm Evaluating staffing and program implementation on the ground: discussion with Council, FWP Managers, and FWP staff. – *Ken McDonald*
- 4:00 pm Meeting adjourned.

Tuesday, December 10, 2013

- 7:45 am Meet at the Montana Wild Center. *Beverages and light snacks will be provided.*
- 8:00 am Continued discussion from Monday’s topics.
- 9:00 am Council input on 2013 program implementation
- 10:00 am Council recommendations for 2014 field season
- 11:00 am Update: Governor’s Sage-grouse Task Force – *Catherine Wightman*
- 11:30 am Opportunity for public comment
- 12 noon Determine date and location of early spring 2014 meeting; Meeting adjourned. *Sack lunches provided.*