

Upland Game Bird Enhancement Program Council

Draft Agenda

October 5-6, 2015

Ninepipes Lodge, 69286 Highway 93

Charlo, MT

Objectives:

- 1) Obtain Council's input on 2015 field season
- 2) Receive Council's recommendations for 2016 work plans
- 3) Report on program accomplishments for 2015 and upcoming opportunities (all program staff)
- 4) Habitat tour – lands managed by FWP, USFWS, and CSKT
- 5) Meet Charlie Holtz and the Mission Valley Chapter of PF
- 6) Opportunity for public comment

Agenda

Monday, October 5, 2015

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| 7:45 am | Gather at Ninepipes Lodge meeting room |
| 8:00 am | Introductions, general housekeeping – per diem, facilities, acceptance of minutes, etc. |
| 8:30 am | Meeting focus and Chairman updates – <i>Dale Tribby</i>
Sage grouse updates – Rick Northrup |
| 9:00 am | Overview of habitat tour – <i>John Grant, Charlie Holtz</i> |
| 9:30 am | Depart for habitat tour |
| 12 noon | Lunch at Ninepipe WMA |
| 1:00 pm | Return to Ninepipe Lodge |
| 1:15 pm | Department updates – <i>Ken McDonald</i> |
| 1:30 pm | 2015 UGBEP Accomplishments <ul style="list-style-type: none">• UGBEP fiscal report: a review of the program fiscal accounts, obligations, expenditures, and balances.• Summary of UGBEP Habitat Enhancement Projects initiated in 2015: Contracts, project type, acreages, obligations• 2015 Pheasant Release summary• Status of grants: VPA-HIP (2) and NFWF |

- FWP support of 3 PF Farm Bill Biologists - Rick
- Program updates: Habitat leases, field manual, access guides, program marketing

3:30 pm Public Comment period

5:00 pm Wrap up for the day

6:00 pm “Surf ‘N Turf” at Leon Hall – prepared by Chef Joe Ball and sponsored by the Mission Valley PF chapter.

Tuesday, October 6, 2015

7:45 am Gather at Ninepipes Lodge meeting room

8:00 am Review of Regional strategies and work completed towards those strategies, as well as upcoming opportunities.

- Region 1 – John Grant
- Regions 2 and 3 - Debbie Hohler
- Region 4 – Craig Roberts, Jake Doggett
- Region 5 – Debbie Hohler
- Region 6 – Kenny Plourde
- Region 7 – Debbie Hohler

11:00 am Council input on 2015 program implementation

12:00 pm Lunch (Boxed lunches brought in)

12:30 pm Discussion on 2016 field season and council recommendations

1:30 Closing remarks – Dale Tribby

Next meeting (tentative): March 15, 2016, Helena.