

Upland Game Bird Enhancement Program Advisory Council
Draft Agenda

May 8-9, 2017
Montana Wild
2668 Broadwater Avenue, Helena, MT

Objectives

- 1) Report work plans and associated strategic plans; receive Council's feedback for the 2017 field season.
- 2) Discuss project cap expenditure and receive input from Council on proposed strategic plan amendment.
- 3) Provide program updates to Council: STG west of the Divide, habitat management leases, access guide distributions, permit for dog training
- 4) Guest presentations: Dave Nikonow, Cooperative Wildlife Biologist (NWTF, USFS, and FWP) and Aaron Clausen, PF Farm Bill Biologist, Conrad.
- 5) Receive public comments.

Agenda

Monday, May 8, 2017

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| 7:45 am | Gather Montana Wild. <i>Beverages provided.</i> |
| 8:00 am | <ul style="list-style-type: none">◆ Introductions, general housekeeping (Tribby and Hohler)◆ Purpose of Council meeting (Northrup)◆ Meeting highlights, overview and acceptance of October 3, 2016 minutes (Tribby) |
| 8:30 am | Legislative update (Ken, with input from Sen. Cohenour and Rep. Cook) |
| 9:15 am | Strategic Plan Implementation and Program Objectives; program updates; (Hohler) <ul style="list-style-type: none">◆ Recurring obligations◆ Database◆ Open Fields (status)◆ Pheasant releases (status) |
| 10:00 am | Meet Jason Kool, FWP Access Bureau Chief |
| 10:30 am | Strategic Plan implementation and work plans: Jake (R4) and Kenny (R6) |
| 12:30 pm | Lunch. <i>Lunch will be provided.</i> |

- 1:00 pm Strategic Plan implementation and work plans (Debbie, Craig, Region 7)
- 2:30 pm Cooperative positions: Introductions and overview of positions (Northrup)
- 2:45 pm Promoting forest health and enhancing wildlife habitats: 2017 work plan (Dave Nikonow. NWTF Wildlife Biologist)
- 3:15 pm Council feedback on work plans
- 3:45 pm CRP updates: PF Farm Bill Biologist Aaron Clausen
- 4:15 pm Wrap up for today's meeting

Tuesday, May 9, 2017

- 8:00 am Gather at Montana WILD.
- 8:15 am Overview of today's topics (Tribby)
- 8:30 am Discussion on program cap and UGBEP projects
- 9:00 am Director Martha Williams to meet and visit with council
- 10:00 am Permitting and dog training on wild birds (Mike Lee)
- 10:45 am Update on sharp-tailed grouse west of the Divide
- 11:00 am Public comment
- 11:30 am Open discussion on program topics
- 12:30 pm Lunch provided for Council
- 1:00 pm Council memberships (Ken McDonald)
- 1:30 pm Wrap up, next council meeting.

Helpful Info

Link to the UGBEP Strategic plan: <http://fwp.mt.gov/fwpDoc.html?id=51736>

Next Meeting: Lewistown: October 2 and 3