

Upland Game Bird Enhancement Program Advisory Council
March 11, 2024- March 12, 2024
Draft Agenda

Meeting Location: Montana Wild
2668 Broadwater Ave, Helena, MT 59602

ZOOM LINKS

Monday: <https://mt-gov.zoom.us/j/85327416570?pwd=ZFlvMmxpcUUzL0hSdkZ4ejJTY0lzd09>

Tuesday: <https://mt-gov.zoom.us/j/84018847579?pwd=S2t0R0tYVEYyeTINWVU2aVRUdWVOZz09>

The public is welcome to attend this meeting.

Objectives

- 1) Program’s fiscal updates (biennium budget, unallocated balance, pending obligations balance)
- 2) Program updates and statuses: VPA-HIP, pheasant releases, partnerships.
- 3) Update on Strategic Plan
- 4) Updates to Council: DNRC/FWP MOU meeting, exploring projects opportunities on statewide FAS
- 5) Spring 2024 work plan and activities.
- 6) Block Management update
- 7) Discussion on UGBEP pilot projects
- 8) Partner presentations: Pheasants Forever, NWTF Biologist.
- 9) Receive public comments.

Agenda

Monday, March 11, 2024

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| 8:30 am | Meeting begins. <ul style="list-style-type: none">◆ Introductions (Kleppen)◆ General housekeeping◆ Overview and acceptance of Sept. 18-19 minutes (Kleppen)◆ UGBEP Council – a recognition of success and function. Discuss protocols as related to FW Commission (Northrup, Kleppen) |
| 9:30 am | Division/Department update (McDonald) |
| 10:00 am | UGBEP Strategic Plan: Addressing public comments and department response. Council input and final steps. |
| 10:30 am | UGBEP Fiscal report (Hohler) <ul style="list-style-type: none">◆ Review biennium budget, available balance, and current obligations.◆ Partner contracts updates◆ FY 24 approved proposals - enrollment summary |

◆ VPA-HIP Open Fields enrollment summary

12:00 pm	Lunch (provided)
1:00 pm	Regional updates and spring workplans: Matt, Ken, and Justin.
2:00 pm	Updates to Council: DNRC/FWP MOU meeting, exploring projects opportunities on statewide FAS, Region 3 updates (Hohler)
3:00 pm	Pheasants Forever partner update and introductions. (Hunter VanDonsel & PF MT Team)
3:45 pm	Break
4:00 pm	Public Comment
4:30 pm	Closing comments and wrap up for the day.

*Meet at The Brewhouse (upstairs) for dinner at 6 pm. Reservations are not accepted, but Debbie will call them in the afternoon to let them know a large group is headed down.
939 Getchell Street, 406-457-9390*

Tuesday, March 12, 2024

Return to Montana WILD for Tuesday's meeting.

8:30 am	Chairman's overview of yesterday's meeting highlights and continued discussion if needed.
9:00 am	Block Management update (Kool)
9:30 am	Update on NWTF (Nikonow)
10:00 pm	Discussion on UGBEP pilot projects
11:00 am	Council's input on program activities; placeholder for general Council discussion.
12:00 pm	Lunch
1:00 pm	Logistics for fall 2023 meeting, council membership needs, review action items. Chairman's closing remarks.

