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Minutes for the SETT and the
SCIENCE WORK GROUP

Wednesday September 4, 2013 1:30 p.m.
Joe Crowley Student Union Building
1664 N Virginia St., Reno, Nevada 89557
CSU Graduate Student Lounge, Room 302

The meeting began at approximately 1:45pm.

OPENING COMMENTS

Cory Hunt, Policy Analyst, Governor Sandoval's Office provided the group with comments. He noted his appreciation for the great attendance and also commented that this issue is one of the major topics discussed in the Governor's Office.

Cory proceeded to provide a general overview of activity that has taken place to date. He spoke of the Sage Grouse Advisory Committee's work during last summer, and the recommendations made to the Governor from that Committee (this is now known as the "2012 State Plan").

He noted the importance of "best available science" in the work the Sagebrush Ecosystem Technical Team (SETT) and the Council are doing, and again thanked the attendees for being willing to participate in this group.

INTRODUCTIONS

All attendees introduced themselves, the organization they represent, and noted the technical field they represent with their work. A list of attendees is attached to these minutes.

PURPOSE OF THE WORK GROUP

Co-chair Tony Wasley, Director of the Nevada Department of Wildlife (NDOW) provided a brief synopsis of some of the reasons the group was brought together. He then introduced Dr. Peter Coates, USGS, for a presentation about the ecosystem, the Greater Sage-grouse (GSG), habitat and threats to provide background to those in attendance.

Co Chair Tim Rubald provided background on the structure of the SETT, the Council, and the Conservation Districts Program and their interaction. He provided a hand out further explaining some of the structure involved with the different aspects of the Sagebrush Ecosystem Program (SEP).

Discussion ensued regarding what the group would address initially. Through consensus it was determined that the ranking of threats to the GSG would be the first topic. Jim Sedinger volunteered to lead that discussion with assistance being volunteered by Pete Coates and Mark Wertz.

After a short explanation that the SETT would like the group to get together on a monthly basis, normally the week following regular Council meetings. The group agreed to meet after the September Council meeting slated for September 12th. The date of September 19th was suggested and agreed to. Adam Watts volunteered to arrange for meeting space at DRI for that date. The meeting was then adjourned at approximately 4:30pm.

Meeting notes drafted and submitted by Tim Rubald.

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