BDWG Members: Mark Thompson, Maureen Connor, Tony Colter, Darcie Warden

Committee Members/Others: Noorjahan Parwana, Steve Flynn, Bob Zimmer

Forest Service: Alex Dunn, Betsy Herrmann

Facilitator: Karen DiBari

**Action items**
- Send an email letter to Craig Kendall support for the Strike Team working on Greenhorn (Karen DiBari will draft for Dave Schulz and Tony Colter)
- Karen DiBari will email information to the group about upcoming workshops (done).
- Mark Thompson will talk to Leonard about attending the Montana Forest Collaboration Network workshop.
- Tony Colter will work with Russ Riebe to set up a committee meeting for the Pintler Face project on November 10 at 9 a.m. (done).
- Discuss with the Boulder Committee the purpose of a field trip

**Minutes**
1. September Meeting Record was approved.
2. Public comment - *none*
3. Announcements

**Forest Service**
- Betsy Herrmann gave an update on Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest (BDNF) budget
  - Met targets
  - EDV implementation moving forward
  - One sale sold on Flint Foothills, second sale being prepped
- Sage Grouse – GIS team
  - Using Fire and Invasives Assessment Tool
  - Looking at conifer encroachment
- Farm Bill Strike Team at work on Red Rocks
  - Going to make Red Rocks project area bigger
  - Maxville is second on the list in priority
- Montana-Dakotas NEPA Strike Team
  - 4 of 6 staff on board in Dillon.
  - Acceptance from team leader and writer/editor
  - Trying to get Greenhorn first on the list
- Greenhorn
  - Evaluating effect of a MOU between FWP, BLM, BDNF
    - Transfer big horn sheep
    - Think it could be a showcase
  - How to support Greenhorn?
• Proposal: letter in support of Greenhorn being a high priority for the MT-Dakota Strike Team.
• ACTION: BDWG send an email letter to Craig Kendall support for the Strike Team working on Greenhorn
• Tony Scardina acting
• Russ Riebe, Wise River Ranger, is retiring in January
  o Flying announcement now
• Fleecer
  o EIS did not explain how temp roads affected elk security.
  o Doing a Supplemental EA
• Issued a ROD on snowmobiles
• Roadside hazard removed - #9
  o CE in progress
  o Highway from Chief Josephs Pass south to Skinner Meadows
• Two Allotment Management Plan Revisions Pintler
  o South Gravellies
  o NEPA will start this fall
• Pintler Face
  o Team currently reading all the scoping comments that were received.

Upcoming events:
• SWCC workshop on Landscape Restoration will be December 1-2, Lubrecht Experimental Forest
• Montana Forest Collaboratives’ Network workshop, December 5-6, Radisson Colonial Hotel, Helena
  o Who from the BDWG can attend?
  o ACTION: Mark Thompson will talk to Leonard about attending.
• ACTION: Karen DiBari will email information to the group about upcoming workshops

4. Congressional Policy Updates - none

5. Membership - none

6. Aspen Restoration Project Discussion

   The group looked at the decision memo and the BDWG letter, and discussed the issues and how they were represented.

   • FS identified a toolbox available at stand scale.
     o Wanted to retain fencing as a tool
     o Memo emphasizes conifer encroachment as a major problem for aspen which is what is indicated by monitoring
     o Majority of ungulate browsing is wild life according to FS monitoring.
     o There are a few spots where livestock are an issue for aspen so wanted to include fencing as a tool.
   • Main focus of decision memo is conifer encroachment.

7. Carcass Removal and Composting Programs – postponed till next meeting

8. 5 Year Action Plan and Outyear Capacity Projections

   Discussion of what was desired for this presentation, which will be scheduled on the agenda in November.
   • By FY – projects slated for action
9. Committee/Project Updates
   • Pintler Face
     o Tony spoke with Russ
     o Asked with the BDWG could provide
       ▪ ACTION: Tony Colter will work with Russ Riebe to set up a committee meeting with FS staff for the Pintler Face project on November 10 at 9 a.m.
       ▪ Karen DiBari will invite Chris Marchion and Paul Olsen to the meeting
   • Boulder River
     o Boulder Lowlands implementation beginning
     o ACTION: Discuss with the Boulder Committee the purpose of a field trip
     o Monitoring this winter?
     o The group reviewed a draft press release about the Boulder Lowlands project and decided to wait until after implementation.

10. November meeting agenda items
   • Carcass Removal and Composting Programs
   • Boulder Landscape Strategy
   • Presentation on Red Rocks from Farm Bill Strike Team
   • 5Year Action Plan and Outyear Planning
   • Project Updates

Upcoming Meeting Dates
(generally 3rd Thursday of the month):

- November 10, 2016
- December 15, 2016
- January 19, 2017
- February 17, 2017