

Draft Meeting Minutes
Prineville Local Implementation Team Zoom Meeting
7 October 2020 from 9:00am – 1:00pm
Prineville LIT Webpage:

<https://www.dfw.state.or.us/wildlife/sagegrouse/lit/prineville.asp>

Working Group Attendance: Julie Unfried (LIT Coordinator), Skyler Vold (ODFW – LIT Convener), Megan Creutzburg (SageCon – LIT technical support), Greg Jackle (ODFW – primary), Larry Ashton (BLM – primary), Lauri Turner (USFS – primary), Chris Mundy (NRCS – primary), Corey Heath (ODFW – alternate), Mike Schmeiske (DSL – alternate), Emily Weidner (USFWS – primary), Andy Gallagher (Crook SWCD – primary), Stu Garrett (ECAS – primary), Rachael Davee (Crook SWCD – alternate), Amanda Roberts (BLM – alternate), **others?**

Non-working Group Attendance: Jim Greer (ECAS), Nathan Hovkamp (COLW), Lisa Clark (BLM), Monica Tomosy (ECAS), Shelby Weigand (NRCS), Jeff Kitchens (BLM), Debbie Wood (Crooked River WMA), Cari Taylor (BLM), Robin Vora (Deschutes SWCD), Jeremy Austin (ONDA), Emily Lent (BLM), Stephanie McKinny (BLM), Jon Dinkins (OSU), Dallas Hall Defrees (Baker LIT), **others?**

Welcome – started meeting off by providing a quick overview of the Prineville LIT's progress:

Where we've been > Where we are > Where we're headed. Hoping to provide this type of high-level overview at future meetings to help partners see how the LIT is progressing.

Partners Provide Assessment of Threats

- Over the last month, LIT partners compiled and mapped data for each threat. Maps outlined the distribution and severity of each threat. *Thank you to all the partners who helped and presented during the meeting!*
- Comments captured during the discussion,
 - i. Human Development: look at adding private land parcel size – there are many small parcels in Brothers PAC that are starting to be developed with hemp or camping.
 - ii. Fence collisions – should be considered a population threat or a habitat threat? Would be helpful to map high risk fence locations along with fences that have already been marked or removed. BLM has marked 37.7 miles in the Brother/N. Wagontire PAC. Heart of Oregon youth crew marked fences in the Paulina/12 Mile/Misery Flat PAC over several days in September – BLM can provide GPS data for all fence marking efforts.
 - iii. BLM land health assessments would be another useful tool as we look at each threat.

Breakout Group Discussions

- Meeting participants were split out into five breakout groups. Participant make-up of each group consisted of individuals representing diverse interest groups. A facilitator was assigned to each group (facilitators from ODFW and SageCon – *big thanks to the facilitators!*).
- Each group discussed a subset of the threats (i.e., 3-4 threats – see results of each discussion in Excel doc.).
- For each threat, participants were asked to work through an exercise to determine how the LIT should address each threat. This was a high-level discussion, meant to establish a shared vision with regard to how the LIT addresses threats.
- All groups reconvened and the results for each discussion were presented.
- We did not utilize the LIT Working Group or the consensus-based, decision-making process because there was general consensus among the partners in attendance as to how each group ranked the threats.

Next Steps/Action Items

- Increase efforts to engage landowners - Julie met with a few LIT partners on 10/14 to brainstorm ideas to engage landowners in future meetings (see notes from that discussion below).
- Start compiling data on existing project implementation efforts – We will be reaching out to partners for information on conservation efforts and/or implemented projects in the Prineville LIT Action Area.

- Follow-up with partners on information gaps identified during this meeting (e.g., collecting GIS layers to combine weed location data across landownerships; identify high-risk fence locations).
- Combine existing project data with information we've already collected on threat severity/distribution.

Attachments

- Prineville LIT Progress outline (PDF)
- Threat assessment slide deck (PDF)
- Breakdown of breakout group discussions and overall results (Excel doc containing 6 tabs)

Landowner Engagement Discussion

Attendance: Julie Unfried, Skyler Vold, Corey Heath, Greg Jackle, Emily Lent, Tim Deboodt

Take-aways

- Connect with County Extension offices – Crook Co. publishes a newsletter every other week. Start putting information about LIT there: topic of upcoming meetings; opportunities for landowners to provide input; info about where the group is going over the long-term (e.g., develop a cooperative strategy, apply for funding to implement projects on private land).
- Attend landowner focused meetings and present info about the LIT: SWCD annual meeting, Cattlemen's and/or Stock Growers Associations, etc. (please reach out if you know of additional venues).
- Send post cards/fliers – invites to upcoming meetings.
- One-on-one phone calls to gauge landowner interest/find out how we can generate engagement.
- ***Please reach out if you have other ideas, input, etc.***