

Prineville LIT Steering Committee Meeting

3 February 2020

Attendance: Julie Unfried (LIT Coordinator) Greg Jackle (ODFW), Stu Garrett (ECAS), Jade Cooper (ZX Ranch), Tim Deboodt (Crook County), Stephanie McKinney (BLM)

Meeting Objectives:

- Discuss logistics for steering committee and LIT meetings (e.g., recording minutes, preparing for meetings, assistance during meetings)
- Identify and outline discussion topics for March meeting – i.e., draft agenda

LIT and Steering Committee Meeting logistics

- Need to have someone other than Julie record meeting minutes – currently, no budget to hire note taker. Stephanie will try and recruit a BLM employee to take notes at future meetings. If none available, Stu will ask someone else from ECAS to come and record notes.
- Steering committee members will be available to help with set up and tear down of meeting space (e.g., tables and chairs, technological needs).
- Prior to each LIT meeting, the steering committee will have a 1-2 hour in-person meeting to draft the LIT agenda (draft agenda will be sent to the entire LIT membership for input).
- Members agreed to alternate steering committee meeting location between Brothers and Prineville to make meetings accessible for all steering committee members.

LIT Discussion Topic Needs

- Stu noted, on behalf of the NGO sector, the need to continue the discussion about West Nile virus (WNV). He asked to give a 10-15-minute presentation from his findings on WNV. Additionally, we will reach out to Emily Weidner to give a presentation on the WNV study that was done in the Brothers PAC and provide USFWS perspective.
- Additionally, Stu shared the top 3 priority interests for the NGO sector, 1) WNV; 2) understory forb depletion and restoration; 3) the BLM playa project in the Brothers PAC – i.e., status report and future plans from BLM perspective
- Presentation from BLM staff about planned, ongoing, existing projects as well as updates relevant to the development of and LIT plan (e.g., 2016 priority habitat management areas (PHMA) and general habitat management areas (GHMA) maps; Brothers Causal Factor Analysis and implications for future action; analysis of telemetry data collected on BLM administered land).
- Establish a timeline for LIT progress – i.e., compile and analyze existing resource data; develop LIT plan based around existing information, identified threats, remaining needs; identify and procure funding for project implementation
- Identifying and prioritizing threats – the group recommends identifying all threats across the LIT landscape and prioritizing them by PAC. Many threats will exist across both PACs but prioritization may differ between the two.
- Consider updating the LIT Action Area Map initially developed in 2012 – may want to start by looking at threats identified by the LIT for each PAC and 2016 PHMA and GHMA maps.

Agenda Items for March 13 LIT Meeting

- Present and finalize LIT timeline with benchmark
- BLM presentation – see bullet point in section above for specifics content of presentation
- WNV presentation – see bullet point in section above for specifics content of presentation
- Present list of threats identified by the LIT in 2012 – the group should come to the next meeting in May prepared to discuss and update the list.

Agenda Items for May LIT Meeting

- Outline threats across the Prineville LIT and prioritize by PAC
- Modify the 2012 Action Area Map

Action Items to be Completed Before March Meeting

- **JULIE** – Contact Paulina PAC landowners
- Start compiling list of funding sources
- Send list of 2012 threats to SC for review – send reviewed list to LIT prior to meeting
- Start talking to ODFW, BLM, NRCS, etc. about shapefiles (non-revealing data for NRCS) to start spatially mapping existing, ongoing, planned project types, locations
- Threats list – start with threats identified by the group back in 2012