

Draft Meeting Minutes
Prineville Local Implementation Team Zoom Meeting
7 April 2021 from 9:00 – 11:00am

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

Attendance: Julie Unfried (LIT Coordinator), Cari Taylor (BLM), Emily Weidner (USFWS), Corey Heath (ODFW), Darcy Helmick (Simplot), Erin Kilcullen (Deschutes SWCD), Jake Hourt (BLM), James Boggan (Simplot, ZX Ranch), Lauri Turner (USFS), Lisa Clark (BLM), Mike Schmeiske (DSL), Monty Gregg (USFS), Randy Weist (DSL), Robin Vora (Deschutes SWCD), Stephanie McKinney (BLM), Thomas Stokely (OSU Extension), Stu Garrett (ECAS), Rachael Davee (Crook SWCD), Andy Gallagher (Crook SWCD), Shelby Weigand (Pheasants Forever/NRCS), Tim DeBoodt (Crook County), **others?**

Meeting Objective:

1. Update meeting participants on work done by sub-groups since the last LIT meeting in January
2. Solicit input from meeting participants
3. Layout next steps

LIT progress:

Where were we?

- Jan – March 2021
 - a. Created the 2021 Action Area Map
 - b. Prioritized threats per each action area
 - c. Collected information from the partner Data Call

Where are we now?

- Review and approve Table of Contents for the LIT threats reduction plan

Where are we headed?

- Sub-group hopes to have the LIT Plan completed sometime between May – Summer of 2021

Question - will sage grouse travel between polygons? Answer: yes

Sub-group Progress Update

Prineville LIT plan to reduce threats to sage-grouse

- Overview of the Table of Contents and general information about each section (see attached *Plan Outline Word doc.*).
- This document is intended to be a resource that has current information ready to use. The sub-group is currently compiling the information that will go in sections B-E.

Question – Do future activities have to have NEPA ready, etc.? Answer: No, but NEPA would be identified as a barrier.

Question – Will there be general descriptions across the whole LIT project area? Answer: Yes

Question – Can we include a discussion on climate change in the intro? Answer: Yes

- The consensus-based, decision-making process was employed for the following prompt, *adopt the proposed table of contents presented at today's meeting* (results below).

Question – Are the decisions we make under the consensus-based, decision-making process final (i.e., set in stone)?

Answer: No. Coming to consensus just gives us the liberty to move forward. If, at any time, changes are necessary, we can modify.

Prompt: adopt the proposed table of contents presented at today's meeting						
	1 - I like it	2 - Basically, I like it	3 - I can live with it	*4 - I want my disagreement noted in writing, but I'll support it	*5 - I won't support it	Notes
BLM (Larry or Amanda)	x					Stephanie McKinney casted a decision for BLM
USFS (Laurie or Monty)	x					
Brothers Landowner (Jade)	x					James Boggan casted decision for Jade Cooper (ZX Ranch)
Paulina Landowner (Greg)						
DSL (Randy or Michael)	x					
ODFW (Greg or Corey)	x					
USFWS (Emily)	x					
Conservation Group (Stu or Michael)		x				
Crook County (Tim)	x					Tim noted in email to Julie after the meeting that he was in support
Deschutes County (open)						
NRCS (Chris or Shelby)	x					
SWCD (Andy or Rachael)	x					

Data Call results

Data Call Responses: partners involved in writing the Prineville LIT plan to reduce threats to sage-grouse (see LIT Plan Outline for a list) will use information provided by the LIT data call to write the action area narratives and ultimately the work plan.

	Data Received		
	Excel Data Call worksheet	Shapefiles of completed projects	Shapefiles of planned projects
BLM	x	x	
Crook SWCD	x		
Crooked River WMA	x		
Deschutes SWCD	x		
DSL	x	x	
ECAS	x		
ODFW	pending but will provide info on project work funded through the Mule Deer Initiative		
TNC		x	
USFS - Deschutes NF	x		
USFS - Ochoco NF	x	x	x

What is Next?

- The sub-group will meet early May to check on their assignment progress and set a deadline for the plan. The next All-LIT meeting is currently scheduled for June, but the sub-group will determine if we meet then, or at a different time.
- Megan Creutzburg (SageCon Partnership) is developing a workshop to show how to use the different available map products and how to include the tools that are now available into our planning process. Megan will present at the May sub-group meeting to provide more in-depth information about this opportunity. The sub-group will decide the best path forward.