

**Meeting Minutes - Prineville Local Implementation Team Zoom Meeting  
12 January 2022 from 9:00 – 10:00am**

**Video recording of this meeting located on the LIT Webpage,  
<https://www.dfw.state.or.us/wildlife/sagegrouse/lit/prineville.asp>**

**Attendance:** Andrew Shields (Roaring Springs), Andrew Walch (ODFW), James Boggan (Simplot), Jeremy Austin (ONDA), Lauri Turner (USFS), Lisa Clark (BLM), Mike Schmeiske (DSL), Monty Gregg (USFS), Randy Wiest (DSL), Robin Vora (Deschutes SWCD), Shelby Weigand (Pheasants Forever), Stu Garrett (ECAS), Emily Weidner (USFWS), Greg Jackle (ODFW), Skyler Vold (ODFW), Julie Unfried (LIT Coordinator)

**Meeting Objectives**

- Updated partners on edits made to the DRAFT TRP based on input and feedback received via the Excel worksheet and the December meeting.
- Emphasis during this update focused on partner comments addressed within the following sections of the TRP: Executive Summary, Introduction, Work Plan.
  - **NOTE:** The SageCon Partnership established a working group charged with revising sections of the Sage-Grouse State Action Plan. Revisions are expected to provide clearer guidance to LITs as they develop local goals and objectives. The Prineville LIT may be asked to provide input.
- We also discussed upcoming federal funding opportunities through the Infrastructure Bill.

**Federal Infrastructure Bill**

- Jeff Everett (USFWS) provided an update about the upcoming funding opportunity at a SageCon meeting on Jan. 11:  
*Incoming funds for conservation work in sagebrush will come from the federal Infrastructure Bill this federal fiscal year. An interagency group is working on an allocation strategy for how it will be dispersed amongst states. The majority will be used for on-the-ground conservation and restoration projects.*
- Additional details have not yet been released, but Jeff has agreed to attend the next LIT meeting on Feb. 9 to provide an update and lead a Q&A.

**PAC Boundary Update**

- ODFW plans to begin revising Oregon's Sage-Grouse Core Areas and Low-Density habitat designations in 2022. Updating these habitat designations this year is timely, in that it will coincide with the BLM's updates to the range-wide sage-grouse 2019 Approved Resource Management Plan Amendment. ODFW plans to convene a technical advisory committee as a form of peer review to make sure our methodology is defensible, scientifically rigorous, and repeatable. ODFW will send out a scoping letter in February to notify partners of intentions to update the Core Areas this year.

**Upcoming Action Items/Next Steps**

- At the Feb. 9 meeting, LIT members will begin identifying and compiling information necessary to ensure the LIT is poised to apply for infrastructure bill funding.
- Edits to the Prineville LIT Draft TRP and Work Plan will continue to be addressed. Revisions to the State Sage-Grouse Action Plan will likely influence aspects of the Prineville TRP and Work Plan.