

**Prineville LIT Steering Committee Meeting
2 April 2020**

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

Meeting Objectives

- 1) Discuss resources available to LIT through the Sage-grouse Conservation Partnership (SageCon)
- 2) Determine how the LIT will function during the coronavirus pandemic
- 3) Draft LIT agenda
- 4) Discuss future presentations – e.g., Dr. Francis Kilkenny with USFS and the Great Basin Native Plant Project

Objective 1: SageCon Resources

Julie met with Megan Creutzburg (SageCon) in February to discuss options to utilize spatial and interactive mapping tools developed through the SageCon Partnership along with other state and west-wide resources (e.g., Conservation Efforts Database, Sage Grouse Initiative mapping tools). Steering committee members agreed it will be valuable to invite Megan to an upcoming LIT meeting to walk LIT members through the utility and applicability of these tools with regard to mapping existing, on-going, planned projects in order that the LIT can determine future project prioritization.

Objective 2: Adapting during Coronavirus Pandemic

Steering committee members noted it will be important to temper expectations during this prolonged period of uncertainty; however, members agreed we need to maintain momentum and continue to meet throughout. Next LIT meeting will occur over the phone and may include virtual, visual attendance (i.e. WebEx online communication) similar to the last LIT meeting. Julie will make one-on-one contact with various LIT members to discuss attendance options.

Objective 3: Agenda items for next LIT meeting

- BLM discussion on existing threats matrix and status update during and after coronavirus
- Prioritize threats LIT will address. Need to keep in mind that for various reasons, the LIT may not feasibly be able to address certain threats – LIT members should be willing to have this discussion; recognize when the LIT can and cannot address threats; and willingly cooperate where possible.
- USFWS – give Emily a few more minutes to re-cap from her presentation during the March 13 meeting, primarily due to technical issues which took time away from her presentation.
- LIT next steps

Objective 4: Future LIT presentations with discussion

- BLM: 1) the existing threat matrix: how was that determined and BLM's intentions, capacity and role moving forward; 2) status update on surveys, how do we adjust moving forward during and after the coronavirus pandemic?
- Megan Creutzburg – SageCon Partnership
- Dr. Francis Kilkenny: discuss research efforts focused on sagebrush restoration specific to sage-grouse conservation

Action items prior to next LIT meeting

JULIE

- Contact LIT members who may have WiFi limitations and determine feasibility of virtual meeting platforms.
- Contact Brothers School: inquire about meeting space
- Review survey results to set recurring LIT meetings. Likely will need to distribute a Doodle Poll for this next meeting but future meetings will be established based on survey results.

JADE

- Contact landowners/permittees in the Paulina/12-mie area to engage in LIT

STEPHANIE

- Reach out to BLM managers (Amanda, Jeff, Tom) to ensure they complete the survey to establish recurring meeting times. **Note:** Larry to fill for Stephanie during future meetings.