

Prineville LIT Steering Committee Meeting
11 June 2020

Attendance: Julie Unfried (LIT Coordinator), Greg Jackle (ODFW), Stu Garrett (ECAS), Jade Cooper (ZX Ranch), Stephanie Larry Ashton (BLM), Monica Tomosy (ECAS – listening in as Stu’s alternate)

Discussion Topics

- 1) Update on technical tools discussion with Megan on June 15 – quick overview, no notes
- 2) Discuss idea to establishing a working group to develop LIT plan/recommendations
- 3) Develop agenda outline for July LIT meeting
- 4) BLM field tour

Working group discussion

Julie presented the idea of establishing a sub group (we’ll need to decide what to call this group – for now, the group will be referred to as the working group) that would take the lead on making decisions about the development of a LIT plan/associated recommendations (**Please note, the LIT will NEVER have the authority to make decisions about what will or will not happen on private or public land**). In the near future, the group will use the decision-making process to categorize and prioritize threats across the LIT area. Over the long term, the group will develop a ranking criteria and review applications (if/once the LIT acquires funding). The steering committee agreed the idea should be presented at the next LIT meeting.

- Need to get Paulina landowners involved. Consider hosting a landowner meeting at the Paulina school to answer questions about the LIT and explain why we need their involvement/benefits to Paulina landowners
- Steering committee members suggested adding members to that group and having a meeting each month alternating between LIT meetings and working group meetings. Working group meetings will focus on developing the plan; during LIT meetings, working group will present their progress and ask for input, those meetings will also be used as time to hear from experts on various topics of interest to the group
- Develop a document outlining distinction between the various groups – i.e., steering committee, working group, technical tools team, LIT
- Steering committee agreed it will be OK for the larger LIT group meetings to take place over a virtual platform but need to try and have the small working group meetings in person.

Agenda items for the July LIT meeting

- Presentation from Dr. Francis Kilkenny on research to establish sage-grouse preferred forbs (Monica, please edit)
- Review outcomes from the June 15 Technical Tools meeting
- Present consideration to develop and utilize working group as the decision-making group with regard to the development of the Prineville LIT plan/recommendations
- Discuss the field tour options

Action items prior to next LIT meeting

JULIE

- Develop document distinguishing between steering committee, working group, technical tools team, and LIT
- Contact SWCD office to find out about best ways to reach Paulina landowners (e.g., hosting an in-person meeting in the Paulina area, fliers)
- Follow up with ODFW about status of LIT webpage – look into other alternative programs (e.g., Google Drive where LIT resources, information can be housed in the meantime.