

**Northwest Colorado Stewardship (NWCOS)
Vegetation and Habitat Subcommittee Meeting
April 19, 2005
Draft Agenda**

- 1:00 p.m. Welcome**
- Introductions
 - Review of Where We Are
 - Where we are in BLM's Resource Management Plan (RMP) process
 - Where we are in the alternative identification process
 - Review of Agenda and Suggestions for Changes
- 1:15 p.m. Subcommittee Process Issues**
- ◆ Make-Up of Subcommittee
 - ◆ Do we have the necessary/appropriate representation from the other issue groups on this subcommittee?
 - ◆ If not, who else should be at the table?
 - ◆ Overview and Goals of Subcommittee
 - ◆ Quick review of where we are in the Resource Management Plan (RMP) process
 - ◆ Proposed goals for subcommittees (all in coordination with BLM and through an iterative process):
 - Develop goals and objectives for resource
 - Develop alternatives for analysis, including where resource uses (and the subcommittees that deal with them) overlap
 - Comment on how alternatives should be analyzed, if above and beyond BLM's process
 - Comment on implementation issues that are critical to any alternatives (e.g., monitoring funds for any adaptive management options)
 - Take periodic field trips to resource first-hand
 - ◆ How the Subcommittee Will Function
 - ◆ Subcommittees are not decision-makers. Subcommittees make recommendations to NWCOS, and NWCOS makes recommendations to BLM
 - ◆ Subcommittee membership will be open, but new members will be obligated to read past information and comply with NWCOS protocols
 - ◆ Subcommittees aim for consensus, though recommendations with at least 90% support will be carried to NWCOS along with the pros and cons of both the majority and minority positions
- 1:30 p.m. Introduction to Maps**
- BLM maps (by Tim Novotny)
 - Maps provided by other NWCOS members

1:50 p.m. Quick Review of Goals and Objectives

- BLM's Goals and Objectives Document
 - Comments/suggestions that were discussed and shared with BLM
 - How BLM has incorporated those suggestions, or reason why BLM has not
 - In general, what BLM can and cannot do with NWCOS comments
 - What constitutes an RMP-level decision
- Table further discussion on goals and objectives until AFTER alternatives

2:10 p.m. BLM's Alternative Shell

- BLM staff introduce the shell
- BLM input on NWCOS information proposed to date (Tim Novotny)
 - Ideas that folks have generated and discussed
 - BLM initial feedback on constructive ideas received so far
- Issues/questions for NWCOS to consider
 - General thoughts on the options presented?
 - Are the goal posts wide enough?
 - Is any major issue/concern missing? Suggestions on how could it be addressed?
 - Additional considerations for alternatives that BLM should consider? Suggestions on how could these issues could be incorporated?
 - Expected impacts (and how to measure them) to resources or the community that BLM should consider? Suggestions on how they could be mitigated? [If time allows.]
- New Ideas Based on Alternative Shell
 - What problem or resource conflict does your idea address?
 - How will your idea address this problem?
 - Who would need to be on board to make your idea work?
 - Initial BLM response?

3:20 p.m. Review of Goals/Objectives in Light of Discussion on Alternatives

- New/revised thoughts or suggestions on BLM's Goals and Objectives document?

3:40 p.m. Summary

- Quick review of resource overlap issues
- Quick review of the constructive ideas on the table
- Next steps

4:00 p.m. Adjourn