

Upland Game Bird Enhancement Program Advisory Council
Draft Agenda

May 6-7, 2019

La Quinta

701 Washington Street, Helena, MT

Objectives

- 1) Report work plans and associated strategic plans; receive Council's feedback for the 2019 field season.
- 2) Provide program updates to Council
- 3) Discuss pheasant release status
- 4) Guest presentations: Habitat Forever Specialists, Farm Bill Biologists, NWTF Biologist, Catherine Wightman, Jason Kool, and Rick Sodja.
- 5) Receive public comments.

Agenda

Monday, May 6, 2019

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| 8:15 am | Gather at La Quinta |
| 8:30 am | <ul style="list-style-type: none">◆ Introductions, general housekeeping (Noland, Hohler)◆ Purpose of Council meetings (McDonald)◆ Meeting highlights, overview and acceptance of October 1, 2018 minutes (Noland) |
| 9:00 am | Division/Legislative update (Ken McDonald) |
| 9:15 am | Strategic Plan Implementation and Program Objectives, including overview; program updates (Hohler) <ul style="list-style-type: none">◆ Fiscal reporting and payments◆ Habitat Forever / NWTF / PF Farm Bill Bios contract updates◆ Database◆ 2019 mailing for Habitat Management Leases and Diverse Food and Cover Plots |
| 10:30 am | Strategic Plan implementation and work plans, including overview: Jake Doggett (R4), Kenny Plourde (R6), and Justin Hughes (R7) |
| 12:00 pm | Lunch. <i>Lunch will be provided.</i> |

- 1:00 pm PF Farm Bill Biologists (Aaron Clausen, Hunter VanDonsel, Erin Fairbank, Heather Brower) updates.
- 1:30 pm Catherine Wightman: Grassland Conservation Leases – Overview and status.
- 2:00 pm History and overview of UGBEP pheasant releases: looking ahead to opportunities and challenges (Hohler).
- 2:30 pm Council discussion and feedback on work plans; pheasant releases; program finances.
- 3:30 pm Public Comment Period.
- 4:00 pm Council: setting dates for upcoming meetings, council rotations.
- 4:30 pm Wrap up for the day.

Tuesday, May 7, 2019

- 8:30 am Meeting begins. Overview of today's topics (Noland)
- 8:45 am Jason Kool: FWP Access Bureau Chief—Update.
- 9:15 am Rick Sodja: Informational presentation on Precision Conservation.
- 9:30 am Promoting forest health and enhancing wildlife habitats: 2019 work plan Dave Nikonow, NWTF.
- 10:15 am Habitat Forever Specialists: Ben Hoesl, Charlo; Virg Gluth, Denton; Steve Rockhold, Billings
- 11:15 am Open Discussion period.
- 12:00 pm Wrap up, agenda items for Miles City meeting.
- 12:30 pm Bagged lunches provided for Council and staff.

Helpful Info

**Link to the UGBEP Strategic plan: <http://fwp.mt.gov/fwpDoc.html?id=51736>
Next Meeting: Region 7 (TBD), September 23 and 24.**