

*Rough notes from AMOC meeting 8/28/06 – 7-9pm*  
– S. Nelson

TOPICS

- Field team logo
- Upcoming release
- Third day to be open to the public – **NON-PUBLIC INFORMATION REDACTION**

Not fair to change the ground rules when already set to have private – all agree  
FOCA standpoint - AMOC meeting called by the Chair – state employee and run on tribal lands  
(not on state or federal property)

No recommendations to come out of meeting

But may be shaped into something – discussion purposes only

Terry willing to deal with if questions arise about this decision

Coffee available still thru Valerie...but expensive – so get coffee by players club if want

Status of Opening for tomorrow re tribal presentation?

Ramon Riley not available – George B. is doing opening prayer and sing, chairman is supposed to be here but not confirmed.

Changes in the schedule –

Meach not available to be here – son's surgery

Paul Paquet not coming – may show PowerPoint with out voice over – play by ear

Introductions for speakers? – none, read from agenda

Directors

Remarks? – WS asked for opening comments – thanking folks – people to recognize.

Steve speaking for Ben; nothing from Duane; John is gone – Phil?/Cynthia will wing it if no show; Bruce T will be here; Lisa will not be here

Discussion for directors will be open to anything

**TRIBAL INFORMATION/NON-PUBLIC INFORMATION REDACTION**

Twist?

Sierra County called – Laura S will be representing

Catron Cty – Alex Thall to represent possibly

27 people head count right now (participants)

Need a solid count Wednesday night

If show up without OK RSVP – but OK to attend

Big circle or breakout groups?

Sep 12 – reach out for collaborative conservation here in Show Low (?)

## Workshop – **NON-PUBLIC INFORMATION REDACTION**

Fundamental questions: things as a group to agree upon

Purpose? – what are and are not asking of them (Participants)

Purpose is not – would include statutory (*TBJ – don't have any idea what this word was!*) given that bound the discussion to make clear not discuss the status of ESA, AMOC

Propose some of the group process ground rules

How many topics?

Can only fit 6 topics if allot 50-60 min / topic

Rules need to be understood

**NON-PUBLIC INFORMATION REDACTION** as an advisor

Define AMOC rules on how group can refer questions to AMOC

Decide specific topics to cover

What topics are local residents most able to help with (will have to choose 6-10 of 37 recommendations)

What do locals want most to comment - boundary expansion? Depredation issues

? Format – small or large group – suggest to try one large group

## Comments for **NON-PUBLIC INFORMATION REDACTION**

(Moderating speakers – whose keeping time – need a timekeeper to remind the moderator  
PURPOSE?

Provide ideas and info to AMOC

Issues beyond recommendations – dangers of wolves?

To gain info and ideas to help AMOC to increase wolf numbers

Initially that would have the Services' approval of the 37 recommendations – TJ

What are people looking from us in way of incentive and OR programs?

Focus on the recommendations – Wally likes idea of

And get down to top 10 or so

Provide AMOC...exploring those recommendation and find what to do / developing an outcome

First discussions on a long series of discussions

JM – need to be fully transparent to address the immediate issues

CD – should discuss 10 (on dogs issue)

JW – build AMOC consult, hear and meaningfully respond to concerns of local residents

And local residents to provide ideas to AMOC – to work together

People reject to everything meeting in recovery area, private/public meetings,

How many topics?

If have 6 – 50-60 minutes for lunch

People should come with top choices and then focus down in Q/A both in number and topics to select top three

10, 12, 29 recommendations deal with AMOC working with local folks

OR 23, 24 efforts

1-11 (not 3) deals with rule changes

## NON-PUBLIC INFORMATION REDACTION

Clarify what **NON-PUBLIC INFORMATION REDACTION** role to be – a facilitator all voices are heard, even handed weight of issues and to help in rephrasing in questions and made sure no one person dominates

JM-pull info from 30 folks – role of AMOC to keep quiet, not to dominate and to listen what is going on

Explain what will do with info

What is the product? - Get significant issues to begin framing the process and some of the content of the discussion – info for process and frame of process

Info will get back to participants and will be posted on the web

7-9pm research discussion

release discussion

Recommendation for initial release, not much change

Change – lot of rainfall

Meridian in middle mountain area – recommendation to go with Engineer Springs for “Preferred” and Bear Mountain for second site

Three adults and seven pups – (“Redstem”) prefer to release all and pups with collars or

Adults and four of the pups

Engineer Springs (ES)– chain link pen and accessible. Bear Valley is a 6-mile pack trip

30d notification of decision, ES can put in and hold and the end of the 30d period – then release. (Beginning of Oct would be earliest)

Bear Mountain – would be a little latter and a mesh pen would be used

Issues;

BV – more yr round livestock, less prey, logistics

ES - More prey, easier, proximity to SCAR and Eagle Creek

FS not opposed, but have stipulations from Frank - (ES) aversive conditioning for wolves and cattle to reduce conflicts

What aversive conditioning and how long? TJ

Likely last one year while being held in the pen – cows and shock the wolves to deter

Pen not big enough – teaching to look/seek cow? Accidentally, not intended

Frank Hayes – wants depredation monitoring to cease (but program is ending in October anyway)

What is done in pen to continue aversive conditioning? – Acclimation pen protocol?

Prerelease pen – minimum contact but handling is a scare tactic, chased down, drugged, negative - is aversive

SF – flight distance – no experience being able to flee  
Meridian – tried to speed up learning curve – cracker shells if not weary

Last time for hard pen used – 2001

Have we talked with Frank about aversive conditioning? JO has talked about the Turner Experience. Should talk with Frank to see about alternative ideas. Should address perceived issues that not aversively conditioning them.

Least livestock issues – Crow Poison, but only a couple of miles S of Alpine and outside of the 5 mile buffer but closer to the Campbell Blue site

Fire danger? – Non-issue with either site

Breeding pair count now – 6, 7 possibly with Bluestem (if breeding male)

Bluestem, Aspen, and Middle Fork – no pup counts

Saddle – 6

Luna - 5

San Mateo - 2

Meridian 1

TJ to Hector – objections to Engineer Springs?

Too close to people who live in that area, are cattle in that area.

Have problem with new release coming up in October – why important to do more releases? – Hunting, affecting peoples livelihood, how keep from cattle? Thinks AMOC will look bad to do a release after all of the issues we are currently having.

Why release in areas where have had problems in the past?

TJ - Proposing releases because are predicting natural recruitment not significant and for population growth.

There is no place where conflicts will not occur – pick places where conflicts are minimized/lessened

Is a release necessary? – leads to conflict. Does IFT believe release necessary?

No fundamental changes in this project from 1 – 3 years.

DB – AGFD plan to reduce elk? – Depredation hunt down off the Rim

KG – 30d notification issue – why?

W Murphy – 265 allotments between A-S and GNF

13 considered “vacant”

2 allotments permanently closed to livestock grazing

60% of allotments on both forests are yearlong allotments

Frank info

Will not be taking a recommendation package to Duane...if nothing meaningful to be done with aversive condition, need to discuss and reflect with Frank and put in release package.

JO and SF to talk with Frank – AMOC to schedule a conference call.

2 males to be translocated in Home Creek (south of Big Lake)

? success with single males

1008 (1 depredation)

863

JM

Ben Tuggle regional director officially

Attended coalition of county meeting, committed to talking with individuals and be more familiar with issues on a one on one basis.

And to meet with individuals of various environmental agencies

Catron County on brink of total financial collapse – wolves are the final straw

Not interested in getting ranchers off the landscape – not want subdivisions - ranches good for wolves.

Interdiction program, compensation program, and \_\_\_\_\_(?)

Steve Pierce - one time infusion of money from federal government – fund based on AMOC decision – to live off the interest

Part of the MOU

Looking for funding to fund an endowment – run in such a way to minimize whose making payments to whom

To minimize conflicts to people

Logos - BVP

Emblem of wolf with acronym of agencies beneath

Used for all outreach material, etc. – magnet

Use IFT idea – wolf with mountains, make magement, for frige and FWS trucks.

*FYI - USFWS Service trucks do not have emblems – Dan Stark and John Oakleaf have been resistant to this in the past (Groebner has brought up before as well as myself)*