

**YAMPA RIVER LEAFY SPURGE PROJECT
MEETING
June 8, 2016, 1:00pm
HAYDEN TOWN HALL**

Proposed Agenda

1. Introductions
2. Review Agenda
3. Discussion of Large Infestation North of Hayden near Elkhead Reservoir (Greg, Christine, Jessica, and Christina)
 - a. Location and size
 - b. Example of Use of Satellite Imagery
 - c. Expansion of Project Area
 - d. Use of Funds Outside of Yampa River Corridor Project Area
4. Report on Tasks List from YRLSP April Meeting (Group)
5. Revision of Statement of Work for \$30,000 CDA Weed Program Grant (Ben)
 - a. Discussion on Funding Priorities
 - b. Match for Grant
 - c. Responsible Organization(s) capable of meeting CDA Requirements
4. Next Meeting
5. Adjourn

Meeting Packet:

Agenda

April 20, 2016 Task List with Reports from Task Committees

Draft Revision of Statement of Work for \$30,000 CDA Weed Program Grant

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Draft Meeting Notes

Attendees:

Executive Committee

Tim Corrigan	Routt County Commissioner	Absent
Chuck Grobe	Moffat County Commissioner	Absent
John Kinkaid	Alternate MC Commissioner	Absent
Greg Brown	RC Weed Program Supervisor	
Jessica Counts	MC Pest and Weed Manager	
Wayne Counts	Colorado First Conservation Dist	Absent
Barry Castagnasso	Routt County Land Owner	
Chris Rhyne	Little Snake BLM	
Tamara Naumann	Dinosaur National Monument	
Jim Haskins	Colorado Parks and Wildlife	Absent
Tyler Jacox	Alternate CPW	Absent
Ben Beall	Yampa River System Legacy Partnership	
John Husband	Northwest Colorado Citizen Representative	

Advisory Committee

Todd Hagenbuch	CSU Routt County Extension	
Christine Shook	Natural Resources Conservation Services	
Marsha Daughenbaugh	Yampa Valley Community Ag Alliance	Absent
Jerod Smith	Colorado State Land Board	Absent
Geoff Blakeslee	The Nature Conservancy	Absent
Rusty Lloyd	The Tamarisk Coalition	Absent
David Smith	University of the Redlands	Absent

Ben Beall opened the meeting with introductions of all present.

Ben reviewed the agenda and set the goal for the meeting: Make a decision on the \$30,000 grant from CDA Weed Program.

Meeting Discussions:

First Discussion: Greg Brown and Christine Shook reported on their meeting where they explored ways to use satellite imagery to create a local map of the leafy spurge infestations. Christine and Greg had reviewed satellite data available from a pass on

June 18, 2014. The leafy spurge false bloom could be seen. There is probably other data also available.

Christine from her research of existing satellite data using Google Earth is confident that with ground truthing that the YRLSP could create a map by the end of the year. BLM and NRCS will work on creating the Big Red Blob map. Barry Castagnasso volunteered to help with the mapping.

Chris Rryne wondered if the YRLSP could use drones for mapping.

Greg reviewed his contacts with CDA about assisting in creating the host web site for the mapping data. He thought that we could backload the existing shape files relating to leafy spurge treatments to create this map.

Christine is willing to donate time to collecting satellite data. It will be up to RC Weed Program and Moffat County Weed and Pest through their summer work schedules to ground truth the existing leafy spurge infestations in their counties. Jessica Counts said that she will train her staff including the mosquito folks to use GPS to locate infestations. Barry knows that some landowners have their own maps of the infestations.

Greg talked about the possibility of treating infestations outside of the Yampa River Corridor ie. an infestation near Elkhead reservoir as maybe appropriate for the CDA grant monies.

Second Discussion: The group reviewed the Task List created from the YRLSP meeting of April 21, 2016. The group agreed that the YRLSP should keep this Task List active and review it periodically making additions and deletions.

Below is the Task List from the April 21st meeting with comments from group. Comments are in Capitals and Bold. Note: I will create a new Task List.

1. Task: Greg Brown is to communicate with Steve Ryder to find out what conditions will be attached to the funds (Grant Application to CDA Weed Program). **GREG AND CHRISTINE WILL MEET WITH PATTY YORK, CDA, NEXT WEEK AND FIND OUT: 1. DOES CDA ONLY GIVE OUT ONE REIMBURSEMENT? 2. WHEN DO WE GET THE REIMBURSEMENT?**

2. Task: John Husband and Chris Rhyne are to coordinate with CO First to find out their capabilities of handling disbursements and signing contracts for the use of the potential \$30,000 grant.

3. Task: Greg will send out an email to everyone with the pertinent information concerning the CDA web site and access information. **ACCOMPLISHED. DELETE.**

4. Task: Jim Haskins will check to see if there would be \$30,000 available for YRLSP from RC HPP. (SEE REPORT FROM JIM HASKINS)

5. Task: Jim and Chris will check with Moffat County HPP to see if they would be willing to fund the YRLSP priorities. (SEE REORT FROMJIM HASKINS)

6. Task: Jessica Counts will check to see what GPS data is available from Moffat County.

7. Task: Tim Corrigan and Greg will approach Robert Felinczak of the Routt County GIS Department to see how he could help in the printing out of the “red blob” map.

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8. Task: The Mapping Committee (Greg, Chris, Christine Shook, Tyler Jaycox, Jessica, Barry Castagnasso, Jerod Smith and David Smith) will coordinate in order to get the local data together and create the “red blob” map and enter all available data into the CDA site. **JESSICA TO TOUCH BASE WITH JEROD SMITH, SLB, TO SEE WHAT LEAFY SPURGE DATA HE COULD CONTRIBUTE FOR OUR MAPPING.**

9. Task: Ben and Geoff Blakeslee will work on a job description for the project coordinator to include mapping responsibilities and outreach to landowners. This will be in the form of an RFP. They will ask The Tamarisk Coalition if there is a possibility of a shared position.(SEE JOB DESCRIPTIONS FOR PROJECT COORDINATOR AND MAPPING COORDINATOR) **THE GROUP THOUGHT AFTER A DISCUSSION BY GREG AND JESSICA THAT WE NEED A DATA COORDINATOR AT THIS TIME INSTEAD OF A PROJECT COORDINATOR. PART OF THE DUTIES OF THIS DATA COORDINATOR BESIDES COORDINATING MAPPING DATA WILL BE COLLECTING INFORMATION ON LANDOWNERS AND COMMUNICATION WITH LANDOWNERS.**

10. Task: Jim will check to see if HPP funding could be available for the project coordinator. (SEE REPORT FROM JIM HASKINS)

11. Task: The Beetle Nursery Committee (Greg, Jim, Todd Hagenbuch, and Jessica) will approach CDA Insectary staff concerning the process, timeline, beetle types, and location for leafy spurge nurseries. **WHERE WILL THESE NURSERIES BE LOCATED? THERE NEEDS TO BE GOOD ACCESS.**

12. Task: In order to understand the local application of leafy spurge treatments RC Weed Program and MC Pest and Weed Management will document leafy spurge treatments for 2016 as a way to demonstrated that Routt and Moffat Counties are continuing to contain leafy spurge within the containment area and eradicate outlying leafy spurge infestations.

13. Task: Tim will check with the RC Weed Board concerning the uses of Taylor Grazing Funds for the YRLSP. **THE ROUTT COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS NEED TO FINALIZE CRITERIA FOR FUNDING REQUESTS.**

14. Task: Ben will attend the John Stulp meeting in Steamboat Springs and John Husband will attend the meeting in Craig. **ACCOMPLISHED. DELETE.**

15. Task: John and Ben will work on an invitation list which should include someone who has the expertise to video document the infestation. (SEE FLOAT TRIP LISTS FROM JOHN HUSBAND AND BEN BEALL) **JOHN SAID THAT EVERYTHING LOOKED GOOD FOR THE FLOAT TRIP AND IT WAS GOING TO GO ON JUNE 16TH. CHRISTINE WAS DISAPPOINTED THAT SHE HAD NOT BEEN INCLUDED ON THE LIST AS A YES AND TODD HAGENBUCH VOLUNTEERED TO HELP WITH THE BARBECUE.**

NEW TASKS.

16. TASK: CHRIS AND CHRISTINE NEED TO: CHECK THEIR ORGANIZATIONS (BLM AND NRCS) PARAMETERS FOR USING IN-KIND-MATCH FOR THE CDA GRANT.

17. TASK: WHO??? NEED TO CREATE A MODEL FOR YRLSP TO DOCUMENT IN-KIND-MATCH. EVERY PARTNER NEEDS TO START DOCUMENTING THE COST AND TIME FOR LEAFY SPURGE TREATMENT FOR MATCHING THE CDA GRANT.

18. TASK: PARTNERS WILL SEND IN WEEKLY, ON MONDAYS, TO THE ROUTT COUNTY WEED PROGRAM WHICH WILL BE THE REPOSITORY FOR PARTNERS, SHAPE FILES FOR CREATING THE LOCAL MAP. THE DATA COORDINATOR MAY WORK OUT OF THE ROUTT COUNTY WEED PROGRAM OFFICE.

19. TASK: BEN WILL CHECK TO SEE IF THERE IS A DRONE OPERATOR THAT THE YRLSP COULD USE FOR MAPPING.

Third Discussion: The group reviewed the Draft of June 3, 2016 Statement of Work. This SOW will be the basis for the CDA Weed Program \$30,000 grant requirements.

Various partners expressed concerns regarding the definition and naming of the primary goal area and secondary goal areas. Greg and Jessica thought that the main goal for 2016 should be dealing with leafy spurge infestations strategically ie. addressing leafy spurge in upland areas and working to contain the spread of leafy spurge. This thinking had led to the talk of a designated "Containment Area".

Ben was concerned that only dealing with leafy spurge in the outlying areas would be contrary to the main goal of the YRLSP which was the infestations along the Yampa River.

Tamara Naumann thought that if the Yampa River was the main goal of the YRLSP that the Project could get funding from large foundations like the Walton Family Foundation.

Throughout this discussion and in the meeting discussions there were references to the various area designations given to treatment areas in the YRLSP. It was decided to change the area names in the SOW. The Yampa River corridor would be designated the Leafy Spurge Infestation Focus Area and the whole Yampa River Watershed would be designated as the Yampa River Leafy Spurge Management Area.

The group recommended the following changes to the SOW 2016 Project Objectives:

Project Objective A: Change Project Coordinator to Data Coordinator who would coordinate mapping data for the YRLSP leafy spurge map.

Project Objective C:

1. Have Data Coordinator assume the responsibilities of the Private Property Coordinator
2. Add a PR program to the responsibilities of the Data Coordinator

Project Objective D:

1. Rework names/designated areas to conform to previous discussion.
2. Add wording to 7 and 8 to make sure that 2016 treatments are ie. outside of normal treatments and/or innovative

The group recommended adding Jessica Counts to the list of Personnel and finding out from CDA how the Colorado First Conservation District administrative costs of 5% would be handled by CDA.

Ben volunteered to create another draft of the Statement of Work for Greg's and Christine's meeting on Wednesday June 15th with Patty York, CDA staff, concerning mapping and the Statement of Work. Ben will email this draft to all the members requesting that they review and send him their suggested changes.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be Wednesday, July 13th at 1:00pm at the Carpenter Ranch