



Meeting Summary:

Governor's Task Force on the Rock Springs Resource Management Plan
Meeting 4 – January 4 and 5, 2024

Voting Members Present:

- **Wyoming House of Representatives:** House Speaker Albert Sommers
- **Wyoming Senate:** Senator Ogden Driskill
- **Conservation:** Alec Underwood
- **Economic Development and Tourism:** Kayla McDonald
- **Livestock:** Jim Magagna
- **Local Government:** Keaton West
- **Mining and Trona:** Mike McGrady
- **Motorized Recreation:** Taylor Jones
- **Oil and Gas:** Colin McKee
- **Renewable Energy and Utilities:** Ron Wild
- **Sportsmen and Hunting:** Josh Coursey

Thursday, January 4th

Welcome – Joel Bousman

BLM Travel Management Letter – Andrew Archuleta, Wyoming State Director
Wyoming BLM State Director Andrew Archuleta discussed a letter he sent to the task force concerning travel management. The letter is available on the task force website.

Final Report Check-In – Birch Malotky
The task force discussed the structure and content of the final report from the task force.

Broad Statements – Melanie Armstrong
Task force members brought forward and reviewed proposals for broad statements and agreed to call them agreements in principle.

Special Designation Proposals – Steve Smutko
The task force members brought forward and reviewed proposals for special designations.

Management Action Tables – Steve Smutko

Task force members worked through management actions in the following sections of the draft RMP Management Action Table 2-1:

- Biological Resources (4000-4910)
 - Start with Invasive Species (4200)
- Heritage & Visual Resources (5000-5413)
- Land Resources (6000-6620)
- Special Designations (7000-7570)
- Socio-Economic (8000-8012)

Friday, January 5th

Welcome – Joel Bousman

Recap/Reflection – Steve Smutko

Final Development of Recommendations – Melanie Armstrong and Steve Smutko

The task force members brought forward and reviewed additional proposals for:

- Broad statements/agreements in principle.
- Special designations
- Management actions from Table 2-1

Final Report Development – Melanie Armstrong

- Review and approve final report recommendations
- Reflect on the process
- Prepare presentation for the Governor and the BLM Director

Task Force Discussion with Governor Mark Gordon and BLM Director Tracy Stone-Manning

The meeting with the Governor and BLM Director Stone-Manning included:

- An introduction of the task force members
- An overview of the public meetings and task force process. This included a discussion on the input received from the public.
- A presentation of some of the major recommendations of the task force with an opportunity for questions and discussion with the Governor and BLM Director.

Plan for the Next Meeting

The task force will be sent a final draft of the report and is asked to review that document and submit comments. The task force will meet one final time to review the final report and vote to approve the document.

Adjourn