



Thunder Basin National Grassland Collaborative Learning Workshop #6, Oct. 11, 2017

Evaluations

Did you feel this workshop provided you with new information? If so what? If not, what was missing?

1. Yes, FS, black-footed ferret management rule (105) accomplishments
2. Not much new info, more hashing out previous topics. Jessica tries to move forward on topics; however, some participants won't offer solutions.
3. You tried! Most comments were the same as always. I wish they would put forward solutions for their comments.
4. Yes, a review of the 10j; was helpful getting a sheet of Options for Solutions was good to see how the group is thinking.
5. Yes, we keep bringing new ideas into a very complex problem. The discussion on possible controls always helps the process.
6. It was really good to hear how expansive the plague has become (a see-I-told-you-so! moment). We do keep to beating the same dead horses each time, e.g. ferrets, density.
7. Not new information, but the discussion is always interesting and gives new things to think about.
8. The F.S. does not tell us what they can and will actually do. Did tell how many acres seem to be plagued out.
9. I appreciated the agency update from the FS on their actions and projects. Would love to hear the same from BLM and state lands office.
10. I received some new perspectives on the idea.

Do you feel the breakout group regarding options for solutions was helpful to get short-term projects going for implementation this fall and next year?

1. Do not know, too early to tell.
2. Somewhat, gave some solid ideas, but nothing real solid
3. Yes. There was a lot of good solutions brought forward.
4. Somewhat. A lot of the options for solutions seem long term with a wide variety of options on what the goals are and how to achieve them.
5. Yes

6. There seems to be movement on the part of the p. dog hugger towards actual management (e.g. control work), outside of Category 1 areas. A near consensus on need for density control was excellent.
7. Yes
8. I hope so— seems like the will to do things is there— can they actually follow through?
9. Yes! It would be helpful to combine bullet points and to work on finding more points of agreement for next time.
10. Somewhat. Needs implementing.

The Collaborative Learning workshops are intended to help participants work together, get to know the issues, and help draft possible solutions regarding prairie dog management and rangeland restoration. Do you think the Workshops are achieving this? If not, why not? If they are, in what way?

1. Do not know, too early to tell
2. Brings issues to attention. However, some groups are not willing to compromise or negotiate on their views.
3. Yes. It has opened the doors and broke barriers with all of the entities for good proposals to move forward with.
4. I think we have narrowed down some main objectives. Density and range conditions seem to be shared values, there remain differences on how to achieve and maintain this.
5. Yes, but the interests are so diverse that I often times feel frustrated that we don't move forward.
6. If the Prairie Dog Coalition's idea of compromise is doing things their way (not budging on acres of dogs), then reaching agreement will never occur.
7. I am concerned that the workshops are giving the public an opportunity to "bash" the FS without offering resolutions.
8. Hard to say. We voice our concerns, but it is not clear if they are taken seriously by F.S., or if they can actually do anything to alleviate the problem.
9. Yes. I feel like we are at a point of focusing on possible solutions and offering a formal ask/ advice/ report to the Forest Service.
10. Yes.

Do you feel Jessica creates a positive environment that allows participants to work together on Thunder Basin Issues? If so, why? If not, Why not?

1. Yes, allows everyone to talk and calls out disrespectful behavior when it occurs.
2. Yes, she is fair to everyone.
3. Yes!! This group is moving forward and having very valuable discussions.
4. Jessica does a great job. She keeps participants on track and on topic, always moving forward.
5. Yes, she is very patient with all the noise, but can bring the topics back when needed.
6. She does a pretty good [job] of herding a diverse group of cats down the trail. It's just hard to see where the end of the trail is.
7. Yes. Jessica is a wonderful facilitator!
8. I think Jessica does a great job against long odds to hear and address concerns.

9. Yes. She is fantastic 😊
10. Yes.

Any other comments?

1. Slow progress, but progress nonetheless!
2. For Walker, District Ranger, to say they didn't know about the prairie dog problems in Weston County requires an extreme suspension of disbelief. Maybe they finally started listening?
3. Thank you!
4. We have spent many hours going to and attending these meetings and don't see much change in management, but looks like we may be making progress.