



Thunder Basin National Grassland Cooperative Working Group, Oct. 11, 2017

Evaluations

The objective of this meeting was to explore:

- 1) Solutions that address short term implementation needs, and**
- 2) To address any changes to the 2015 Prairie Dog Strategy to allow additional implementation in the future.**

Do you feel these objectives were met?

1. 1) yes; 2) not so much
2. 1) I feel that we are going in that direction; 2) to be continued
3. Yes. It was a long day, however, combining both groups w/ discussion in the cooperation group died once it got late in the day.
4. Yes, to a degree. The conversation needs to continue.
5. Gave slightly more definition to short term goals.
6. 1) Yes; 2) I think we just started the potential changes. Great discussion.
7. No— nothing was committed.
8. Yes— the information and discussion met the objective.
9. I think we're getting there.
10. Partially— still not clear on what changes can/will be made to the strategy. Since it ties back to the LRMP it is also important to understand the sideboards within that doc.
11. 1) Yes; 2) This was difficult to tackle but the list generated will help develop a clear picture of what we can do with or without an amendment to the strategy.
12. Partially. I feel that we need to get more specific on strategy amendments.
13. Yes
14. Yes. Need definable goals and a scorecard.

The Cooperative Working Group is intended to work with the USFS, BLM, the State and other government entities to explore ways to implement ideas that emerge from the Collaborative Learning Group and to support the land managers in effective management on the National Grassland and surrounding areas while meeting as many interests as possible. Do you think the Cooperative Working Group has made a start to achieving this? If not, why not? If they are, in what way?

1. Yes, short term. Yet to see on long term. New info on rules for amendment changes helped to justify this group.
2. Yes.
3. Yes a start. A plan amendment may end up being needed. Keep the discussion going to see what materializes.
4. Yes. Has worked to address items brought forward by the public. However, I wonder if this is the entire purpose of the CWG.
5. Yes
6. Yes, we are starting to see more projects completely.
7. Yes, a start, but we need measurables in the end.
8. They are trying— still getting stalled from USFS.
9. The Cooperative Working Group is allowing (or providing the opportunity) for all agencies to work together on a common goal toward effective management.
10. Yes.
11. Yes. The meeting format today was better than previous and there seemed to be a breakthrough with the consensus points. However, other formats may be worth exploring.
12. Yes, I believe it is a start to achieving them. It would be nice to rank or prioritize both the short and long term goals.
13. In some ways. We need to get down to business a little more as far as getting the CLG comments to translate to “on-the-ground” actions.
14. Yes. Building trust, identifying options.
15. The plague has been the most effective ally in helping to restore the TBNG’s health. This group has helped bring the concerns forward, but progress is slow and cumbersome.

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

1. Yes
2. Yes.
3. Yes, Jessica is a good mediator. Thank you.
4. Yes— But the State has interest in moving forward and making progress. This has happened, but would like to see more.
5. Yes I believe the environment provides a forum for collaboration.
6. Creates positive environment. Overall, there has been a lot of redundancy to discussions, but slowly moving forward.
7. Yes she allows and encourages great discussion. She is non-partial and that fosters good communication.
8. Yes— you are trying.
9. Absolutely! Jessica has a wonderful gift for facilitating these meetings. Thank you!
10. Yes.
11. Yes. She is good at her work.

12. Yes, she is very good at listening and then developing common ground.
13. Yes. Considers everybody's comments and takes the time she needs with each viewpoint.
14. Yes.
15. Yes.

Any other comments?

1. I'm glad we are maintaining positive motion moving forward with this group.
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