

Thunder Basin National Grassland
Cooperative Working Group
Meeting 1: February 27, 2017

Next Meeting

1. Legal foundation for this process – safe.
2. Information needs
3. Charter
4. Options – ideas.
5. Discuss strategy and grassland plan.

Charter

1. Explore (USFS) boundary between being FACA – safe or at risk. Can't cross FACA line – where is it?
2. Coordination meeting under FLPMA and NEPA?
3. Local working groups exempt from FACA, also state and technical committees.
4. Can public provide information?

Information Needs

1. Maps and acreages regarding properties and prairie dog areas.
2. BFF and USFWS; introduce or not? When?
3. USFS and Douglas District; how does it work? Staff? Issues they deal with?
4. WGFD animal surveys on Thunder Basin.
5. Grazing Association funds to USFS: how much? How spent?
6. Where are sage-grouse core areas located in relation to p dogs?
7. WGFD: information on wildlife populations (size/density)
8. Plans regarding prairie dog this summer – USFS
9. Prairie dogs – how managed, what designation FWS, USFS, WGFD, Wyo Dept. of Ag, and W&P.