

RRAC Conf Call Notes  
Feb. 1, 2008  
10:00 a.m.

Attendees:

- Sherry Foot, Suzanne Garcia, Brad Colin, Mike Leschin, Wayne Ludington (BLM)
- Larry Lucas (FS)
- Carl Albrecht, Paul Jacobs, Ashley Korenblat, Riley Cutler, Gordon Topham, Tom Clawson (RAC Members)

Suzanne introduced Brad Colin, Actg. Recreation Program Lead, SO. Brad addressed the members regarding a situation about the Paria Canyon area, which is currently managed by Field Offices in both Utah and Arizona. Most of the acreage is located in Arizona. Business plans are being updated in preparation of presenting the fee change proposal for RAC review. The major question is with protocol – specifically, the coordination between the AZ and UT RACs. Should the proposal be presented to one RAC or both? Until this is resolved, a hearing cannot be scheduled. BLM's WO has suggested that one state take the lead on this, which was done for the Long Term Vehicle Area (LTVA) program in California/Arizona, but ultimately this is for the BLM staff and RACs to decide. The AZ and Utah State Offices and the AZ Strip and Kanab Field Offices have agreed that the AZ RAC could serve as the primary RAC for these fee increases, with prior approval for this process from the Utah RAC.

The Utah RRAC agreed to let the Arizona RRAC serve as the lead for the Paria Fee Increase proposal (because most the acreage is on AZ land). Once the Arizona RRAC has made its recommendations for the proposal, the Field Offices involved would be able to implement the fee increases immediately. They would not have to wait for the Utah RRAC to re-hear and consider the proposal. However, a copy of the proposal, including business plan, and a synopsis of the Arizona RAC's recommendations would be provided to the Utah RAC for informational purposes. Utah RRAC members would then review and document the Arizona RAC's recommendations for internal record-keeping purposes. The Utah RAC would not have the authority to ratify, reverse, or change the Arizona RRAC's recommendations.

Next RecRAC meeting to be held March 13, 1:00 - 5:00 and March 14, 8:00 - Noon, Moab, Utah.

The six RAC members (which participated on the call) felt that a notice from the Utah State Director and/or Governor's Office should be sent to all RAC members reminding them of their commitment and responsibilities as committee members (i.e., attending meetings, conference calls, etc.). A draft response will be written and submitted to the State Director for her review and issuance.

Approved by:

\_\_\_\_\_/s/ GW Topham\_\_\_\_\_      \_\_2/12/08\_\_\_\_\_

Gordon Topham, RAC Chairperson

Date