

Big Hole



Watershed Committee

Big Hole Watershed Committee Monthly Meeting Monthly Meeting Agenda Wednesday, November 18, 2015 Divide Grange, 6:00 pm

Introductions

Review of October 2015 Minutes

Precipitation and Stream Flow Report

- Big Hole River Stream Flow Report, Mike Roberts, DNRC

Committee Reports:

- Director's Report
- Steering Committee Report
- Wildlife Committee Report
- Land Use Planning Committee Report

Big Sky Watershed Corps Special Report

- Brief presentation from Sarah Washko, BSWC, summarizing her term with BHWC;
- Say farewell and good luck to Sarah!

New Business

Meeting Topic: Sage Grouse

*Presentation by: Carolyn Sime, DNRC;
Craig Fager, MFWP; and
Vanna Boccadori, MFWP.*

Background: Carolyn Sime will discuss the Governor's Sage Grouse Habitat Conservation Program as well as the implications of that plan. Craig Fager will provide an update on numbers, behavior, habitat, and other factors affecting sage grouse in Southwest Montana. Vanna Boccadori will present Lorelle Berkeley's research from her past 4+ years spent as a Research Biologist with MFWP studying the effects of various grazing programs on sage grouse nesting success and adult survival in Central Montana. Vanna and Craig will also discuss the impact hunting has had on sage grouse in Montana. These three wonderful presenters will provide a wealth of relevant information regarding sage grouse to the Big Hole Watershed landowners and other interested parties.

Next Meetings

- No December 2015 Meeting;
- Annual Governing Board Meeting, January 20, 2015, 11am @ Fairmont Hot Springs Resort;
- February 17, 2015, 6pm @ the Divide Grange. **Topic: TBA.**

Adjourn