

AGENDA

Montana Sage Grouse Oversight Team (MSGOT)

August 31, 2017: 10:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Montana State Capitol, Helena, Room 152

10:30: Call to Order, John Tubbs, DNRC Director

- Introductions
- Administrative Matters:
 - Approve minutes June 2, 2017 meeting
 - Approve tentative meeting dates: October 5 and December 15

10:40 - 11:10: Reports and Implementation of Executive Order 12-2015

- Reports from Individual MSGOT Members
 - Agency Permitting Program Focus: Dept. of Environmental Quality
- Montana Sage Grouse Habitat Conservation Program
- Federal Agency Partners: USFWS, BLM, NRCS, and USFS

11:10 - 11:20: Range Improvement Projects Endorsement

- BLM Instruction Memorandum MT-2017-037: John Carlson, BLM Sage Grouse Implementation Lead and Carolyn Sime, Montana Sage Grouse Habitat Conservation Program
- NRCS EQIP Projects: Carolyn Sime, Montana Sage Grouse Habitat Conservation Program and Kyle Tackett, NRCS Sage Grouse Initiative
- Public Comment and Possible MSGOT Action

11:20 - 11:35: Secretarial Order 3353 Informational

- John Carlson, BLM Greater Sage-Grouse Implementation Lead
- Christine Dawe, USFS Director, Renewable Resources Management
- State of Montana

11:35 - 11:50: Wildfire Response & Rehabilitation Informational

11:50 - 12:10: BREAK

12:10 - 12:40: Using Resistance and Resilience Concepts to Manage Threats to Sagebrush Ecosystems - special focus on fire and invasive species

- Dr. Jeanne C. Chambers, Research Ecologist, USDA Forest Service Rocky Mountain Research Station by webinar

12:40 - 1:00 Rangeland Resources Executive Committee Informational

- Stacey Barta, DNRC Rangeland Resources Program Coordinator

1:00 - 1:25: Candidate Conservation Agreements [with Assurances] Informational

- Karen Newlon, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

1:25 - 1:45: Sage-Grouse Program Website Demonstration

1:45 - 2:00: Public Comment

NOTE: Agenda item times are approximate. Actual times may vary by up to one hour. Attendees who may need services or special accommodations should contact Carolyn Sime (406-444-0554 or csime2@mt.gov) at least 5 working days before the meeting.

