

 <p><b>Front Range Roundtable</b> Fuels Treatment Partnership</p>	<p><b>Monthly Meeting</b></p>	<p><b>Wildlife Working Team</b></p>
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<b>Meeting Name</b>	Monthly Meeting #20
<b>Meeting Date</b>	Tuesday, June 17, 2014
<b>Meeting Time</b>	12:30 – 2:30 PM
<b>Venue</b>	GoTo Meeting
<b>Attendees</b>	Terra Lenihan (Beh Consulting), Rick Truex (US Forest Service), Casey Cooley (Colorado Parks and Wildlife), Lynne Deibel (US Forest Service, ARP), Steve Germaine (USGS), Janelle Vallederes (US Forest Service, PSICC), Jenny Briggs (USGS)

**Meeting Notes**

- 1) **Welcome** – Icebreaker and agenda review
- 2) **Update on RMBO** –Rick gave a quick update on RMBO. Everything is proceeding as planned. Rick, Lynne and Dave Haney will be having a conference call soon to discuss abert’s sampling.
- 3) **Wildlife Team Field Trip** – The group decided on August 6. Steve is unable to attend. Lynne will check with Felix if he will be able to attend this date. Rick, Lynne, Jenny, Casey, Janelle and Terra are able to attend as of now.
  - Jenny asked the why of doing the field trip and asked if it was for troubleshooting how things are going with RMBO? Rick said it’s more preliminary at this point, iterative learning so we can make changes for next year. Casey added that we can go out with RMBO to see how they have implemented the monitoring. Lynne said we mainly need to get a date on the calendar at this point. Jenny asked if RMBO’s crews have already started working; Rick said they should be starting in about 1-2 weeks after today’s meeting.
- 4) **SCAB Sampling**
  - Jenny asked what is the plan for adaptive monitoring. Rick said at the last meeting we decided to get recommendations to RMBO in writing to David Hanney and see if they can attempt this approach. When we reach agreement then we can do a training with them (Jenny, Casey, Felix).
  - To review our plan, Rick proposed 16 points in a square kilometer, propose 4 sites eligible for abert’s surveys in a 25 mile radius. Sampling not to add more than 60 minutes and not compromise avian survey. Sites 35% or so ponderosa pine.
  - Rick concerned about identifying squirrels other than aberts. Casey concerned that they could have already passed some of the grids that meet our criteria.
  - Rick proposed we can just do this ourselves; Jenny thinks it’s worth having them try it this year. Casey agrees; group agreed.
  - Casey and Jenny an help train RMBO. Casey is tentative; possibly not available until after 7/1. Jenny is pretty open to do a training up until 7/4.
  - Jenny brought up that it’s important that we are careful to mark our plots so we can go back in subsequent years, based on studies she’s read in which the abert’s may move (slightly). Steve thought if RMBO folks have

GPS units they can record the coordinates. Jenny said the challenge is in the feeding signs, knowing if they are really “new” or did person surveying miss it. We should give them specific guidelines. Rick thinks this kind of thing will get modeled in detection probabilities. Steve thought if we train them we can have them put up markers. Jenny will develop a 1-2 page protocol for RMBO training by 6/18 and send to the group. Rick thought we can see how this summer goes, and then if we need to we can go back to the LR team and tell them we need to change our approach.

- Casey said we should keep in mind we’re doing a “a lot”, “Some, or “a little” approach. Maybe we’re not getting to the level of *how* occupied a cell is.
- SCAB Sampling Summary:
  - Select 40 sites in PIPO zone
  - Cameras in middle
  - Out for 2 – 3 weeks
  - Rotate to get 40 done
  - Don’t worry about time of year yet.
  - Casey lead, coordinate with Felix and other camera people as needed
  - Casey will coordinate with Janelle re: PIPO dominated grid cells
- Casey working on tracking down Jake Ivan. He will try to spend a day with him or see if he can go out on our field trip.
- Lynne talked to Canyon Lakes biologist and they may be able to offer some cameras/help

**5) LR Team Meeting Update** – Lynne updated the group on the 6/11 LR team meeting.

- The LR team field trips are scheduled for 7/23 in the AR and 8/20 in the Pike.
- National Indicators 5 year report is due in November. Jenny and Lynne will be working on these. (Jenny first half with her wildlife data, and Lynne from Nov 2012-present). Needs to be drafted by 8/13 LR Team meeting.
- LR team developing a Monitoring Master Plan. By August 13 meeting we need to outline for Tier 1 and Tier 2 species: monitoring needs, and analysis. Rick asked why the rush? Lynne said we’ve been talking about competing resources for how funding is going to work out. She asked Sara if this is a rush. They need to allocate for monitoring. Casey said in general we did talk about every other year monitoring avian species so we are ahead of some of the other monitoring teams. The cost after this year’s monitoring will be a good indication. Rick said philosophically off years \$40-70k (abert’s, goshawks) and “on” years (2014, 16, 18) think \$100k (birds, pine squirrels). We will have some needs on “off” years. Lynne brought up that we haven’t talked about analysis needs. Rick recommended we look at the presentation given to the LR team. Rick can attend one of those meetings. Lynne, Casey and Jenny agreed it’s not a drop dead date, but we need to start working on it so the LR and the Forests have a good idea of what the needs are.

**6) Roundtable Update:**

- Consider making an update to the Roundtable more in-depth at the November 14 meeting. We can give a brief update at the 9/5 meeting. Lynne and Rick to send slides to Jenny and Casey to help with this.

**7) Phase II Work Plan:**

- Shift after today to 4 meetings per year. October, January, April, July. Stick with the third Tuesday of the month. Next meeting October 21, place and time TBD.
- Tier 2 road show early 2015.
- Lynne and Rick continue to lead the team. Keep current partners involved, but think about engaging other partners who may be equipped for analysis work, like FWS and CSU.

- Future meetings focus on:
  - Implementation and fine tuning Tier 1
  - Tier 2 research and monitoring
  - Results of year 1 monitoring
  - Reporting back to LR and others as needed
- Team to create 1 page data sheets on Tier 2 species. Lynne will send a note to Felix to ask if he can do bats. Rick said focus less on backstory and more on what we will do. Assume justification will be captured in the report. Lynne said these will be helpful with our roadshow.

### **Next Steps:**

#### **Jenny:**

- Develop a 1-2 page protocol for RMBO training by 6/18 and send to the group.

#### **Everyone:**

- Make comments to Jenny's training protocol for RMBO, and return to Lynne Rick by 6/20

#### **Rick:**

- Send to RMBO; follow up with them to see if this surveying approach is possible
- Write 1-page data sheet on goshawks (by August 11)

#### **Lynne:**

- Start coming up with Wildlife needs for LR Team Monitoring Master Plan. Look at Wildlife presentation given to LR team to start.
- Let Felix know about his task of writing a 1 pager on bats.

#### **Rick & Lynne:**

- Get some slides to Casey and Jenny for the Roundtable meeting update.

#### **Casey:**

- Lead, coordinate with Felix and other camera people as needed (Jake Ivan)
- Coordinate with Janelle re: PIPO dominated grid cells

#### **Steve:**

- Write 1-page data sheet on flams (by August 11)

#### **Felix:**

- Write 1-page data sheet on bats (by August 11)

#### **Janelle:**

- Write 1-page data sheet on beetles (by August 11)