

**Northwest Colorado Stewardship (NWCOS)
 Planning Committee
 September 13, 2005
 Conference Call Summary**

Action Items

All	Next Planning Committee call is scheduled for Tuesday September 20 from 1-3.
Kristi	Edit NWCOS letter to John Husband based on today's call and redistribute to Planning Committee today
Jeremy	Draft an update on NWCOS's activities and send it (along with a copy of the NWCOS letter to John Husband) to Senator Allard, Senator Salazar, and Representative Salazar. If John opposes this idea, let the Planning Committee know.
Jeremy	As soon as CSU has funding, schedule a meeting for the Socioeconomic Subcommittee in Fort Collins
Marianna	Work with Communication and Participation Subcommittee on a strategy to publicize NWCOS meetings, update the public on NWCOS activities, and provide BLM documents to the public
All	By noon on Thursday, September 15, give Kristi creative ideas on how to make meetings more productive and help NWCOS come to agreement on a community alternative (kparker@keystone.org, 800-574-8157, x 5848).

Attendance

Jeremy Casterson, Jeff Comstock, Stephen Flaherty, Rick Hammel, Steve Hinkemeyer, Suzanne Jones, Reed Morris, Marianna Raftopoulos, Jane Yazzie, Kristi Parker Celico, and Heather Bergman

Agenda Items

1. Clarifying NWCOS Goals for Next 6 Months
2. Letter to John Husband or Kathleen Clarke
3. Schedule
4. Unique Ideas for Getting There
5. Update on White House Conference
6. Jane's Term on Planning Committee Ending

[Facilitator's Note: Due to the complexity of these issues, the group was only able to discuss Agenda Items 1 through 4. It was agreed that the Planning Committee will have another conference call on September 20 from 1 to 3 p.m. to resume this discussion.]

1. Clarifying NWCOS Goals for Next 6 Months

The group discussed the need to keep the broader public informed about the Resource Management Plan (RMP) revision process over the next 6 months. Since BLM's website is down, it was agreed that the Communication and Participation Subcommittee should address how to publicize meetings, provide NWCOS updates to the public, and provide documents as the process moves forward. It was agreed that a media briefing time should be scheduled into future NWCOS agendas.

The group also discussed the need for and interest in having a retreat or other field trip activity in the near future to set the stage for the next months' discussion. Several participants stated that they would

like to see NWCOS pursue this idea. It was agreed to table this discussion until there is more clarity on the broader NWCOS schedule for the fall.

2. Letter to John Husband or Kathleen Clarke

Participants in the call raised several concerns regarding the draft letter that was distributed with the agenda. Kristi will work to incorporate the group's comments and will redistribute the letter to the Planning Committee by Friday. The issues that were raised included:

- clarifying the role that NWCOS is inviting the BLM State Office and Headquarters to have in NWCOS and in the development of the community alternative
- clarifying that NWCOS will seek consensus according to the definition provided in the NWCOS Protocols, unless the full NWCOS agrees to do otherwise
- clarifying in the letter that NWCOS is just one of a larger group of publics that are involved in the RMP revision
- clarifying NWCOS expectations regarding BLM accepting the community alternative as it is or making/negotiating changes to it
- changing which officials will be copied on this letter (the group agreed that Gail Norton, Kathleen Clarke, Ron Wenker, and Sally Wisely will be copied, though copies will be sent to Elena Daly, Rich Whitley, Senator Allard, Senator Salazar, and Representative Salazar)
- adding the phone numbers of the members of the Planning Committee under their names on the letter so that they can be contacted for further information

3. Schedule

After discussing the impact analysis, the need for a primer to help folks understand it, and the kind of insight that NWCOS would like to have into Booz Allen Hamilton's assumptions and criteria, it was decided that some changes to the tentative schedule handed out with the agenda are warranted.

Rather than have Booz Allen Hamilton (BAH) staff give the primer in person at a NWCOS meeting, the group recommended that a written primer would suffice. Participants stated their interest in having BAH staff available in person for the discussion of the assumptions and criteria instead (and some thought that the primer discussion could be made part of such a meeting). The group is hoping to see BAH's assumptions regarding overarching assumptions, as well as examples of specific assumptions for individual issue areas or BAH's actual assumptions for a small number of key issue areas.

Additionally, the group agreed that there is no need for BAH staff to make the presentation of the final impact analysis—BLM should make this presentation instead.

The also discussed the schedule for the socioeconomic impact analysis being conducted by Colorado State University (CSU). As soon as CSU has its funding in place, Jeremy will schedule a time for the NWCOS Socioeconomic Subcommittee to meet with CSU faculty in Fort Collins to discuss their assumptions and criteria for the socioeconomic analysis.

4. Unique Ideas for Getting There

The group discussed several creative ideas for making meetings more productive and helping NWCOS come to agreement on a community alternative. No decisions were made on this topic, and participants agreed to submit their own ideas to Kristi by Thursday, September 15. Kristi will review everyone's ideas and put together a revised approach.