



**Lesser Prairie-Chicken Coordination Call Minutes
December 20, 2012**

MODERATOR: Barth Crouch

PARTICIPANTS: Ron Klataske, Howard Parman, Chad Volkman, Ty Allen, Matt Smith, Zach Eddy, Carol Bidleman, Aaron Flanders, Clay Nichols, Rod Winkler, Carol Bocksome, Jon Ungerer, Kelly Corman, Don Kahl, Andy Burr, Jarred Kneisel, Blair Fitzsimons, Chris Berens, David Wolfe, Scott Carleton, Terri Sage, Daly Edmunds, John Kuba, Mike Beam, Barth Crouch, Bob McCready plus 10-12 unidentified callers

USFWS Update: The listing proposal details and timeline - Allison Arnold

Allison Arnold was not able to make the call.

An NRCS LPCI update-Jon Ungerer, NRCS Lesser Prairie Chicken Initiative

NRCS LCPI staff with the support of several LEPC scientists have identified some research sites that will be used in evaluating programs. NRCS has started what will be a series of meetings with USFWS to revise and roll over the Conference Report into the Conference Opinion. Jon is confident that the refinements, based on experiences over the last few years, will lead to an improved product. Last, the LCPI coordinator position has likely been extended for at least one more year.

Update from David Wolfe - EDF

EDF held a meeting in Lubbock meeting on 12/17-8 attended by a group of LEPC biologists to review the Lesser Prairie-Chicken Interstate Working Group's (LPCIWG) draft metrics for a proposed range-wide credit system. The meeting was attended by Jon Haufler representing the LPCIWG who presented on the LPCIWG's proposed metric system. Meeting participants spent much of the time discussing the various measures, multipliers, etc. with the goal of providing suggested refinements and other ideas to the LPCIWG to ensure that the metrics will work optimally within a credit trading program. An extensive set of meeting notes will be given to the LPCIWG and distributed as well as the LEPC call list.

Also, EDF participated in the LPCIWG mitigation banking meeting on 12/19 and presented on different mitigation options for LEPC. EDF's goal is to provide support to the LPCIWG's efforts. EDF has notes from this meeting which will also be distributed to the LEPC call list.

EDF will likely schedule a second meeting to immediately before or after the upcoming LPCIWG meeting with industry and will likely be held in Edmond, OK in late January.

General listing of upcoming meetings and events from everyone on the call

Please let Barth know of upcoming LECP meetings and Barth will distribute those dates to the LEPC call list.

Short discussion of CRP Emergency haying and grazing results for 2012

Several callers had previously wondered about the percentage of existing CRP acres in the LEPC range that were hayed and grazed in FY2012. Barth did not run all the numbers but noted that TX only utilized 6% of existing CRP for haying or grazing in FY 2012 and approximately twice that percentage in FY2011. The highest utilization was in KS where 18% of existing CRP in the LEPC range was hayed or grazed in FY2012. The other states percentages were between those numbers for TX and KS.

Questions:

There were no questions and the call was closed at 20 minutes after the top of the hour.