

Dolores River Restoration Partnership (DRRP)

Full Partnership Meeting Thursday, April 2nd, 2015

Montrose, Colorado - 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.



***PLEASE RSVP by 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 31st to:
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Meeting Location: Holiday Inn
Address: 1391 S Townsend Ave, Montrose, CO 81401

Proposed Agenda Start: 10:00 AM

- 1. Introductions**
- 2. Agreement on Outcomes and Agenda for the day** – Marsha Porter-Norton, Facilitator
- 3. Welcome** – Barbara Sharrow, BLM Uncompahgre Field Office Manager
- 4. A Look Ahead: 2015 Project Implementation & Monitoring** – Peter Mueller, TNC (20 min)
- 5. Overview & Update on DRRP Communications Plan and Long-Term Funding**– Daniel Oppenheimer and Kristen Jespersen, TC (45 min)
 - What are our communications goals? How are we going to pursue them?
 - Where are we at towards achieving our long-term funding needs?
 - Key questions, discussion, and outline of next steps
- 6. Bird Monitoring on the Dolores: Discussing a New Opportunity** – John Toolen, BLM Uncompahgre Field Office (30 min)

Lunch –catch up with partners and sign the MOU!

- 7. Legislative Updates: HB 1006 Phreatophyte Management, Pesticide Applicators' Act, Prospective National Conservation Area, and Instream Flows**
– Rusty Lloyd, TC and Peter Mueller, TNC (30 min)
- 8. Discussion Groups – Break out and Report Back** (45 min)
 - A. Group 1: Evaluating the Future of the DRRP Outreach & Education (O&E) Subcommittee – with Mike Wight, SCC, chair of the O&E Subcommittee
 - *Given the communication goals, [how] should this subcommittee evolve?*
 - *Given this evolution, who else should be invited to join this subcommittee?*
 - B. Group 2: Treating kochia Part II: Continuing Discussions from the Annual Implementation Subcommittee Meeting – with Julie Knudson, TC
 - *How are others addressing control of kochia?*
 - *What further research would you like seen around managing kochia?*
 - C. Group 3: Discussion of Restoration Implications & Lessons Learned around the listing of the Gunnison Sage Grouse – with Peter Mueller, TNC, and Jim Garner, CPW
- 9. A GIS Tour: Reviewing Restoration Work Done to Date,**
Mike Wight, SCC (15 min)
- 10. Other Updates, Wrap-Up, and Evaluation** (10 min)

~DRRP Vision Statement~

The Dolores River watershed is dominated by native vegetation, where the threats from tamarisk and other associated invasive species have been mitigated and the riparian areas of the watershed continue to become more naturally functioning, self-sustaining, diverse, and resilient over time.