**Minutes**

**Lander/Green Mountain Mule Deer Working Group**

**June 9, 2015**

**6:15 PM – 9:15 PM**

**LRO-Lander, WY**

**Members In Attendance:** Ken Metzler, Stan Harter, David Killebrew, Harold Schultz, Jared Oakleaf, Marla Lemm

**Members Absent:** Brad Hovinga, Joe Hutto, Rowdy Anderson, Katie Erickson

**Game and Fish personnel:** Daryl Lutz, Teal Joseph, Dan Thompson, Derek Lemon

**Facilitator:** Rene Schell

6:15 Welcome-minutes, agenda and minutes approval, look at Working Group Timeline

* General Timeline for Group: Draft plan to group by end of June, groups comments back to all by end of July, Meet in August (finalize recommendations), Break in September and October, Meet in early November to prepare for post season public meeting in late Nov/early Dec.

6:20 Discussion on one page informational document that will be disseminated to public during the 2015 hunting season– *Daryl Lutz*

6:30 Discussion on Education Objectives- Introduced by *Marla Lemm*

* See attachment for discussion

7:15 Discussion on Predator Management- Introduced by *Rowdy Anderson*

* Recommendations
  + Work more closely with Predator Management Board in Fremont Co.
    - Determine how much affect predation has on MD in these herd units
    - Explore projects that benefit MD in conjunction with predator control
  + Increase educational materials on predators and their impacts- *ML*
* Discussion on bringing in Predator Board representative to speak with the group about what their observations are on predator numbers

7:45 Discussion on ATVs- Introduced by *Harold Schultz*

* Need to think about the broader range of impacts on public lands than just ATVs- *JO*
* See attachment for discussion

8:30 Discussion on Intensive Management- Introduced by *Rowdy Anderson*

* Objective- Increase Working Group involvement along with Game and Fish to intensely view the progress or regression of these herd units and continue to make changes as the group sees fit based on sound and scientific research.
* Discussion on what intensive management means and whether the group should switch to a different term
  + “Game farm” management will probably never occur and that is what is implied by the term intensive management. Adaptive management is feasible.- *SH*

8:45 Discussion on WGFD Presence- Introduced by *Jared Oakleaf*

* Enhance check station coverage.
  + Run the check stations after shooting hours
* Work with non-profits to provide a prize raffle for individuals who check animals into a check station or WGFD office.
* Work with non-profits to provide a prize raffle for individuals who respond to their annual harvest survey.
* Pay a higher overtime salary during hunt seasons for all employees logging time in the field.
* Work with Federal agencies to increase all land manager presence during hunt seasons.
* Avoid increasing presence in a manner that will add to hunter crowding issues.

9:00 Wrap Up

* Repeat Tentative Group Timeline:
  + End of June-draft document will be sent to group via email
  + End of July- email edits/comments back to Rene, Daryl and entire group
* Next meeting date 8/10
* Topics for next meeting agenda- finalize recommendations/document

9:15 Adjourn