Mule Deer Initiative Working Group Meeting  
December 9, 2014 6pm

Attendees:  Binfet, Bish, Withroder, Milek, O’Brien, Randy Morrison, Paul Threlkeld, Steve Garrett, Pete Garret, Dusty Porter, Miles Bundy, Chris Mikels, Jeff Muratore, Rhen Etzel Miller, Phil Marton, Brian Olsen

Not in Attendance:  Jim Wetzel, Ryan Kaiser, Brian Scott

1) Roundtable introductions
2) Bestowing of Deputy status on Pete Garrett – Jeff Muratore and Heather O’Brien
3) Collaborative Learning Process Presentation – Janet Milek
   a. Collaborative learning – process by which interdependent parties work together towards a common interest –in this case, mule deer
   b. Membership in the working group- wanted representation from interested parties – hunters, landowners, outfitters, businessmen, NGO reps, BLM reps, WGFD reps
   c. Roundtable of members describing their background, careers, experiences, why they feel they are a member of the team, what they bring to the team, what they want to get out of the team
   d. ACTION: Create a template for each member to fill in as their bio. Email out template, get back from members, compile and give to Commissioners at winter meeting (O’Brien)
   e. More explanation of collaborative learning – the process
   f. Education first: need to provide the group with as much information on variables affecting mule deer – habitat info, management info, disease, predation, etc. Working group needs to receive a wider variety of information on all the variables before beginning work on problem-solving and involving the public
   g. ACTION: 3-year data for Chris Mikels of classification data (O’Brien)
   h. Goal: Set two educational meetings to cover information that needs to be shared on topics that affect mule deer
      i. Meeting dates – January – two meetings – 7th and 14th. Might need more or less depending on what the group decides they want. Can decide as we go.
      j. ACTION: get demographic data on hunter retention from Cheyenne survey (Binfet)
      k. ACTION: get FB questions to Jeff Muratore (O’Brien)
      l. ACTION: put MDI card handout graphic in the Wyoming Livestock Roundup (Garretts?)
   m. Other papers: Casper Journal, Our Town, others?
   n. ACTION: write an article in OUR TOWN for January (Milek)
   o. ACTION: contact Brian Scott to talk about MDI on K2 Radio (Porter)

Meeting adjourned at 8:20pm. Notes submitted by Heather O’Brien

NEXT MEETINGS: January 7th and January 14th – 6:00PM – WGFD Casper Office