



Avian Habitat Project Development Strategies Meeting

Date: August 25th, 2016

Time: 9:00 am – 3:00 pm; lunch provided

Location: Monument Community Room - Central Library, 443 N 6th Street, Grand Junction & Horsethief State Wildlife Area

Purpose: With input from Desert Rivers Collaborative partners and local and regional subject matter experts, develop a system to identify, frame, and prioritize projects in terms of existing grant programs for migratory bird habitat restoration.

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Morning Session (Monument Community Room, Central Library): 9 am – 12 pm

• Introduction & Overview of Meeting Goals		
○ Review Goals, Objectives, and Indicators for DRC Focus Area	Shannon Hatch - TC	9 am
○ Significant Bird-Specific Funding Sources		
▪ Introduce North American Wetland Conservation Act (NAWCA)	Matt Reddy – DU	9.15 am
▪ CPW Wetlands for Wildlife Program	Brian Sullivan – CPW	9.30 am
• Wetland-dependent Wildlife Habitat Conservation in the DRC Focus Area		
○ Waterfowl Life Cycle Needs and Habitats	Jim Gammonley – CPW	9.45 am
○ Non-Waterfowl Avian Life Cycle Needs and Habitats	Jason Beason – BCR	10.15 am
○ Identify Successful Wetland Habitat Conservation Elements		
▪ Physical & Ecological Characteristics	Brian Sullivan – CPW	10.45 am
▪ Administrative & Financial Characteristics	Bill Noonan – USFWS	11.05 am
○ Tools and Resources for Habitat Conservation Project Managers		
▪ Project Development Technical Resources		
▪ Project Funding Technical Resources	Matt Reddy – DU	11.25 am
• Working Lunch Case Study – Rio Chamita Small NAWCA grant	Marty Moses – BCR	11.45 am
Lunch, carpool to Horsethief SWA		12.30 pm

Afternoon Session (Horsethief State Wildlife Area): 1 pm – 3 pm

• Project Case Study: Horsethief SWA Shallow-water Wetlands		
○ Shallow-water Wetlands – Project Brief	Matt Reddy – DU	1.15 pm
○ Shallow-water Wetlands – Project Operations & Management	Ivan Archer – CPW Melissa Werkmeister – BOR	1.30 pm
• Group Discussions:		
○ Challenges & Strategies for Wetland Projects in the DRC focus area		2 pm
○ Future Training and Workshop Needs	Group	2.30 pm