

Baker County local work group meeting

2/20/2019

Crossroads art center

Partner updates

ODF: working on baker watershed, Burnt river range and mule deer initiative contracts.

USFWS: Continuing sage grouse plans, in the process of who, what, when, where of the OWEB FIP grant money and how to handle those projects.

Baker Co. FEMA funding for the wildlife urban interface.

OSU extension: GIS education for land owners and land managers to learn how to GPS and map problem areas on their properties like weeds and other things. Also working on irrigation efficiencies with landowners.

SWCD: Large and small grants program, focused on water quality.

Baker resource coalition: grass roots group of small woodland owners and natural resource professionals working toward a goal of forest management, tourism, water management, wildland urban interface, and future generation education and interest in natural resources.

Small woodland group; education and outreach for local youths, getting them involved in natural resource projects, working with Baker Technical Institute and the schools to get kids involved in forestry and natural resource related curriculum.

Natural Resource problems in Baker Co.

Baker county weed management brought up Ventenata could and is a foreseeable problem annual grass in Baker Co, as it already is in Wallowa and Union Co.

Wildland urban interface fire danger problems, near pine creek and Goodrich creek, lots of new landowners and homes going up, with a lack of forest management.

Baker valley/Powder river ditch piping and irrigation ditch upgrade, possible livestock water along with water efficiency.

Lack of road access in the baker watershed makes fighting a fire more difficult. U.S forest service and the Wallowa Whitman national forest is "on board" with the baker watershed, recent change in upper level management for the forest. NEPA process could be starting this year for the USFS on the watershed.

Retrofitting livestock water systems in the range and forest to be useful for fighting fire. IE filling tankers.