

# Park County WPLI Advisory Committee | MINUTES

June 7, 2016 | 4:00 pm – approx. 6:15 pm | Park County Courthouse Alternate EOC Room

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| Meeting called by | Bucky Hall, Park County Commissioner and WPLI Committee Chair                     | Attendees   |
| Type of meeting   | Advisory Committee  | Committee Members: Bucky Hall, Lee Livingston, JD Radakovich, Chris Pfister, Jenny DeSarro, John McGee, Michael Hirsch, Bob Jackson, Christine Bekes, Karinthia Harrison, Don Schmalz, Doug Smith, Rick Harrison, Phyllis Preator, Hap Ridgway, Dustin Rosencranse, Greg Mayton, John Gallagher, Rori Renner, Joseph Kondelis |
| Facilitator       | Tara Kuipers, UW Extension NW Area Community Development Educator                 | Other Attendees: Park County Commissioners Tim French, Loren Grosskopf, Joe Tilden; Tara Kuipers; Shaunna Romero; Peter Aengst, The Wilderness Society; Steff Kessler, Wyoming Outdoor Council; Shaleas Harrison, Wyoming Wilderness Association; CJ Baker, Powell Tribune; Scott Kolb, Cody Enterprise                       |
| Note taker        | Shaunna Romero, Park County Commissioners' Exec. Asst. & WPLI Committee Secretary | Absent: Wes Allen   |

## NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, July 27 – 3:00 p.m. – Alternate EOC Room, Park County Courthouse Addition  
Presenter: Delissa Minnick, Field Manager, Bureau of Land Management, Cody Field Office

## AGENDA TOPICS

*Welcome Pete Obermueller, Executive Director, Wyoming County Commissioners Association (WCCA) | Commissioner Hall*

Pete Obermueller explained the intent of the initiative, provided the history of the WCCA's inviting Wyoming's counties to participate in the WPLI process, and answered questions. Obermueller said five years of discussion preceded the Wyoming counties' involvement in the Public Lands Initiative. The WCCA intends for the WPLI advisory groups, under the direction of the Boards of County Commissioners, to collectively advance solutions for the WSAs that could work in Wyoming, including considering directive for new management options.

Utah's Public Lands Initiative (currently in legislative text) was a loose model for Wyoming's initiative (the Wyoming initiative will take place at the county level; Utah's effort was entirely led by Representative Rob Bishop). The Utah plan appealed to Obermueller because it's different from the typical process: It's not a predetermined outcome, but a process that will end with the WCCA drafting a bill to include all of the state's WPLI county recommendations [functionally one bill with several divisions for each county's WSA(s)]. He emphasized that for the bill to be successful at the Federal level, collaboration is needed from all advisory committee members engaged in the WPLI process.

The WCCA will establish check-in points with the counties, the first at the annual WCCA meeting in September. When all participating county WPLI advisory committees have completed recommendations and received approval for those recommendations from their respective Boards of County Commissioners, the WCCA will draft legislative text. County Commissioners will have opportunity to review the draft bill and may withdraw if they don't agree with the WCCA's final recommendation.

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## *Introductions | Attendees*

Meeting attendees provided their names and WPLI positions or agency affiliations.

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## *Approval of Minutes | Tara, Commissioner Hall, Advisory Committee*

Minutes from the June 1 WPLI Advisory Committee meeting were approved.

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## *WPLI Draft Charter & Revisions | Tara Kuipers*

Committee members discussed the draft Park County WPLI Advisory Committee Group Charter. Members suggested that adding language to the charter to include other lands not exclusively defined within the WSA boundaries could aid the group in coming to consensus. Commissioners reminded the group that they formed the advisory committee to consider only the two WSAs and do not want other lands considered. A recommendation submitted to the commissioners that includes added lands for consideration has the potential to be rejected.

Replacement of committee members was discussed: The committee may bring request to the commissioners if a position becomes vacant.

The committee will use a six-point consensus scale, with four and above signifying approval.

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## *Meeting Schedule | Commissioner Hall*

Meeting frequency will be 3 to 4 weeks; preferred meeting days are Tuesday or Wednesday.

Next meetings: (dates TBD based on agency availability)

Invite Forest Service representative: High Lakes WSA

Invite BLM representative: McCullough Peaks WSA

Information desired:

- Options: Spectrum of full use & designations / definitions
- WSA boundary specifics
- Maps: accessibility (roads, trails)
- Historic & current allowed uses
- Status in current management plan
- Current lessees, permittees

Invite Game & Fish representative to same meetings with FS & BLM

G&F information desired:

- Wildlife presence in both WSAs
  - endangered species?
  - Grizzly bear management
- Hunting / harvest data

Consider inviting Office of State Lands representative

The meeting was adjourned.

| <b>Action items</b>  | <b>Person responsible</b> | <b>Deadline</b> |
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| Committee members are asked to read the Wilderness Act<br>Link: Wilderness Act<br><a href="https://www.nps.gov/pore/learn/management/upload/lawsandpolicies_publiclaw88_577_wildernessact.pdf">https://www.nps.gov/pore/learn/management/upload/lawsandpolicies_publiclaw88_577_wildernessact.pdf</a><br>Send any questions or suggestions via email to <a href="mailto:sromero@parkcounty.us">sromero@parkcounty.us</a> | committee members         | next meeting    |

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| Communication via email to Advisory Committee members to include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Revised Park County WPLI Advisory Committee Group Charter</li> <li>June 7 Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes</li> </ul> | Shaunna                   |                 |

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| Poll Advisory Committee – preferred meeting days / times | Tara                      |                 |
| Update Park County WPLI Advisory Committee Group Charter | Tara                      |                 |

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| Next Meeting Agenda        | Commissioner Hall /<br>Shaunna |                 |
| Email to Committee Members | Shaunna                        |                 |

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| Work with Chair and Facilitator to develop next meeting agenda  | Shaunna                   |                 |
| Receive & compile communications from Committee members   |                           |                 |
| Publish meeting minutes and other Advisory Committee documents to designated websites (Park County, WCCA) | [Presenter]               |                 |