

Dolores River Restoration Partnership (DRRP)

Biannual Full Partnership Meeting * November 8th, 2012 *

Dolores, Colorado - 10:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (note revised times)

PLEASE RSVP by 4:30 p.m. on Monday the 5th of November to
Kathy Sherer: jksherer@q.com or 970-884-2355.

Meeting Location: Tres Rios-BLM Field Office in Dolores

Address: 29211 Hwy. 184, Dolores, Colorado (just outside of town to the west,
on the SE corner of the intersection of Highways #145 and #184)

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Proposed Outcomes:

- A clear understanding of what we have accomplished and what still lies ahead
- Celebration of the Partnership's successes
- Collective dialogue and action items addressing key Partnership questions

Proposed Agenda Start: 10:30 AM (please note new start time)

1. Introductions (10 minutes)
2. Agreement on outcomes and the agenda for the day (5 minutes), Marsha Porter-Norton, Facilitator
3. Welcome by the Tres Rios, CO BLM Field Office (10 minutes), Lori Armstrong, District Manager, Southwest District Office BLM; and Matt Azhocar, Associate District Manager, Southwest District Office, BLM
4. Celebrating 2012 Milestones and Successes (1 hour 45 minutes)
 - A. Implementation & on-the-ground progress, Peter Mueller, The Nature Conservancy and Co-Chair, Implementation and Private Lands Subcommittees
 - Public Land Managers: Each BLM Field Office will share successes and accomplishments
 - Conservation Corps: We will hear from 2-3 Conservation Corps members
 - Private Lands: Marilyn Kastens, from the U.S. Dept. of Energy, will talk briefly about DOE's and the leaseholder's involvement in DRRP
 - B. Trainings, volunteer and outreach events
 - Riparian Grazing Training, Daniel Oppenheimer, Tamarisk Coalition and Co-Chair, Implementation and Private Lands Subcommittees, and Chair, Grazing Management Subcommittee
 - Ken Lair Site Visits, Daniel Oppenheimer
 - Gateway Trail Project, Mike Wight, Conservation Corps Representative and Chair, Outreach and Education Subcommittee
 - C. Science and Monitoring: Outputs and Plant Identification, Julie Knudson, Tamarisk Coalition and Chair, Science and Monitoring Subcommittees
 - D. Funding Report: How we support all of this great work, Rusty Lloyd, Tamarisk Coalition and Chair, Funding Subcommittee
5. Lunch: Taco bar for vegetarians & carnivores (35 minutes)

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6. Education for all: Recent Learning, Planning and Scientific Efforts on the River (35 minutes)
(Find these reports at this link: <http://ocs.fortlewis.edu/drd/implementationTeamReports.htm>)
 - A. Update on a new plan released by the Implementation Team, *Lower Dolores River Implementation, Monitoring and Evaluation Plan: For Native Fish*, Wendy McDermott, San Juan Citizens Alliance and Peter Mueller, The Nature Conservancy
 - B. *Evaluation of Proposed Reservoir Release Guidelines: Dolores River Below McPhee Dam – Emphasis, Big Gypsum Valley Reach*, Dr. Cynthia Dott, Riparian Ecologist, Fort Lewis College, Durango
7. Break-Out Groups: Dialogue and Thinking Through Key Questions (1 hour 20 minutes)
 - A. First Break-Out: (please choose **one** break-out group)
 - Revegetation: What have we learned about active and passive revegetation along the Dolores and beyond? What questions do you have? Thoughts, input, suggestions?
OR
 - Social Goals: What role can we all play towards DR-RAP’s social goals? How can we engage and support the conservation corps members?

Break (10 minutes)

- B. Second Break-Out: (all break-out groups answer the same question)
 - The DRRP project period is for five years from 2009 to 2014. It’s time for the DRRP to start thinking about the future. The Core Team has been talking about this and felt that we should start by asking the DRRP these broad questions: a) *When you think about the DRRP after the initial project period, what ideas come to mind?* b) *What could the DRRP work on together, if anything?*
8. Looking Ahead: Upcoming Events and Initiatives (40 minutes)
 - A. Subcommittee Reports, Subcommittee Chairs
 - B. The Cross-Watershed Network, Daniel Oppenheimer
 - C. New Corps River Restoration Website, Mike Wight
 - D. Tamarisk Coalition Research Conference, Rusty Lloyd
9. Wrap-up and Evaluation (10 minutes)

DRRP Vision Statement

The Dolores River watershed is dominated by native vegetation, where the threats from tamarisk and other associated invasive species have been mitigated and the riparian areas of the watershed continue to become more naturally functioning, self-sustaining, diverse, and resilient over time