

## FINAL – Minutes of Teton Valley Wildlife Advisory Committee Meeting 12/7/22

Committee Members in Attendance: Jeff Klausmann, Kathy O'Neil, Wray Landon, Tamara Sperber, Linda Unland, Michael Whitfield.

Staff in Attendance: Rob Marin

Meeting was called to Order at 3:10

### 1. **Finish Review of and Recommendations for County Wildlife Overlay Maps Updates.**

The Committee, with the assistance of Rob Marin, has incorporated recommended changes into the Teton County Wildlife Overlay maps, based on information from the Idaho Fish and Game's Summary of Fish and Wildlife Resources in Teton County, Idaho. There is additional data from the Teton Regional Land Trust on water birds that needs to be revised before adding it to the overlay - areas that are outside of the existing water bird overlay.

Updating bear conflict zones in the overlay was put on hold until more information can be obtained. Discussion of how to best obtain the necessary information included suggestions to: request further data and information from IDFG; to consult with a bear modeling expert (Brent Brock); and/or to create a sub-committee.

### 2. **Continued Discussion of County Policy for Natural Resource Analyses.** Questions the committee will be addressing: What does it mean to do an NRA(Natural Resources Analysis)? Is there an easier way to streamline the process when applications are submitted to the county? How can the process be less cumbersome to Fish and Game? How to develop an objective and simple system for the county to assess applications? How to vet experts/consultants?

IDFG has asked the committee to develop an outline for what an NRA should include. As the county Planning Department is going to begin working on applications covered by the new code in February, their goal is to work on the specific language around any application to make it standardized. It was suggested that this could include a template on the county website for developers to have upfront when they submit applications.

#### ACTION.

- Rob Marin: Complete overlay map with new committee recommendations based on the Idaho Fish and Game Summary and Teton Regional Land Trust data on water birds.
- Committee: Special Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, December 14, at 3pm via zoom to review, approve and vote on the recommended changes to be submitted to the Board of County Commissioners.
- Jeff Klausmann: Work with Fish and Game on getting an outline of what they recommend to be included in an NRA.

- Jeff Klausmann: Contact Brent Brock re: bear modeling.
- Jeff Klausmann: Check with Teton County, WY to determine how they vet their consultants /experts for NRA's.

3. **Minutes.** Minutes from November 2,2022 meeting approved.

4:45 Meeting adjourned.

Next meeting: January 4 at 3pm. Special meeting: Wed Dec 14 at 3 pm