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ATTENDEES

Tim Bardsley, Western Water Assessment

Dave Bastian, Utah Conservation Corps

Rhett Boswell, Utah Division of Wildlife Resources

Dennis Bramble, private landowner

Cassidy Buchanan-Gauthier, Coconino Rural Environmental Corps

Paul Burnett, Trout Unlimited

Tim Carlson, Walton Family Foundation

Warren Colyer, Trout Unlimited

Kim Crumbo, Grand Canyon Wildlands

Terry DeLay, U.S. Forest Service

Amy Dickey, Utah Division of Water Quality

Kim Dolatta, US Forest Service

Sue Fearon, Boulder Community Alliance

Sally Ferguson, Student Conservation Association

Wade Frisbey, American Conservation Experience

Mike Golden, Dixie National Forest

Gen Green, The Nature Conservancy

Shannon Hatch, Tamarisk Coalition

Richard Hepworth, Utah Division of Wildlife Resources

Kristen Jespersen, Tamarisk Coalition

Justin Jimenez, BLM

Afton McKusick, American Conservation Experience

Kevin Miller, Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument/BLM

Matt Moore, Canyon Country Youth Corps

Mary O'Brien, Grand Canyon Trust

Charlotte Overby, Conservation Lands Foundation

Tim Peterson, Grand Canvon Trust

Noel Poe, Grand Staircase-Escalante Partners

Carolyn Shelton, Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument/BLM

Peg Smith, Boulder Community Alliance

John Spence, National Park Service

Dan Trujillo, Utah Division of Wildlife Resources

Joel Tuhy, The Nature Conservancy

Kristina Waggoner, Grand Staircase-Escalante Partners

John Wallin, Conservation Lands Foundation

Linda Whitham, The Nature Conservancy

Mike Wight, Southwest Conservation Corps

Michele Straube, University of Utah (facilitator)

Haley Carmer, University of Utah (facilitation assistant)

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UPCOMING EVENTS AND WORKSHOPS

- Feb. 28: 5th installation of Tamarisk Coalition webinar sustainable funding mechanism; payment for watershed services [archived on TC website]
- March 11 15th: Tamarisk Coalition Research Conference and Workshop (see website for details http://www.tamariskcoalition.org/)
- March 13th: Film and panel discussion, "A Tour of River Restoration Projects Along the Colorado, Dolores and Escalante Rivers" (www.river-management.org)
- March 14th: NPS conference where John Spence will be receiving the *Natural Resource Manager of the Year* award for his work with the Park Service
- Mid May: impossible2Possible Expedition Utah 2013, Grand Staircase-Escalante Monument (http://impossible2possible.com/i2p/)
- Mid May: Trek West (specific date when arriving in Escalante area TBD) (http://trekwest.org/)
- May 18th: Southeast Utah Restoration Partnership (SURP) Celebration, Moab, UT
- Sept. 21st: Leave it To Beavers festival, Anasazi State Park, Boulder, UT
- Opportunities to participate in field work:
 - June: UDWR warm water native fish monitoring contact Dan Trujillo is vou're interested
 - Summer: interval long-term monitoring for Colorado Cut Throat Trout in DWR southern region – contact Mike Golden if you're interested

NEXT ERWP MEETING [scheduled since full partnership meeting]

- Monday, May 20 9-10 am Coordinating Committee meeting (in Escalante)
- Monday, May 20 10-5 full partnership meeting (in Escalante)
- Monday, May 20 7-8 pm UT Division of Wildlife Resources presentation on watershed-specific wildlife management issues (in Escalante)
- Tuesday, May 21 open for possible field trip and/or committee meetings (in Escalante)

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ERWP ADMINISTRATION

- New potential partner = USGS
 - Groundwater study w/ USGS initiated
 - Monument working with USGS on water quantity study
 - USGS hydrologist attending 2/27/13 Science/Conservation Targets meeting
- 2012 Accomplishments (PowerPoint slides available from facilitator)
 - Escalante River nominated by DOI as Great Outdoors River
 - ERWP recognized as model for watershed partnership
 - Nearly \$2 million raised
 - Woody Invasives: \$950,000Education/Outreach: \$60,660
 - Science: \$8,000Streams: \$430,000Headwaters: \$624,560
 - Strategic Planning Retreat
 - Revisited ERWP direction, priorities, structure, long-term sustainable funding, etc.
 - Reorganized ERWP structure to improve Partnership function
 - Education & Outreach
 - 9 volunteer trips (control efforts, beaver monitoring, etc.)
 - Beaver Festival held in Escalante
 - Outreach methods: Data portal, Facebook, FAQs, Media, Newsletters
 - Conservation Targets
 - Aspen regeneration in Sawmill area
 - Beaver activity; willow growth
 - Reference area restoration
 - BRAT (Beaver Restoration & Assessment Tool)
 - National Riparian Service Team workshop held
 - Holding another in 2013 to focus on private landowner support
 - o Committee-specific accomplishments/action steps
 - Planning
 - Monitoring/Studies (water quality, morphology, vegetation, etc.)
 - Conservation plans
 - Treatment and control
 - Conservation Corps collaborative training
 - Alvey Wash Inventory

2013 Partnership Priorities

- o Funding for action steps (science, research, on the ground control, etc.)
- o Long-term/sustainable funding sources
- Coordination

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- Strategic Planning Retreat Debrief (PowerPoint slides available from facilitator)
 - o Attendees: Executive & Funding committees, committee chairs
 - Retreat Objectives:
 - Confirm priorities in Action Plan
 - Revisit organizational structure
 - Explore sustainable funding
 - Recommendations for the Partnership going forward
 - Key Partnership priorities
 - Woody invasives control/restoration
 - Actions to benefit conservation targets
 - Focus on science/research
 - More emphasis on outreach and education
 - · Raise awareness about ERWP
 - Educate community
 - Highlight value of projects to local community
 - o Discussed Partnership's strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats
 - <u>Strengths</u> = dedicated, diverse partners accomplishing a lot of ground work; potential to reach out to communities
 - Weaknesses and Threats = lack of full community involvement; negative perceptions; divergent agendas of partners; lack of sustainable funding
 - Developed new organizational structure
 - Discussed incorporating ERWP into non-profit → decided to remain loose collaboration
 - New committee structure to achieve better coordination of efforts and funding
 - Woody Invasives Control and Restoration
 - Conservation Targets [combined Streams and Headwaters]
 - Science
 - Education and Outreach
 - Work with all other committees to achieve their education/outreach goals
 - Committee coordination/overlap
 - Coordinating Committee [combined Executive and Funding]
 - Coordinate among committees to identify overlap of projects and funding sources
 - o Move strategic actions forward
 - Track and plan Partnership funding with an eye for filling funding gaps
 - Self-evaluation
 - Partnership Funding
 - Successes
 - Coordinated woody removal across public and private land
 - Individual project funding that fulfills committee needs

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- Challenges
 - Coordination across committees
 - Tracking funding → Capacity to administer and track funds, develop grants
 - Reporting consistency
 - Money for monitoring, science, outreach, admin
- Committee roles in funding process
 - Identify projects, funding sources, funding applicant, and funding gaps
 - Track Committee's funds/expenses AND members track their in-kind work
- Coordinating Committee role in funding process
 - Funding overlap and gaps
 - Identify collaborative funding opportunities
- Timeline
 - Quarterly responsibility/funding timeline
 - · Quarterly meeting agenda items
 - Develop out-year planning cycle to match agency and NGO source cycles

Coordinating Committee Report

- o 10 members Chair: Linda Whitham
- Met 3 times to flesh out role:
 - Coordinate activities across committees to prevent duplication of effort
 - Promote partnership health and sustainable funding
 - Coordinate funding development and track across committees
 - Identify education/outreach opportunities
 - Coordinate crisis response
- o Funding timeline [breaks down committee roles, goals of meetings, etc.]
- Review committee work plans
 - Compare to 10-year Action Plan
 - Who is the lead on each action item
 - Funding to implement actions? Funding gaps?
- Developed "scenarios" to understand and establish which committee/partner would be responsible for what and how the process/timeline would work

AQUATIC ANALYSIS PROJECT

- o Presenters: Paul Burnett and Warren Colyer of Trout Unlimited
- Joint venture between Trout Unlimited and BLM
- Fits several objectives/action steps
 - ERWP may have some data that may help with the project → work with Science and Conservation Targets committees

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- Benefits:
 - Already being done
 - ERWP doesn't need to come up with funding
 - ERWP can help in other ways with data collection
 - Existence of ERWP helped prioritize study in this watershed
 - Table of Recommended Restoration Strategies linked to subwatersheds as opposed to averages used in ERWP conservation target tables
 - Conservation Success Index (GIS tool)
 - Monitoring, data storage & analysis
 - Models status and threats of aquatic species
 - Provides possible framework for restoration prioritization
 - Can tweak focus points to reflect what's relevant in particular watershed
 - Can model water quality and vegetative cover
- Escalante River Analysis
 - Ensure analysis is relevant to ERWP Action Plan
 - Watershed-scale (headwaters, cold water fisheries, etc.)
 - Focus on habitat connectivity; conduct barrier assessment
 - Use aerial imagery to identify barriers/possible barriers and decide where on the ground efforts needed
 - · Connectivity analysis
 - Consolidate & synthesize existing data
 - Classification scheme of basin-wide riparian vegetation using GIS → might be able to differentiate Russian Olive as its own classification from other vegetation

OUTREACH STRATEGIES FOR LOCAL COMMUNITIES

- Garfield County October 2012 letter to three federal agencies
 - Alleged FACA violation
- Three agencies' coordinated response
 - BLM/Interior lawyers opined that not a FACA violation
 - Agency managers responded in letter to Garfield County Commissioners
 - Partnership enables agencies to do their jobs more efficiently
 - · Included relevant federal laws
 - Secretary Salazar: "Government agencies work best when they work with each other and with partnerships"
 - Commissioners responded with continued FACA violation allegations
- DWR outreach efforts
 - Discussions with Commissioners about beaver reintroduction → slow but forward progress

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- Important to emphasize the fact that the State, in accordance with its reintroduction plan and regulatory limitations, has exclusive authority over removal, transfer and reintroduction of beaver
- Retired Monument biologist working with beaver also in communication with Commissioners on this issue
- Discussion about ERWP outreach strategy
 - Possible audience
 - County Commissioners
 - Irrigation companies
 - Individuals with express interest in beaver reintroduction
 - Boulder & Escalante Elected Officials
 - Possible outreach activities
 - One-on-one conversations
 - · Quarterly inter-agency meetings with Commissioners
 - Festivals
 - Workshops
 - Brochures/educational documents
 - Message
 - Effectively communicate what ERWP is v. what it is not; what ERWP does v. what it does not do
 - Consistency [FAQs, one-page info sheet, newsletter, etc.]
 - Continue transparency, free flow of information
 - Which ERWP entity should be responsible for each aspect of the outreach strategy?
- Additional opportunities for ERWP Outreach
 - Newsletter insert into the *Insider* and other updates in local newspapers/written publications
 - Work with private landowners that have benefited from ERWP efforts and encourage them to vocalize their support
 - ERWP festivals and ERWP presence at other public events

COMMITTEE UPDATES

- Woody Invasive Control and Restoration Committee (WICR) (PowerPoint slides available from facilitator)
 - o Co-Chairs: Kristina Waggoner, Amber Hughes
 - o 2012 -- Successful removal on public and private land
 - Alvey Wash Inventory
 - Southern Utah University
 - Not much RO outside main stem
 - 2013 Priority: removal in sparsely-populated tributaries
 - o ERWP awarded project sponsor of the year by Utah Conservation Corps
 - o Guidelines and Resources for Restoring Native Vegetation finalized

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- o 2013 Work Plan:
 - Hire conservation crews for RO (public and private lands)
 - Establish long term monitoring sites
 - Ask private landowners to quantify/report the value they will be putting toward removal
 - Identify active restoration sites → demonstration project
 - Total budget: \$1,470,666
 - Requested Funding: \$1,095,597
 - Different funding from 2012
 - More diverse funding sources from 2012
 - In-kind services will be better documented this year
- Other priorities for 2013:
 - Update working plan
 - Add Alvey Wash chapter
 - Add biomass management chapter
 - · Include adaptive management plan
 - Streamline reporting and in-field data gathering to put into GIS
 - Treated (for the first time) acres
 - Re-treated acres (year)
 - Cleared acres (more relevant to private land)
 - Reassessed acres → replace word "monitored" after introduction of rapid monitoring program
 - Update field data forms
 - Begin Rapid Monitoring Program → discuss, establish protocol, etc.
 - Streamline funding requests, establish common language for grant proposals
- Conservation Targets Committee (PowerPoint slides available from facilitator)
 - o Co-Chairs: Mike Golden, Mary O'Brien
 - Beaver activities 2012:
 - North Creek beaver reintroduction data tracking
 - Photo points project
 - o Beaver dams catching sediment since 2009
 - Document subsequent changes
 - Track new willow growth to document transformation from pinion juniper ecosystem to a riparian one
 - · Threat of removal of beaver in North Creek
 - Beaver assessments under DWR 2010-2020 Beaver Management Plan
 - Visited sites listed in DWR to assess which sites are suitable for beaver relocation
 - 2 potential locations
 - o suggested priority transplant sites

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- Develop baseline survey to establish stakeholder and DWR's understanding of beaver's role and beaver management options
- 2010-2012 Beaver Research and Assessment report available
- Beaver -- 2013 planned activities:
 - Develop beaver awareness survey
 - Monitoring in various creeks, continue with photo project
 - Track Beaver Creek, Sweetwater Creek, North Creek
 - Beaver Festival September 21, 2013, Anasazi State Park
 - Beaver Restoration Assessment Tool ground-truth protocol
- DWQ Monitoring sites in Escalante Basin
 - 2012-2013 (monthly sampling)
- Main canyon restoration projects
 - Hall Creek fish passage (contracted w/ Garfield County)
 - Main Canyon road maintenance (contracted w/ County)
 - Ongoing Main Canyon FH 17 maintenance and drainage improvement
 - Riparian treatments
 - Remove encroaching pinion juniper/conifers (5 of 63 acres completed)
 - · Hand felling, lopping, and scattering/chipping slash
 - Private landowners on main canyon want land treated
 - Work done by Utah Forest, Fire, and State land (\$86,000)
- Limiting Factors Database development put on hold in light of TU/BLM Aquatic Analysis project
- East Fork Boulder Creek Native Trout Restoration Project
 - FS direction waiving Pesticide Use permit for rotenone treatments
 - New MOU developing between region and state to make approach official
 - DWR developing treatment plans and planning coordination with local communities
 - BCA/Boulder wants to be at the table when planning decisions made
 - CRCT restoration in watershed
- BLM stream assessment program
 - Protocol to assess physical/biological/chemical condition on perennial streams and riparian areas → aquatic core indicators development
 - 80 sites assessed, 3 in Escalante Watershed [Birch Creek, Sand Creek, Escalante main stream] → report forthcoming

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- · Showing sites with impairment and reasons for impairment
 - Salinity = common impairment
- Will step down to particular watersheds → Escalante = priority area
 - Baseline monitoring now
 - Look at all streams on GSENM (2/3-3/4/13 = Escalante)
- Out year projects
 - Native fish restoration in Calf Creek?
 - Unpiloted aircraft systems → potential monitoring tool (http://rmgsc.cr.usgs.gov/uas/)
- Science Committee (PowerPoint slides available from facilitator)
 - o Co-Chair: John Spence, Linda Whitham
 - o 2 working groups (Reference Area, Climate Change Adaptation)
 - Springs & Seeps inventory (moving to Conservation Targets Committee)
 - Assess & monitor springs [discharge, quantity, quality, geomorphology, vegetation, macroinvertebrates, etc.]
 - Collect samples according to BLM protocol, may get sample analysis for free thru UT State Univ.
 - First round of collection in the Park, also happening in the Forest, going to meet in the middle
 - Estimate of 500-1,000 springs in watershed
 - Identified as a funding gap after this year (3-year project)
 - Reference Area Working Group
 - Co-Chair: Dennis Bramble & Mary O'Brien
 - Develop network of strategic applied research locations
 - Integrated and networked reference areas
 - Long-term monitoring
 - Grand Canyon Trust purchased ranches for research purposes (Kane & Two Mile) → research done on each ranch's BLM and Forest Service allotments
 - Reference Areas cut across public and private lands → good opportunity for cross-agency management plans/efforts
 - Sustainable Grazing Report → reference area recommendation for long term monitoring → hoping that report recommendations will be implemented into management decisions
 - Funding gap: Reference area intern
 - 2013 Focus
 - Define characteristics/purpose of reference areas (might be part of Science Workshop)
 - Assemble data on monitoring sites in ERW (include historic data and understanding)

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- Fence Work:
 - King's Pasture fence completion (July 2013); track fate of aspen stand near fence
 - Hobbit Spring fence off spring (July 2013)
- Climate Change Adaptation workshop
 - Main goal = climate change workshop
 - Pick conservation target from Action Plan → look at effects of plausible future climate scenario on species/habitat → what can "we" do to help species/habitat adapt?
 - ACT (Adaptation for Conservation Targets) Model
 - Science Committee reps attending Workshop in March to train leaders to complete process [workshop target = CO River Cutthroat Trout]
 - · Consider most important stressors and habitat elements
 - X-variables impacted in X-way by climate change → how do effected variables affect CRCT → what can agencies do about variables to protect CRCT?
 - After training in March, ERWP members will conduct workshop in Escalante
 - · Get funding to do assessment in Escalante in 2014
 - Conduct for different audiences (managers, scientists, etc.)
 - Meeting participant request to include beaver, possibly listed species (e.g., CRCT) as a target
- Russian Olive research → report anticipated in 2014 (PowerPoint slides available from facilitator)
 - Scope/content of research will be the first of its kind
 - Create geospatial database (aerial imagery from 1960, 1997-2011) → analyze pattern of riparian vegetation cover since 1960
 - Analyze timing of invasion, quantify change in pattern
 - Field sampling in April to age stems across floodplain
 - Delineate active channel, compare over time; delineate geomorphic surfaces & estimate percent cover
 - Important to ERWP because:
 - Shows that RO invasion was not due to removal of cows
 - Predict reinvasion location of species now and in the future
 - Plan for long-term monitoring
 - Appalachian State, CSU looking to do a study re: why RO such an effective invader
 - Research in WY, CO
 - ERW (proposal submitted to USDA) → meets goal of making ERW an outdoor laboratory

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- Science Committee's Future Actions
 - Climate Change workshop
 - Science workshop

Education & Outreach Committee

- Co-Chairs: Kris Waggoner & Linda Whitham
- Strategic Communication Plan → consistent message
 - FAQs
 - Info page
 - Brochure development for other committees
- Russian Olive and Beaver related outreach
 - BCA involvement
 - Work with local youth, provide local economic opportunities
 - Conservations Corps outreach to high school in Escalante
- Staffing for ERWP-related outreach
 - Sue Fearon at BCA (title: Regional Coordinator)
 - Conservation Lands Foundation grant to hire part-time assistant to help w/ Committee efforts (brochures, build website, etc.)
 - Part-time (10-12 hrs/week) Outreach Coordinator position at GSEP
- o ERWP outreach in 2013
 - Interpretive space in Escalante Visitor Center to highlight Partnership specifically
 - · Graphic designer, interpretive writer
 - Charrette to create display
 - Agency presence (BLM, FS)
 - · Hoping to finish by May ERWP meeting
 - National Riparian Services Team workshop for landowners
 - · Grazing management in riparian areas
 - DRW presentations re: wild turkeys, beaver, fish, etc.
 - As public presentation around next ERWP meeting?
 - VIP "tour" of ERW and projects
 - Perhaps in Fall 2013
 - · Noel Poe taking lead
- TREK WEST (http://trekwest.org/)
 - Contact: Kim Vacariu
 - Hiker John Davis starts trek in Mexico and hikes to British Colombia
 - Route going thru Grand Canyon/Bryce Canyon/Boulder Mountain/ERW around May 18th

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- Press/media/documentary opportunities along the trek, good way to highlight ERWP efforts → how best to present ERWP projects?
 - Highlight ERWP's cooperative efforts to make a difference in the watershed and local community (RO, beaver, aspen restoration)
 - Accurate, positive message
- Envision Escalante
 - Interest in constructing trail from State Park to Monument border through town of Escalante
 - Coordinate trail construction w/ RO removal before native species grow back
 - Opportunities to include local community in designing and constructing trail
 - 2013 = design
- impossible2Possible "Expedition Utah 2013"
 - http://impossible2possible.com/i2p
 - Founded by Ray Zayhab, focuses on youth empowerment
 - Extreme physical challenges AND educational opportunities
 - Attempting to run a marathon a day for 8 days across the Monument
 - Paleontological discussion/journey thru time → ends with discussion of RO/human impacts in area
 - Expect to reach ~10,000 students thru web presence
- Video & panel discussion March 13th
 - Web event
 - Live interagency management workshop [Tamarisk Coalition]

CROSS-WATERSHED NETWORK

- Healthy watersheds through healthy partnerships
- Tamarisk Coalition idea for cross-watershed collaboration on assessment and restoration issues & joint development of protocols → interest survey → funding from WFF for initial efforts
- First ten months' activities:
 - Build network, explore sustainable funding, identify members
 - Develop website
 - Temporary web presence to allow partnerships to connect
 - Long-term = active assistance and connection of practitioners

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- Riparian restoration workshop to allow practitioners to connect and share lessons learned from last implementation season
 - Long term goal is to be more broad in focus, but riparian focus initially based on survey results
 - Opportunity for ERWP to host workshop, conduct field trips, exhibit work done under Partnership
- o Next Steps:
 - Send out survey re: workshop interest and logistics
 - Establish timeline for workshop

OTHER PARTNERSHIP UPDATES

- Southeast Utah Riparian Partnership (SURP)
 - Large coalition of diverse partners
 - Celebration May 18th in Moab of all work that's been done on main stem and tributaries (mostly tamarisk removal)
- Dolores Partnership
 - Focused on tamarisk removal (BLM and private lands)
 - Working with conservation corps (training mid-March)
 - o Interpretive trail thru Gateway, CO
 - Complete substantial restoration work in the watershed
- Verde Watershed Restoration Coalition → no new news
- Virgin River Southwestern Willow Flycatcher Collaborative
 - Workshops rescheduled hopefully for April (to receive monitoring data)
- Gila Watershed Partnership
 - Invasive species removal and Southwestern Willow Flycatcher restoration projects
 - Southwest Conservation Corps collaboration
 - o W.F.F. funding
 - Focused on AZ side of watershed
 - University research
- Grand Valley Restoration Partnership
 - Colorado Water Conservation Board grant for projects

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Meeting Schedule

Monday, February 25

- Noon-4-- Annual monitoring workshop (Dixie NF Supervisor's Office)
- 4-5 -- Meeting re: dispersed camping and travel management planning

Tuesday, February 26

- 8-10 am Coordinating Committee meeting (Dixie NF Supervisor's Office)
- 10-5 full partnership meeting (Dixie NF Supervisor's Office)
- 5-7 pm social hour at Toadz, http://www.clubtoadz.com/

Wednesday, February 27

 8 am-noon – Joint session: Conservation Targets Committee, Science Committee, Trout Unlimited, Aquatic Analysis data availability (Dixie NF Supervisor's Office)

February 26 Full Partnership Meeting – Agenda

15 min 10:00-10:15	Introductions Housekeeping	Facilitator
45 min 10:15-11:00	ERWP Administration	
10 min	2012 Accomplishments	Linda Whitham
20 min (w/ Q&A)	Strategic Planning Retreat	Mike Golden
15 min (w/ Q&A)	Coordinating Committee	Linda Whitham
45 min 11:00-11:45 (w/ Q&A)	Trout Unlimited / BLM joint Aquatic Analysis project	Warren Coyler, Trout Unlimited

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30 min 11:45-12:15	Outreach Strategy for Local Communities	
	Garfield County Commission letters	Carolyn Shelton GSENM
	Education/Outreach Committee Strategy	Linda Whitham Sue Fearon
30 min 12:15-12:45	LUNCH	
3 hr 10 min 12:45-3:55	Committee Updates, including 2013 Work Plans / Budgets	
10 min 12:45-12:55	2012 Fiscal Report	Linda Whitham
45 min 12:55-1:40	Woody Invasives & Restoration	Amber Hughes Kris Waggoner
45 min 1:40-2:25	Conservation Targets	Mike Golden Mary O'Brien
15 min 2:25-2:40	BREAK	Mary & Brieff
45 min 2:40-3:25	Science	John Spence Linda Whitham
45 min 3:25-4:10	Education/Outreach	Kris Waggoner Linda Whitham
10 min 4:10-4:20	Cross-Watershed Network	Michele Straube
10 min 4:20-4:30	Other Partnership Updates	Partnership reps
10 min 4:30-4:40	Upcoming Events	All Partners
20 min 4:40-5:00	Additional Agenda Items (if any)	
	Schedule Next ERWP Meeting	

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