



Wyoming Landscape Conservation Initiative

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Public Meeting at Seedskaadee National Wildlife Refuge for Wyoming Landscape Conservation Initiative

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The Executive Committee of the Wyoming Landscape Conservation Initiative (WLCI) will meet Wednesday, April 7, 2010, at the Seedskaadee National Wildlife Refuge office near Green River.

The meeting will begin at 1:00 p.m. and is scheduled to adjourn by 6:30 p.m. During the meeting, the WLCI Executive Committee will hear presentations about Light Detection and Ranging (LIDAR) and wind energy, discuss a conservation plan, and receive updates from various WLCI projects and committees. The Committee will also have the annual change of chairman of the committee and elect a new second vice chair.

On April 8, 2010, the Executive Committee will tour several sites in the area, with the public welcome to attend. They will meet at the Seedskaadee National Wildlife Refuge office at 8:30 a.m. and will receive a presentation on hydromorphology and tour the Cottonwood Project, a stream gauge and Russian olive/tamarisk control project. Sites toured will depend on accessibility. The tour will end around 1:30 p.m.

The WLCI Executive Committee is comprised of representatives from the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, U.S. Geological Survey, U.S. Forest Service, Wyoming Game & Fish Department, Wyoming Department of Agriculture, U.S. Bureau of Land Management, county commissioners and conservation districts. Sublette County Commissioner John Linn is currently serving as chairman of the committee. U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service Wyoming Field Supervisor Brian Kelly and Wyoming Game and Fish Department Director Steve Ferrell are serving respectively as first vice chair and second vice chair.

The WLCI is a long-term science-based effort to assess and enhance aquatic and terrestrial habitats at a landscape scale in Southwest Wyoming, while facilitating responsible development of the region's valuable energy resources.

The meeting is open to the public, and visitors will have the opportunity to comment. The Seedskaadee National Wildlife Refuge office can be reached from Green River, Wyo., by travelling 6 miles west on Interstate 80, 27 miles north on Highway 372, and using the entrance on the east of Highway 372, ¼ mile past the junction with Highway 28. More information on the WLCI, as well as a draft agenda for the meeting, can be found at: <http://www.wlci.gov/>.