

Meeting of Palisade/Grand Junction Watershed Plan
Minutes for January 3, 2007
Grand Junction BLM Field Office, Grand Junction

- The meeting was convened at 2 pm MST. The attendees were Bob Behner, Catherine Robertson, John Redifer, Kristin Winn, Terry Franklin, Frank Watt, Steve Ryken, Dough Riley, Becky Raney, Brian Voigt, Tim Sarmo, Dale Hart, Jody Piland.
- There was a general discussion on the name of the working group. The final name decided upon was the Palisade/Grand Junction Watershed Plan.
- There was a general discussion on drilling in watershed areas including analysis of sensitive areas.
- There was a discussion concerning the next public meeting. It was agreed upon that the first portion of the meeting should include an open house where the group could provide information on water quality, responses, and watershed BMPs.
- The group moved into revising the Plan document. There was a discussion about what the document should highlight and what types of issues should be highlighted in the Plan. It was the general consensus that the intent of the document was not to deal with site specific issues.
- It was noted that many issues are still missing from the document including BMPs specific to watersheds and communication coordination with municipalities.
- There was a discussion on the role of the municipalities and authority of municipalities. Important to note participation of the Town of Palisade in all review process, as the surface owner. There was a discussion of binding agreement in nonbinding agreement.
- There was a suggestion offered that the Plan address the watershed ordinances without mentioning watershed ordinances. There was a discussion of primacy. There was a general discussion of compliance, since the leases were issued by the BLM. The discussion was tabled with the agreement that all parties concerned will revisit the topic of local government authority to govern watershed.
- There was a discussion on how in depth plan should get. There were several comments noting the degree of specificity in the Antero Plan. It was noted that the Antero plan was as in depth due to the history of the area.
- The following deadlines have been set: A revised draft of The Plan due Jan. 10; a draft of the Plan website due Jan. 17.
- The next working group meeting was scheduled for 9 am MST Monday Jan. 22, 2007 at the Grand Junction BLM Field Office. The second public meeting is set for 6:30 pm MST Jan. 30, 2007.
- The meeting adjourned at approximately 4:30 pm MST.