Harney SWCD (HSWCD) Annual Meeting- Big Bear Lodge

Day #1- April 29, 2016

11:30 Topic Introduction

Waters of the US (WOTUS) & State water quality rules

1. Current status of WOTUS
2. Legal recommendations to landowners managing waters of the state in Oregon- monitoring, professional assessments, or other ideas

12:15 Break

12:30 p.m. **HOT TOPIC: National BLM Planning 2.0 Rules**

1:30 p.m. Topic Introduction

Equal Access to Justice Act (EAJA)

1. History of EAJA
2. How does EAJA influence government litigation
3. Sue/settle techniques
4. Accounting of tax payer costs associated with EAJA

2:00 p.m. **Break for questions to Mrs. Budd-Falen**

2:30 p.m. **Candidate Conservation Agreements w/ Assurances (CCAAs)**

1. What are CCAAs?
2. Budd-Falen Law office history with CCAAs across the western US
3. Pros & Cons of a CCAA
4. If you don't have a CCAA- Site Specific Plan approved and a ESA listing occurs--- then what should you expect?
5. How are Oregon SWCD Greater Sage grouse CCAA Agreements unique?

3:30 p.m. **Harney County Candidate Conservation Agreements- HSWCD staff**

1. Current enrollment status
    a. Harney County
    b. All other GRSG counties
2. Planning 1.0 for CCAAs- Development of your plan and what to expect
3. Funding opportunities

4:15 p.m. **Break for questions to Mrs. Budd-Falen** (Dinner fundraiser & Door Prizes TBD)

5:15 p.m. **BLM Resource Management Plan Amendments (RMPA) for Greater Sage grouse**

1. Background of RMPAs for Sage grouse
2. Overview of key RMPA areas of interest to public land users
    a. Permittees
    b. Industry
    c. Recreation and/or Sportsmen
3. Current status of litigation

6:30 p.m. **A Cooperating Agency Review of the Oregon BLM- RMPA for Greater Sage grouse- Jim Buchanan & Karen Budd-Falen, Attorney at Law**

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Day #2- April 30, 2016

10:00 a.m. Brunch with Karen Budd-Falen, a fireside chat (donuts, fruit, and coffee)

11:00 a.m. Topic Introduction

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12:00 SWCD annual highlights & audit presentation- Light Lunch

1:00 p.m. **Endangered Species Act- Critical Habitat Designation & Hot Topics**

1:45 p.m. **Candidate Conservation Agreements w/ Assurances (CCAAs)**

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5:00 p.m. Dinner fundraiser & Door Prizes

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