

**Upland Game Bird Enhancement Program Advisory Council**  
**March 27, 2023-- March 28, 2023**  
**Draft Agenda**

Meeting Location: Montana Wild  
2668 Broadwater Ave, Helena, MT 59602

We are unable to do Zoom at Montana Wild.

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**Objectives**

- 1) Spring 2023 work plan and activities.
- 2) Report the Program’s fiscal updates to the Council (FY 23, obligations, balances)
- 3) Council input on proposed habitat activities.
- 4) Program updates and statuses: VPA-HIP, pheasant releases, partnerships.
- 5) Partner presentations: Pheasants Forever, NWTf Biologist.
- 6) Receive public comments.

**Agenda**

**Monday, March 27, 2023**

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| 9:00 am  | Meeting begins <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◆ Introductions (Kleppen)</li><li>◆ Meeting highlights, overview, and acceptance of Sept. 21 minutes (Kleppen)</li></ul>  |
| 9:30 am  | Division/Legislative update  |
| 10:00 am | UGBEP Fiscal report (Hohler) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◆ Forecast for FY 2024-2025</li><li>◆ Balances and obligations (Habitat and bird planting)</li><li>◆ VPA-HIP Grant Status</li><li>◆ Partner contracts – “new” for FY 2024</li></ul><br><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>UGBEP Updates and Statuses<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◆ Open Fields</li><li>◆ Spring proposals</li><li>◆ Program meeting updates</li></ul></li></ul> |
| 11:00 am | Regional updates from Matt, Ken, and Justin.   |
| 11:45 pm | Block Management updates (Kool)  |
| 12:30 pm | Lunch at Montana Wild  |

- 1:30 pm Pheasants Forever partner update and introduction to new PF Farm Bill Bios Maverick Cady (Chester) and Crystal White (Billings). (Hunter VanDonsel)
- 2:15 pm Update on Strategic Plan revisions/edits/comments, and time-table for release for public comment and adoption.
- 3:00 pm Review and discussion of the FWP/DNRC MOU as it relates to UGBEP
- 3:45 pm Discussion concerning methods for determining hunter pressure.
- 4:30 pm Public Comment
- 5:00 pm Closing comments and wrap up for the day.

**Tuesday, March 28, 2023**

Return to Montana WILD for Tuesday's meeting

- 8:30 am Chairman overview of yesterday's meeting highlights and continued discussion if needed.
- 9:00 am Discussion on Region 3 and expanding UGBEP projects within the Region.
- 10:00 am Discussion on project acreage caps and possibly increasing caps. Included with this discussion is input on fine-tuning access on smaller projects.
- 11:00 am Council's input on program activities; placeholder for general Council discussion.
- 12:00 pm Lunch
- 1:00 pm Dave Nikonow: update on workplan and accomplishments.
- 1:30 pm Logistics for fall 2023 meeting, council membership needs, review action items. Chairman's closing remarks.