Wildlife Advisory Committee - Regular Meeting

Date: September 09, 2026

Start Time: 4:00 PM

Location:

Zoom and In-person @ Teton County Commissioners Room

150 Courthouse Dr, Driggs, ID 83422

Zoom link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81854768477

Committee Members: Mike Lien, Kathleen O'Neil, Michael Whitfield, Barbara Stone, Renee Seidler, Mathew Ward, Amy Dery, Robert Boyles, Mike Abbott, Jack Bayles

Before Meeting:

Have open meeting law requirements been met through notification of this meeting?

YES/NO

Is there a Teton County staff member present to oversee open meeting law requirements during this meeting?

Staff Present:

Committee member attendance:

Call to Order.
It is now 4:00 pm; I call this regular meeting of the Wildlife Advisory Committee to order.

ACTION ITEM: Review, revise, approve agenda.
Suggested motion: I move to approve the agenda as presented/amended.

Motioner:
Seconder:
Vote:

DISCUSSION ITEM: Public Comment

ACTION ITEM: Draft minutes of August 12, 2026
Are there any changes that need to be made?
Suggested motion: I move to approve the minutes of 8/12/2026 as presented/amended.

Motioner:
Seconder:
Vote:

DISCUSSION ITEM: SS4A Wildlife Supplemental Grant.
Update. Public outreach, survey, and open house.

Minutes:

ACTION ITEM: Teton County Recreation Master Plan Revision.
Follow up of meeting with Harmony Design and Recreation District Executive Director. Review and deliberate on wildlife-focused language we would like to recommend for inclusion into the revised recreation plan. Finalize principles and wording.
Suggested motion: I move to approve the finalized narrative of general recommended principles and practices for wildlife and habitat considerations in the setting of recreation planning. This narrative will be presented to the BoCC with a request for approval to submit these recommendations to the Teton Valley Recreation District for possible inclusion into the revised recreation master plan currently underway. If approved by the BoCC (and with any edits directed by the BoCC), the narrative will be submitted to Harmony Design and the Recreation District Executive Director.

Motioner:
Seconder:
Vote:

Minutes:

ADJOURN

Suggested Motion: I move to adjourn this meeting at _____

Motioner:
Seconder:
Vote:

DRAFT MINUTES

Teton County Wildlife Advisory Committee – Meeting Notes
August 12, 2026 Start Time: 4:00 PM
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150 Courthouse Dr, Driggs, ID 83422

Committee Members: Mike Lien, Kathleen O'Neil, Michael Whitfield, Barbara Stone, Renee Seidler, Matthew Ward, Amy Dery, Robert Boyles, Mike Abbott, Jack Bayles
Before Meeting: Have open meeting law requirements been met through notification of this meeting? Joshua Chase, County Staff, answered YES
Is there a Teton County staff member present to oversee open meeting law requirements during this meeting? YES. Staff Members Present: Joshua Chase, Planning Administrator; Dan Leemon, Senior Planner
Committee Member Attendance Present in person: Kathleen O'Neil, Michael Whitfield, Matthew Ward, Barbara Stone, Jack Bayles, Amy Dery, Mike Abbott. Via Zoom: None. Members Not Present: Mike Lien, Robert Boyles, Renee Seidler.

Committee Chair Kathy O'Neil called this regular meeting of the Wildlife Advisory Committee to order at 4:04 P.M.

ACTION ITEM: Review, revise, approve agenda.
Kathy O'Neil moved to approve the agenda as presented/amended. Seconded by Amy Dery. Vote: All approved.

DISCUSSION ITEM: Public Comment

ACTION ITEM: Draft minutes of July 8, 2026. Are there any changes that need to be made?
Kathy O'Neil moved to approve the minutes of 7/8/2026 as presented/amended. Seconder: Barbara Stone Vote: All approved.

DISCUSSION ITEM: SS4A Wildlife Supplemental Grant. Summary of kick-off meeting. Public outreach. Minutes: Initial meeting with HDR in July with schedule and task list. Defined objectives. There will be two open house public meetings, with the first on September 24, 2026. Website in development with a story map and on-line opportunities for public input. Research underway. Also HDR is eager to develop a stakeholder list. We will add the 3 cities, the county Recreation District, TV Trails and Pathways, Nature Conservancy, and Teton County Conservation District. The group discussed the focal species for consideration with concern for both wildlife collisions and connectivity (ungulates, bears, raptors, and riparian corridor species). We may also need to interact with HDR to ensure that the September meeting room is adequate (Teton County Commissioner's Room).

ACTION ITEM: Teton County Recreation Master Plan Revision. A continuing discussion of the existing 2014 Recreation Master Plan to identify where recreational activities and wildlife needs intersect. Discussion goals are to highlight specific overlapping areas from the existing plan that we anticipate will carry over into the new revision process and which would offer areas of collaboration with this committee. Consider creating a

shared document among the committee members to outline and define possible additions to the revised recreation plan that would incorporate considerations for wildlife. Initial meeting with Harmony Design. Choose committee members to attend this initial meeting.
Michael Whitfield moved to select Kathy O'Neil and Matthew Ward to represent the WAC in meetings with the Recreation District Executive Director and Allison Ahlert, the project manager from Harmony Design, before the next committee regular meeting to begin discussing how the committee can provide resources and input into the Teton County Recreation Master Plan Revision. Seconder: Mike Abbott. Vote: All approved.

DISCUSSION ITEM: Development Impact Mitigation Opportunities. Updates from outreach to other counties and area banking companies, and any information on potential areas in this county that could accept mitigation. Minutes: Only an update that Blaine Co. has not created a framework for local offsite development mitigation.

ADJOURN Kathy O'Neil moved to adjourn this meeting at 5:30pm. Seconder: Jack Bayles. Vote: All approved.