

Peak Resources
Weekly Update for CWMA
4/11/09

On Monday, April 6, CWMA met with the Colorado Department of Corrections to discuss the possibility of a partnership. We spent several hours touring DOC land in Freemont County at the East Canyon Complex discussing their noxious weed issues and how CWMA may be able to help. It was decided that if a regional partnership was established and deemed successful, we could apply the same model statewide.

On Tuesday, April 7, Tracee Bentley spoke to the CWMA Board and gave them an update on legislative activities.

On Wednesday, April 8, CWMA meet with CDOT Director, Russell George, and several of his key staff. The following points were discussed:

- Railroads could do a better job of controlling their weed problems.
- CDOT does have a revegetation plan for new construction projects.
- Director George will check into possible USDOT funding opportunities (similar to Wyoming's program).
- There is a concern from some counties that CDOT weed money is being taken for snow removal and never replaced. Director George will look into this issue. ----Director George does not think there is any opportunity for stimulus money opportunities with CWMA; however he is dedicated into looking into federal dollars to see what can be done.

Next Steps:

- Prepare for CCI meeting
- Lobby in support of HB 1199
- Follow up on GOCO & CDOT meetings