

**Restrictions & Closures Meeting
March 1st – Helena, Montana**

Members Present

Jeremy Pris
Jamie Rosdahl
Mike Dannenberg
Jerry Meyer
Allen Chrisman
Lisa Osborne
DC Haas
Tom Paulson
Marianne Baumberger
Cathy Scofield
Lee Clark
Shannon Downey
Vickie Ellickson
Tom Paulson

FAQ

Keep the expanded list for internal use at land management agencies.

Information will be posted on NRCG site. This will be the main repository. Each state will need to have their own copy, as there are differences in many questions state-to-state.

Training

There is a training program available. The NRCG Prevention Committee should take this on and provide it to the local areas. Contact Mike D. to coordinate. Targeted to new restrictions coordinators, line officers, and individuals in the counties that are involved in restrictions.

Need to coach counties and educate them on when to go in and when to come out of restrictions. Progress has been made in Flathead County (MT). Some counties go into restrictions without a solid process for initiation.

Area Boundaries

Are the current boundaries still logical today? Restriction coordinators in neighboring areas can redraw the lines between each other and discuss creation of new areas. There is a lot of flexibility, but the areas must be inclined to use it.

Implementation Coordination

Conference Calls

Contact neighboring areas when your area decides to go into restrictions and closures so that everyone can be on the same page.

Time Frames

Do not go into restrictions on the weekend. Go into restrictions on Friday at 0100 or Monday at 0100 (or 0001). It may be preferable to go into restrictions at the beginning of the week so that you have plenty of time to publicize it (if possible). The goal is to not put undue impact on the public, or to create a situation that is complex or difficult for us to manage.

Give info to Cathy Scofield asap so that she can post it on the website. Include entire group so that everyone knows what is going on and so that we may be able to combine press releases.

The NRCG coordinators will have a group call on an as-needed basis.

DNRC sent out their own maps last year which caused some confusion. It was cleaned up some by the end of last season. However, at the NRCG level, descriptions of restrictions and closure areas will remain verbal as it is easier to understand.