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## MINUTES LOG

Work Group for Senate Joint Resolution 15  
Public Land Management Study

April 14, 2014

Room 172, Capitol Building  
Helena, Montana

Please note: These minutes provide abbreviated information about committee discussion, public testimony, action taken, and other activities. To the left of each section in these minutes is a time designation indicating the approximate amount of time in hours, minutes, and seconds that has elapsed since the start of the meeting. This time designation may be used to locate the referenced discussion on the audio or video recording of this meeting.

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### **COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT VIA PHONE CONFERENCE**

SEN. JENNIFER FIELDER  
SEN. BRADLEY MAXON HAMLETT

REP. ED LIESER  
REP. KERRY WHITE

### **STAFF PRESENT IN HELENA**

JOE KOLMAN, Legislative Environmental Analyst  
HELEN THIGPEN, Staff Attorney  
NADINE SPENCER, Secretary

## **AGENDA & VISITORS' LIST**

Agenda, [Attachment 1](#).  
Visitors' list, [Attachment 2](#).

## **COMMITTEE ACTION**

- Scheduled the next work group meeting for April 28.

## **CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

00:00:03 Sen. Fielder called the meeting to order at 8:02 a.m. The secretary called the roll, [Attachment 3](#).

## **AGENDA**

00:00:29 Sen. Fielder

00:02:48 Duane Simons, Mineral County Commissioner, introduced himself, Laurie Johnston, Mineral County Commissioner, and Angelo Ververis, Chairman, Mineral County Resource Advisory Group, all present via phone.

00:03:11 Sen. Fielder

00:03:26 Joe Kolman, Legislative Environmental Analyst, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

## **PRESENTATION BY MINERAL COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

00:03:37 Mr. Ververis

00:04:43 Sen. Fielder

00:04:49 Mr. Ververis

00:07:14 Sen. Fielder

00:07:33 Mr. Ververis

## **Questions and further discussion**

00:10:14 Rep. Lieser

00:11:46 Mr. Ververis

00:12:05 Rep. Lieser

00:16:51 Mr. Simons

00:17:26 Rep. Lieser

00:18:50 Rep. White

00:22:34 Rep. Lieser

00:25:41 Rep. White

00:26:26 Rep. Lieser

00:26:29 Rep. White

00:27:26 Rep. Lieser

00:27:59 Rep. White

00:29:27 Josef Kuchera, Mineral County Resource Advisory Group, via phone.  
00:30:01 Sen. Fielder  
00:30:05 Mr. Kuchera  
00:30:19 Sen. Fielder  
00:30:40 Rep. Lieser  
00:30:42 Sen. Fielder  
00:30:55 Rep. Lieser  
00:31:51 Mr. Kuchera  
00:32:25 Sen. Fielder  
00:35:28 Rep. White  
00:39:03 Sen. Hamlett  
00:41:59 Rep. White  
00:44:01 Sen. Hamlett  
00:45:47 Rep. White  
00:46:34 Mr. Kolman  
00:46:44 Rep. White  
00:47:20 Mr. Kolman  
00:47:35 Rep. Lieser  
00:49:24 Sen. Fielder  
00:51:24 Rep. Lieser  
00:51:34 Sen. Fielder  
00:51:59 Rep. White  
00:52:48 Sen. Fielder  
00:54:43 Sen. Hamlett  
00:56:16 Sen. Fielder  
00:56:23 Mr. Ververis  
00:56:36 Sen. Fielder  
00:56:43 Rep. Lieser  
00:56:48 Mr. Ververis  
00:57:46 Kevin Chamberlain, Mineral County Extension Agent, via phone.  
00:59:39 Sen. Fielder  
01:00:03 Sen. Hamlett  
01:00:05 Sen. Fielder  
01:03:12 Mr. Kuchera  
01:03:38 Mr. Simon  
01:04:07 Sen. Fielder  
01:04:36 Rep. White  
01:06:44 Sen. Fielder  
01:06:58 Rep. Lieser  
01:08:03 Rep. White  
01:08:58 Mr. Chamberlain  
01:09:25 Sen. Fielder  
01:09:30 Mr. Kolman  
01:09:45 Sen. Fielder  
01:13:41 Mr. Kuchera  
01:14:05 Sen. Fielder  
01:14:09 Mr. Kolman  
01:14:15 Sen. Fielder

01:14:21 Mr. Kuchera  
01:14:27 Mr. Kolman  
01:14:39 Sen. Fielder  
01:14:51 Mr. Kuchera  
01:15:02 Mr. Chamberlain  
01:15:33 Sen. Fielder  
01:16:43 Rep. Lieser  
01:17:53 Sen. Fielder  
01:18:29 Mr. Ververis  
01:19:13 Sen. Fielder  
01:19:26 Mr. Ververis  
01:19:43 Sen. Fielder  
01:19:55 Dennis Hildebrand, Mineral County Search and Rescue, via phone.  
01:25:01 Sen. Fielder  
01:25:58 Mr. Hildebrand  
01:27:13 Sen. Fielder  
01:27:34 Rep. White  
01:30:25 Mr. Chamberlain  
01:33:59 Rep. White  
01:35:40 Mr. Chamberlain  
01:37:40 Sen. Fielder  
01:40:30 Rep. White  
01:42:00 Sen. Fielder  
01:43:09 Sen. Hamlett  
01:44:31 Sen. Fielder  
01:45:06 Sen. Hamlett  
01:45:45 Mr. Chamberlain  
01:47:38 Sen. Fielder  
01:47:49 Sen. Hamlett  
01:49:28 Sen. Fielder  
01:50:25 Rep. White  
01:51:12 Mr. Kolman  
01:51:17 Sen. Fielder  
01:51:48 Mr. Kolman  
01:52:19 Sen. Fielder  
01:53:06 Rep. White  
01:53:20 Mr. Kolman  
01:53:23 Rep. White  
01:53:49 Mr. Kolman  
01:54:16 Sen. Fielder  
01:54:32 Mr. Kolman  
01:55:49 Sen. Fielder scheduled the next work group meeting for April 28.  
01:56:28 Mr. Kolman  
01:56:42 Sen. Fielder  
01:56:51 Ms. Johnston  
01:56:55 Sen. Fielder  
  
01:58:21 Sen. Fielder adjourned the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

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