

TLG CONFERENCE CALL SUMMARY
January 24, 2008

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This summary provides the salient issues. These notes are intended to capture key topics, conclusions, and next steps and not the nuances of the discussion.

Agenda Items: None

Rebecca Stevens led the conference call as the TLG Chair, Kenny Hicks, was unavailable. Per Hicks' request, she gave an update on the LMP (Lake Management Plan) and informed everyone that the LMP process was moving forward. The State and Tribe are working on writing a joint plan which they hope to have done in March for public comment; and she and Glen Rothrock are in the process of writing the final Lake audit report. She also commented that she is learning more about her duties as the new Natural Resource Restoration Coordinator for the CDA Tribe, and doing work on the NRDA (Natural Resource Damage Assessment) process.

Round Table:

Dailey: Mentioned that they will be sampling surface water next week in OU-2 along with groundwater from the monitoring wells, but that it may be difficult with the snow. She indicated that some are sampled quarterly and others sampled twice a year.

Ryan: Reported that: 1) EPA had completed the RA (remedial action) assessment and collected water quality samples at the Rex and Success mine sites with quarterly monitoring to be continued to check the effectiveness of the cleanup actions. 2) The Mine/Mill PFT had a meeting yesterday, but did not identify sites for the next round of work. EPA will process contamination issues on mine/mill sites with CH2M and start to prioritize. 3) For OU-3 work, they will be looking at both recreation and ecological areas where CERCLA removal actions were conducted in the past; identify sites along residential areas where waste rock needs to be addressed and drinking water sites. 4) EPA has limited funding, so they are looking for areas that do not require a lot of design effort and will identify sites that need more work for later.

Hardy: Asked Stevens about the 303(d) listed streams and whether the tributaries to the Lake would be part of the LMP and if there would be additional monitoring on the main stems. Stevens replied that they do not have that on the radar for future goals. Hardy also asked about Hepton Lake and Stevens said that she would keep people updated.

Hardy then brought up the draft work plan and the section on recreation areas. He commented that the Trail was not adequately acknowledged and that he would follow this issue up in writing. He also mentioned that he was having problems finding the RAMP (response action maintenance

plan) for the Trail. Harwood said that he posted it to the BEIPC website. Stevens noted that it would also be posted to the State and Tribe's websites.

Other Discussion: TLG members discussed a recent article in the CDA Press regarding possible development on top of the Central Impoundment Area (CIA). They also discussed the following issues:

- Silver Valley economic development (i.e. new civic center, hotel, golf course, Highlands project, and Galena Ridge);
- Development of remediated properties;
- The option to purchase the Bunker Hill mine by Azteca;
- Whether the sludge pond tailings would be transferred to Azteca; and
- Possible development options for the CIA - a parking lot may work, but not other large buildings (plus geotechnical studies would be required).

George: Asked for clarification of when the draft LMP would be completed. Stevens answered that it should be ready in March for stakeholder and public comment.

Masarik: Informed everyone that when the Recreation PFT met last year, they developed three sub-groups: 1) Recreation Inventory (Chair, Dave White); 2) Recreation Trends (Chair, Speed Fitzhugh); and 3) Recreation Communication and Testing (Chair, Rebecca Stevens). For the Recreation PFT meeting on January 10, he provided an update on the progress of the sub-groups. Dave White is loading the inventory data into a database to include existing and dispersed recreation sites. Speed Fitzhugh (Avista) is working on the trends analysis summary (current and future trends for recreation areas. Rebecca Stevens will be meeting with the recreation communications group to develop a list of organizations and people to involve in the process. This will be in addition to established protocol with the TLG, CCC and BEIPC. Masarik said that he would like to have another meeting in February or March to bring information gathered from the three sub-groups to the TLG.

Stevens: Asked Masarik if the EPA may be able to provide conference call capability to the communications group (if needed) and Masarik agreed.

Masarik: Added that there was significant discussion on the recreation management plan, but that it was now being called guidelines due to land management agencies authority and to avoid duplication of efforts.

Harwood: For informational purposes, reported that John Martin was retiring from Senator Craig's office in CDA at the end of the month and that Becki Propst would take over for him. He then mentioned that he had received comments from the Tribe and IDEQ on the annual accomplishment report, but not the EPA or county commissioners. He indicated that he would hold off a little longer, but needs to get it published soon. He also sent a draft copy of the annual report to the BEIPC and staff. Harwood stated that he is not sure there will be any changes to the 2008 work plan, but that any adjustments will need to be approved by the BEIPC at the February 27 meeting. He noted that he received comments back on the five-year plan and incorporated them into the draft.

Harwood also gave an update on the CWA (Clean Water Act) grant funding. He explained that there may be some funding remaining from the second grant year. If there is additional funding available, he asked TLG members to be thinking about what to do with it. He was not sure if the TLG could come back with a new project or attach it to a current project, but will check into it. In addition, it needs to go through EPA's process and legal review; and must meet the same qualifications or be something on a project that was previously approved. Stevens suggested discussing this issue at the next TLG meeting. Harwood said that he would have a copy of the year-end CWA financial report for the meeting.

Dailey: Brought up that a QAPP (quality assurance project plan) would be required for a new project. Harwood responded that this is why it would be easier to add to an existing project.

Harwood: Gave an update about the stormwater drainage reports for Mullan, Wallace, and Burke; and indicated that the Silverton and Osburn reports will be completed soon. Then he will meet with the communities to develop a final infrastructure plan. He mentioned that the funding request he is working on with Senator Craig's office is an appropriations earmark with Congress to protect the remedy from flooding in the Upper Basin referencing the FEMA, COE, and NAS reports. He will be helping to write the document and indicated that it needs to be turned in by February 11. Harwood noted that he discussed this opportunity with Commissioner Jon Cantamessa when it came forward.

TLG Meeting Discussion: After much discussion on whether a face-to-face meeting was needed or whether it could be done by conference call, it was decided that the TLG would schedule a meeting sometime in February before the BEIPC meeting on February 27.

Harwood: Gave a brief overview of the draft agenda for the BEIPC meeting. He noted that a Communications PFT would not be set up until the BEIPC decides.

PFTs (Project Focus Teams): The TLG also discussed the current status of all the PFTs and whether some of them were no longer needed. Stevens suggested that a PFT discussion be added to the TLG agenda.

Sheppard: Brought up the LMP update that Stevens provided and asked why there was a lack of coordination between the State and counties. Stevens answered that the Tribe and State met in December and provided a briefing to the counties. Sheppard said that at the briefing meeting in December with the counties, it was mentioned that the document would be available in February to the counties for review; and that March was not mentioned. Stevens replied that they are late in completing it. Sheppard stated that the counties feel they are not in the same category as the public. Stevens said that she would ask IDEQ to get back to them on the change of date. Sheppard stressed that it was more than a change of date and indicated that the counties have not met with the State for almost two months as the last meeting was December 4.

Hardy: Commented that he feels the State is treating the counties as another set of stakeholders, rather than what was mentioned in the MOA.

Connolly: Nothing to report.

Dailey: Informed everyone that the EPA sent a letter to the BEIPC announcing that Dan Opalski will be the new BEIPC alternate for Elin Miller and that the change will also be announced at the BEIPC meeting.

Harwood: Mentioned that he was contacted by a group of people in D.C. to comment on the Idaho Roadless Rule as the draft EIS was out. He also mentioned that there were public meetings in CDA and Bonner County this week. Harwood indicated that he made comments (i.e. as a private citizen) and then talked with Commissioner Jon Cantamessa about it before sending his comments to D.C. He noted that the Idaho Roadless Rule cannot trump any CERCLA actions. Its only real effect will be on areas such as timber and watershed management. He stated that he made his comments as a private citizen and will keep everyone informed.

Schedule: The next TLG conference call will be scheduled 2/7/08.

Thank you for your participation.