

TLG CONFERENCE CALL SUMMARY
May 19, 2005

Participants:

Phillip Cernaera (Chair)	David Fortier
Rob Spafford	Mark Stromberg
Terry Harwood	Mark Addy
John Perfect	Dave Sternberg
Paul Woods	Ginny Dierich
Rogers Hardy	Randy Connolly
Nick Zilka	Jeri DeLange (Note Taker)
Anne Dailey	

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: BIF Meeting, TLG Meeting, Five-Year Work Plan

Phillip Cernaera mentioned that he sent the BIF agenda to everyone yesterday. The Basin Information Forum is scheduled for June 2 at the USFS Building (Caribou Room) on Schreiber Way, Coeur d'Alene from 9:00 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. The agenda includes updates on: 1) Mica Creek feasibility study; 2) Meyer Creek; 3) Ecological restoration research for application in the CDA Basin; 4) Film "Forest in Crisis: A Window on How Craig/Wyden Works;" 5) Mission Flats hydraulic model; 6) Stream stabilization demo project; 7) Film "Heavy Metals; 8) Discussion on films; and 9) Metals mobilization in floodplain sediments.

Rogers Hardy made a suggestion for another topic for the BIF. Angelo Vitale has been working on streambank stabilization and realignment of Benewah Creek. This is a local project in Benewah County and could be a possible presentation.

Cernaera discussed that he would also like to schedule a TLG meeting in June. A tentative date was set for June 21 and he would like to get feedback on topics. For the Five-Year Work Plan, he would like to try and move forward and send a draft out this afternoon. He reminded everyone that there are still several weeks to work on the plan and that it will be discussed at next week's conference call. Cernaera will get a copy to the CCC by next Friday, May 27. Harwood suggested that Cernaera contact CCC Chair, John Snider, to make sure he understands that there will be a few months to work on the plan. The TLG will continue to work on the plan and discuss it on the weekly conference calls.

Other Discussion:

WCAC (Washington Citizen's Advisory Council): Harwood reported on the WCAC meeting held yesterday evening in Spokane at the Gonzaga Law Library. Both Harwood and Commissioner McCurdy were asked to speak at the meeting. Harwood gave a presentation on BEIPC's efforts relating to reducing impacts to the Spokane River from mining related metals and McCurdy's presentation focused on current cleanup efforts for metals and the BEIPC

process. Harwood discussed the uniqueness of the BEIPC compared to other Superfund sites. Other information he presented included the importance of maintaining equilibrium in the lake so as to not disturb the sediments, sediment plumes during high water, and metals in dilution. Harwood reported that one question he was asked related to the results of the NAS report and the work in the Basin. He replied that the BEIPC would address the results of the NAS report in the Five-Year Work Plan. Harwood also mentioned that he received strong indications to hold a Basin Commission meeting in Spokane. There were a lot of people who want to become involved in the process, help with funding, and plan to speak to their congressional delegation.

Round Table:

Perfect: Nothing to report.

Woods: Discussed that flows are not up. Lake sampling will begin next week on May 28 with the Australians.

Zilka: Reported that the bank stabilization work is complete and that he will be doing a PowerPoint presentation for the BIF.

Dailey: Discussed the Rose Lake recreational PFT meeting held on Monday, May 16. It was well attended, but a difficult meeting. Dailey reported that most of the public came with an opinion and they were extremely concerned about the proposed changes regarding the Trail of the Coeur d'Alenes. The public also felt that there were too many people coming into the community. Dailey suggested that the recreational PFT take a step back and develop a more comprehensive plan with the various agencies that have property in this area.

Hardy: Agreed with Dailey about the need for a comprehensive plan and overview of the area from Cataldo to Harrison. Hardy also mentioned getting people more comfortable about how the project fits in the process.

Dailey: Mentioned that many people took public comment sheets and that it is premature to make a statement until all of the comments are reviewed. Dailey would like to see if a comprehensive plan would help. Public input may open the doors for this project.

Harwood: Discussed going to work on the comp recreational plan and setting a deadline. He also mentioned the need to have answers and decisions in the meantime as people continue to pursue recreational activities in contaminated areas.

Cernera: Recommended that the TLG bring all the agencies together and help to coordinate.

Dailey: Mentioned the need to get the right people at the table.

Fortier: Discussed that in relation to developing a comp plan, he does not disagree about putting one together. However, he stated that it is important to get higher level commitment and support from the agencies.

Certera: Replied that there is probably a way to coordinate the agencies, but not with a MOU.

Harwood: Mentioned that from his experience, nothing will happen unless things are stirred up. He volunteered to speak with some of the higher level staff. The trail system is generating increased recreation use. If this is not resolved, it may cause problems in the near future.

Fortier: Reported that test plots have been made on the rock dumps and the plots fertilized for the East Fork Pine Creek revegetation pilot. Monitoring continues on the project. Fortier mentioned that he is trying to line up projects for the summer. He also mentioned that a QAAP is required for this project, but it is difficult to put one together for plants. Fortier is committed to getting the project done and will be giving a presentation at the next TLG meeting.

Stromberg: Discussed that he is very busy with the 2005 basin program work underway. He mentioned that all of the recent rain has been affecting work at the repository site. The Golconda project is too expensive, so he will be looking into other options.

Addy: Nothing to report.

Hardy: Discussed a Benewah Creek meeting set up by the Coeur d'Alene Tribe to discuss stream restoration and fisheries. He also discussed recent Idaho legislation on House Bill 145 and the possibility that it could create differences on water quality issues between the IDEQ and EPA. Harwood mentioned that he will check into this matter. On the lake education map, Hardy suggested that another proof (but only a few copies) be made available to check with the most current revisions before the final proof is printed for review. Certera agreed this would be a good idea.

Dierich: Nothing to report.

Connolly: Nothing to report.

Certera: Discussed the TLG's protocols, in particular the following bullets that direct the TLG to:

- Help satisfy all regulatory requirements and remedial action objectives for heavy metal contamination in the CDA Basin.
- Design and develop implementation plans and coordinate with the Executive Director in defining and developing detailed budget estimates for specific remedial projects in the CDA Basin to implement the ROD (Record of Decision) related to heavy metal contamination in the Basin.

Certera mentioned that the protocols allow the TLG a broad charter. As there is a diverse base of regulators, stakeholders, and managers, it is good to bring information forward on specific issues. The TLG can then advise the commission.

Schedule: Next TLG conference call scheduled 5/26/05

Thank you for your participation.