

TLG CONFERENCE CALL SUMMARY
October 27, 2005

Participants:

Bill Adams
Mike Beckwith
Lloyd Brewer
Phillip Cernera
Randy Connolly

Anne Dailey
Rogers Hardy
Terry Harwood
Rob Spafford
Mark Stromberg

Paul Woods
Nick Zilka
Note taker: Holly LeBret

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:

1) 2006 Work Plan, Section 1.9: There was a proposed change in the LMP Section of the Work Plan and at the Tribe's request Harwood left it as it was and stated that the folks who proposed the change did ask for a minority position that they would present at the Basin Commission Meeting, there is a copy of that report in the Commissioner's packet, mailed out 10-24-05.

Basically, the change was to add language referring to two MOAs dealing with the LMP. Several people requested copies of both MOAs and Harwood said that he would get an electronic version out to the TLG. Spafford suggested that those MOAs may not be current or germane to what is happening now. Harwood said that John Snider checked with Ed Tulloch, IDEQ, and was told that those are still in effect. Cernera said that both MOAs were developed over three years ago and the first agreement was between the State and Tribe. It had some language about dates to accomplish things. Basically, it states that there are two representatives from both the State and the Tribe who will write the LMP, however, things were to be done by a date that passed. To restart the previously stalled process, the Tribe and State recently signed an MOA that binds the State and Tribe to mediation. Cernera will talk with the State and the Tribe to get legal advice about releasing the current MOA to everyone before the next Basin Commission Meeting.

2) Surface water sampling: Anne Dailey stated that in the Basin Monitoring Plan the USGS is collecting surface water samples, revisiting funding, to include a new station at the outflow of Coeur d'Alene Lake, on the Spokane River. Woods said that it is real-time discharge, water temperature, suspended sediment load, and doppler. At the Harrison gaging station there will be measurement of particulate lead and will eventually report movement of lead in real-time. They will measure water resident time, conductivity signal, water quality and measure outflow. The additional station at Post Falls will complete the picture and it costs about \$30k for equipment and installation. Operations and Maintenance is \$15k per year. The information will be on the website. Hardy asked some questions about how the money goes from EPA to USGS. Dailey answered that there is an interagency agreement in place. Another question was if there was an Avista gaging station near the dam at Post Falls. Woods answered that the Avista station calibrates discharge against flow. Dailey said that money is tight, but funding is available for this valuable information; Woods added that the station was not initially added because it was of

secondary importance. Spafford asked about the gaging station in the Spokane River, near the stateline, whether it would continue to be funded. Woods answered that it is funded by a different source. Dailey added that the EPA is picking up monitoring costs for the gaging station at Enaville. That will provide real-time monitoring at outflow. Beckwith stated that this data is very important and the sooner we start monitoring at all of these sites in an equivalent manner it will work into the goals of the LMP and save money in the long run.

3) Mica Creek: Cerner asked Terragraphics to speak about the four alternatives at the next Commission meeting. Harwood suggested that the TLG get briefed first and then have Terragraphics present an update at the February Commission meeting.

4) Harrison Bridge: Dailey said that the contract was awarded to Harcon Inc., out of Spokane, to replace the bridge and make improvements. Dailey asked IDT if they could come to the Transportation PFT and make a presentation. The anticipated start date is next spring. Hardy stated that the draft TLOP (Trail Longterm Operation Plan) is very important. The next Recreation PFT meeting is November 8th.

Harwood said that he spoke with Jerry Cobb and various commissioners to discuss the possible use of the ICP for the box as a model to draft the new ICP for the Basin. Panhandle Health will administer the TLOP outside of the Coeur d'Alene Tribe Reservation (the TLOP goes in and outside of the reservation and Panhandle Health will work on the reservation but not with the ICP). Nick Zilka said that he could get copies of the TLOP for the TLG. Hardy said that he will bring up the TLOP during the Recreation PFT meeting, he said that the TLOP has actions specific to the surface of the trail and asked why the ICP is not going into the Reservation. Harwood did not want to get into a discussion about that but added that it is something that someone suggested. Dailey asked Zilka if he could give an update at the PFT meeting at the November 8th meeting and he said that he could give a synopsis. Cerner said that he is arranging a meeting with the Tribal attorney to get briefed on the TLOP. Dean Chapman or Cerner can also give an update of the TLOP at the next Recreation PFT meeting. Hardy said that the Coeur d'Alene Tribe's IRMP (Integrated Resource Management Plan) discussed in public adds a big layer of complication in his mind, for example, the Consent Decree for the trail is in there. Cerner told the TLG that they could find the IRMP on the Tribe's website: <http://www.cdatribe-nsn.gov>

Round Table:

Rog Hardy: He asked Dailey when the 5-year review was coming out. She said that it was signed on Tuesday, October 25th and it is in production, and should arrive by mail the first week of November. He asked about the Lake Map and there were no progress reports available, but everyone agreed that the sooner it gets out the better (the 500 pilot copies).

Bill Adams: There was a preconstruction meeting for the Constitution Mine and a contractor chosen, TPA-CKY. They will start next spring.

Lloyd Brewer: The WCAC meeting is scheduled for the 16th of November, at the Gonzaga Law Library, at 6:30 p.m. There will be an EPA presentation of the 5-year review and a speaker

regarding recreational use on the lower river.

Mike Beckwith: He told everyone that he is the new Restoration Coordinator at the Tribe's NRDA Office.

Mark Stromberg: He said that they plan to have the yard work tied up by November 4th, they are adding more properties.

Paul Woods: The real-time hydrographs are running low during this flow period. An inflow plume is floating above the overflow, like normal for this time of year. Next week he'll be busy with a modeling conference in Boise. Cernera asked if the peer-review people will be there. Woods answered that they won't but that they will have several USGS folks familiar with the sequal model who are frequently in touch with the peer reviewers. He developed a presentation for the BEIPC regarding the 3D model.

Phillip Cernera: He is busy with the LMP mediation. They put out a RFP for mediators and will review for qualified applicants on a conference call today with the mediation facilitator.

Rogers Hardy: In a class put on by the U of I Extension Office, held in St. Maries, Francis SiJohn came as a speaker. He spoke about encroachment issues and stated that the State and Tribe will work together for an LMP. Hardy suggested to Mr. SiJohn that he would like to see the State and the Tribe have a uniform encroachment standard and code.

Terry Harwood: There was a fund raising PFT call on Monday. The PFT's goals were discussed; they spoke about funding sources and purposes. He said he wanted Rob Hanson and Angelo Vitale to talk about funding sources. Notes will be available from that meeting.

Schedule:

November 9th, BEIPC meeting, Coeur d' Alene Resort, Coeur d' Alene, Idaho, 9 A.M.

Thank you for your participation.