

TLG CONFERENCE CALL SUMMARY

March 4, 2004

Participants:

Rusty Sheppard	Lloyd Brewer	Jim Hansen
Rob Spafford	Rob Hanson	David Fortier
Nick Zilka	Bill Rust	Randy Connolly
Anne Dailey	John Roland	Jana McCurdy
Ed Moreen	Rogers Hardy	
Paul Woods	Rebecca Stevens	

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. Updates on the Stream Bank PFT and the Canyon Creek Project:

Rebecca Stevens noted that the Kootenai Shoshone SWCD has contracted to provide an inventory of stream bank stabilization projects. The IDEQ is updating the contract, and she is looking for agency personnel to fill out the Qualitative Assessment Team that will participate in the associated field trip. This trip will tentatively be two days on the Coeur d'Alene River, and two days on the St. Joe, and needs to be done soon, before water levels come up. Several agency people, including Box, Cernera, Raynor, and Stevenson, were identified, and the first part of the trip was tentatively set for March 18 and 19.

Rog Hardy suggested some visual indexing of contaminated bank wedges, and requested that a summary of the inventory findings be placed on a map or a series of maps.

2. Canyon Creek:

Bill Adams, the Water Treatment PFT lead, was not on the call. Bill Rust provided a brief update: the INEEL proposal is a reasonable one, but there are details yet to be worked out. The PFT recommends the TLG recommend that the Basin Commission approve the proposal in its (the B.C.'s) March 29 meeting, while the PFT continues to work out details.

3. Stream Bank PFT:

Nick Zilka is taking his first work plan and incorporating comments he received at the most recent PFT meeting and other comments he has received. He hopes to have a document out for review next week.

Round Table:

Rusty Sheppard: Nothing.

Rob Spafford: Nothing.

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Nick Zilka: Nothing.

Anne Dailey: The concurrences for the BEMP and about done. The in-water work should be done at the East-of-Rose Lake Boat Launch. She is still coordinating with ITD relative to a meeting about their planned Highway 97 bridge project.

Ed Moreen: The Repository PFT meeting is scheduled for March 16, at 6:30 PM, at the IDHW building in Kellogg.

At the last Basin Commission meeting, the issue was raised that there were seeps on the east side of the Lake south of Harrison. Moreen and others involved in oversight of the UPRR project looked at them since. Moreen noted there is a system in place under that project to respond to the issue. He presented a path to present the issue to the UPRR.

Bill Adams will not be at the CCC meeting next week. Rusty Sheppard said that John Snider's idea for the meeting is to get CCC input, not to provide the CCC with TLG presentations. The question arises as to what kind and how much TLG input is desired by the CCC at its March 10 meeting. Spafford will suggest to Cernera that Cernera coordinate with Snider.

Paul Woods: The first hydrographs show a long recession since February. Flows are below normal at Pinehurst and Cataldo. Runoff is fairly slow.

The next Lake sampling trip is scheduled for mid-April.

During the Lake low water, Paul responded to Rog Hardy and arranged for some simple presence absence sampling of the seeps Rog noted at the last Basin Commission meeting. The purpose is to identify or rule out a possible metals source in the southern portion of the Lake.

Lloyd Brewer: Lloyd prepared a short memo in response to Bill Rust's earlier emailing regarding benthic flux. Paul Woods noted he is preparing a response. Lloyd reminded the group that the WCAC meeting is still planned for March 25. It will be at the Moody Mock Court Room at Gonzaga. AVISTA will present information from its relicensing studies that are related to metals.

Rob Hanson: Nothing.

Bill Rust: He is busy preparing for the NAS hearings April 15.

John Roland: Nothing.

Rogers Hardy: Rog asked about the information repository at Harrison. Moreen said nothing has been done yet, and that whatever is done will be done after considering public comment on the issue. Anne Dailey noted that the public outreach person is working on getting input on the document repository issues. Rog has gotten feedback on the document repositories from folks at the Wallace and North Idaho College repositories. He suggested EPA's public involvement

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person talk to those people.

Rebecca Stevens: Nothing.

Jim Hansen: Nothing.

David Fortier: Monitoring continues at his sites. Access has been favorable. He is continuing work on his monitoring plan.

Randy Connolly: The Spokane has signed off on the BEMP.

Jana McCurdy: Work is underway archiving the Basin Commission web site. She asked PFT leads to review the site and let her know if there are important events (significant meetings, training, or other events) that should be listed.

Thank you for your participation.