TLG CONFERENCE CALL SUMMARY October 19, 2006

Participants:

Lloyd Brewer
Bill Adams
Anne Dailey
Rob Spafford
Nick Zilka
Terry Harwood
Rebecca Stevens
Rog Hardy
Jeri DeLange (Note Taker)

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: Upcoming TLG Meeting

Anne Dailey led the call as the TLG Chair, Brian Spears, was unavailable. She reminded everyone about the upcoming TLG meeting on October 23, and then led everyone into a round table discussion.

Round Table:

Dailey: Reported that sampling would be ongoing in OU-2 and that they had completed the ground water interaction study in Canyon Creek. She also mentioned that improvements would be coming to Storet, EPA's database system.

Brewer: Nothing to report.

Adams: Indicated that they would like to have the mill area work completed at the Golconda site before winter sets in. At Canyon Creek, he mentioned that they still need to do additional survey work. For the Rex, he reported that the BLM is close to finishing the work on the toe buttress.

Spafford: Nothing to report.

Zilka: Reported that bank stabilization monitoring was being conducted.

Harwood: Informed everyone that he sent out the latest draft of the 2007 one-year work plan. He mentioned that the Human Health PFT which is chaired by Rob Hanson (IDEQ) had agreed on the language for the blood lead section; and that he had added it to the work plan. Harwood also gave a brief CWA report. He said that twelve projects had been completed to date and that he had received final reports for about half of them.

Harwood then reported that the final 2500 lake maps had been printed and that he had talked with Rebecca Stevens about trying to find additional funding to print more copies.

In regards to the flood control infrastructure plan, he said that TerraGraphics had completed the survey and maps for all of the infrastructure in the Basin (i.e. streets, water and sewer lines, etc.) He mentioned that he had been out groundtruthing with them and that everything was inventoried well. He also pointed out that the infrastructure project was coordinated with the one for the Box, so the infrastructure inventory goes all the way up to Mullan. Harwood indicated that he is working on making a list of project priorities to discuss with the cities and counties, and that he will provide copies of the maps for all the municipalities.

Rog Hardy asked Harwood if he could bring a draft of the infrastructure report to the TLG meeting. Harwood responded that he would bring the finished report for the Box and the draft of the Basin. He added that the document for the Box also had funding opportunities listed such as various grants, etc. Hardy inquired if the report showed the railroad and Rails-to-Trails. He commented that the draft should be interesting to look at.

Harwood said that the map shows the alluvium material or mixture with a color coding process as well as the 100/500 year floodplain, plus disturbed areas such as gravel pits, mining areas, etc. He remarked that it was a very extensive inventory and would be a good tool for everyone.

Harwood reminded everyone that the deadline for board packet information was November 10 for the BEIPC meeting on November 29. He also reminded everyone about the upcoming CCC meeting on November 8. Harwood mentioned that he and Jeri DeLange conducted a financial audit for the CWA projects (which they do every quarter); and that he would bring copies of the updated report for the TLG, CCC, and BEIPC meetings.

Bill Adams inquired whether Harwood had a draft agenda for the BEIPC meeting on November 29. Harwood replied that he had not prepared one yet, but that some of the agenda items would include presentations on:

- Blood Lead (Ian von Lindern, TerraGraphics);
- Bullhead Report (Brian Spears, USFWS);
- 2007 One-Year Work Plan;
- Revised ICP Section 1.3.1 for the 2006-2010 Five-Year Work Plan;
- Update on Basin Infrastructure Inventory; and
- Conservation Easement Update (Anne Dailey, EPA and Brian Spears, USFWS).

In addition, Harwood suggested that the Contaminant Management PFT may have a few recommendations by then. He said that he had not determined whether to do a field trip presentation on the BEIPC meeting in August, but that the PHD asked for fifteen minutes to put on a presentation regarding stormwater education.

Adams mentioned that he would be happy to give an update on the mine/mill work. Harwood agreed and said that he would start building the draft agenda.

Stevens: Remarked that the lake education maps were finally printed; and that she and Harwood

would work on the map distribution list for the public. She also reported that she was continuing her work on the LMP audit. Hardy asked how the interview process was going that she and Glen Rothrock were doing on the audit. Stevens answered that it was going well and that she and Rothrock would give an update at the TLG meeting on October 23.

Hardy: Brought up the North Idaho water adjudication process and commented that he recently attended a meeting regarding the issue. He said that there were lots of Idaho water resource people there including the Director, Karl Dreher. He mentioned that Glen Rothrock also made a presentation. Hardy informed everyone that the Snake River adjudication process was done previously and that because of the State's methodology, the State Legislature authorized the Idaho Dept. of Water Resources to proceed with the process for North Idaho.

He remarked that there will be lots of decisions made on water rights and questioned what the federal and tribal governments may want. He added that this issue will involve well owners too. Hardy recommended that anyone wanting additional information, contact Gary Stevens with IDEQ in Coeur d'Alene. He said that it should be very interesting; and that the issue is intertwined with the LMP and Rathdrum Prairie. Rebecca Stevens made a suggestion that people apply for their water right (now) if they are going to need one.

Connolly: Nothing to report.

Harwood: Reported that Shoshone County is working on the details to hire their TLG rep from the \$60,000 appropriated by the Legislature. Harwood mentioned that he had written a statement of work and contract in order to pay the contractor that was hired by the counties. Connolly inquired whether there would be one representative for all three counties. Harwood responded that the counties should be working together. He indicated that the funding needed to be obligated in the same year it was appropriated or the counties may lose it. Hardy commented that he does not see how all three counties can have the same rep. Harwood emphasized that the funding details would be up to the counties.

Schedule: The next TLG conference call will be scheduled 11/2/06.

Thank you for your participation.