TLG CONFERENCE CALL SUMMARY March 23, 2006

Participants:

Brian Spears (Chair)

Rebecca Stevens

Bill Adams

Anne Dailey

Rog Hardy

Mark Masarik

Rusty Sheppard

David Fortier

Randy Connolly

Mike Beckwith

Terry Harwood 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: None

Brian Spears asked if anyone had topics to discuss as there were no agenda items. Terry Harwood brought up the map and indicated that he sent one copy to each Basin Commissioner, one to each agency represented on the TLG, and one to the CCC Chair, John Snider, and Vice Chair, Kathy Zanetti. He said that distribution locations for the 450 folded maps have not yet been determined, but he believes the copies will go quickly. Harwood mentioned that there is enough waterproof paper to print more.

David Fortier asked Harwood if he could have 100 copies of the map for the BLM. He indicated that limited numbers would be put out at recreational areas so people would not use them up all at once. Harwood replied that the map is a good product and that we should try to figure out a way to print additional copies. Fortier mentioned that the BLM was looking at funding a former product, but that they may be interested in using the funding for the lake map instead.

Rog Hardy indicated that some of the Coeur d'ALene lakeshore owners would like a few of the folded copies. Harwood responded that he would need their addresses to mail copies to them. Spears suggested that an account be set up with the publisher so people wishing to order copies can do so. Rebecca Stevens indicated that she would check into this and see what the cost breakdown is per map.

Round Table:

Adams: Mentioned that he is working with Hecla to obtain permission for accessing their property in Canyon Creek for the installation of wells and piezometers. He also indicated that work is continuing on the mine/mill sites and that there will be a call later this morning.

Spears: Reported that the information on the website mentioned by Adams during the last call is very useful. The address is: www.parametrix.com or ftp://ftp.parametrix.com. The login name is: stakeholder and the password is: EPA.

Dailey: Spoke with Paul Woods about sampling another high water event during the spring runoff depending upon the snow melt for the last few weeks. She indicated that they are setting

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up in case there is a high water event, but that it would need to be at least 25,000 cfs at Cataldo. Dailey said that she will let people know.

Sheppard: Asked about the Forest Service public land sale. Dailey mentioned that it includes the Rainy Hill and Medimont areas and that the EPA is working on getting them removed. Harwood indicated that he is also working on this issue with Senator Craig's office. Fortier mentioned that he is concerned with the contamination at Rainy Hill and Medimont, and that the land sale goes against Superfund regulations. He mentioned that the Forest Service is asking for public comments on the proposed sale of the designated areas of public land. Harwood pointed out that there is an article in today's paper regarding it.

Stevens: Updated the TLG that she is working on the action tables for the lake management plan.

Hardy: Asked if anyone had heard whether the funding for the TLG representatives had been approved; and who would be in charge of administering it. Harwood said that he had not heard anything yet. He suggested that he may be involved in the process, but that he did not believe the BEIPC would administer the funds.

Connolly: Asked about the status of the proposal in the Legislature to add another representative to the BEIPC for the cities. Harwood indicated that the legislation had been withdrawn and that he would discuss it later in the call.

Hardy: Asked if there was a possibility of any EPA funds remaining for the TLG Chair. Dailey said that they would be reviewing it.

Brewer: Nothing to report.

Masarik: Nothing to report.

Connolly: Nothing to report.

Spears: Mentioned that he would be attending tomorrow's meeting at 10:00 a.m. at the IDL office in Coeur d'Alene regarding the Kidd Island Bay dredging. He stated that he is attending for informational purposes for himself and wondered if it would address creeks. Stevens suggested that if people have an opportunity, they should take a slow drive around this area. She mentioned that landowners have taken action on their own regarding bank stabilization and vegetation.

Spears also reminded everyone that comments on the draft five-year work plan need to be turned in to Harwood by May 7 so that he can incorporate them in time for the TLG meeting on May 8.

Harwood: Informed everyone that he will be out of town next week through Thursday, March 30, and back in the office on Friday, March 31. Regarding the proposal by Rep. Dick Harwood to add another representative to the BEIPC from the cities, he reported that it originally passed

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the House. However, it was pulled after Michael Bogert and Toni Hardesty visited with Rep. Harwood about the EPA and IDEQ taking time to talk with the community.

Harwood then brought up an issue in Woodland Park about residential properties that have been cleaned up and are next to a piece of contaminated property where the property owner may be the federal government. Neither the EPA nor IDEQ can clean up federal properties as the work must be done by a federal agency. Harwood indicated that this may pose future problems in the Basin on other such properties and will need to be discussed. He will check the land records to see who actually owns it.

In addition, he talked to Terragraphics about a proposal to inventory the current infrastructure in the Basin from the mouth of the Coeur d'Alene River to the headwaters. He also contacted someone in D.C. in regards to the blood lead testing; however, he has not received any information back yet.

Schedule: The next TLG conference call will be scheduled 3/30/06.

Thank you for your participation.