## TLG CONFERENCE CALL SUMMARY July 27, 2006

## **Participants:**

Nick Zilka
Rebecca Stevens
Bill Adams
Mike Beckwith
Bill Ryan
Mark Masarik
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

Mike Beckwith led the call as the TLG Chair, Brian Spears, was unavailable. As there were no agenda items, the participants went into a round table discussion.

## **Round Table:**

**Zilka:** Nothing to report.

**Stevens:** Commented that the agenda for the upcoming BEIPC field trip looked good, but that she would not be able to attend.

**Adams:** Reported that work for the lower site of the Constitution mine/mill had been completed. They are now working on a diversion trench for the upper site, but will need to import larger rock. He said that there would be work going on for the field trip in August as it looked like it may take until September or October to complete the work for the upper site.

For the Golconda, Adams mentioned that the construction work had gone out to bid. They plan to move forward and start the work in September. However, he indicated that it may be pushing the weather in order to complete the project this year.

He remarked that the upper grading design for the Rex site was almost complete. He said that the BLM would be doing work on the toe buttress, possibly next week. He also reported that work was being done on the pumps for Canyon Creek.

**Harwood:** Mentioned that he had received a request from Senator Craig's office to give some of his D.C. staff (responsible for Superfund) a tour on August 9 and that he agreed to do so. Regarding the Basin ICP, he reported that Jerry Cobb did a good job presenting it to the PHD board and that there were not many questions asked. However, they did want to clean up some of the language in the Box ICP rules concerning fines for non-compliance. The State of Idaho rules require a \$1,000 fine rather than a \$300 fine. There were two motions made: 1) to approve

the proposed Basin ICP for rule-making; 2) to clean up the Box ICP rules. Harwood indicated that the Shoshone PHD representative made the motion to move the Basin ICP forward.

In regards to setting up the "new ICP" PFT, he said that it states in the ROD there is no CERCLA remedy on the lake. This means that there is no human health remedy for the lake, but that there could be on the river if contamination is found. He said that he is having difficulty finding people to work on the new ICP who represent the agencies concerned about the need for an ICP; and that the Washington Dept. of Ecology is waiting to see what position the EPA takes.

For the upcoming BEIPC field trip, Harwood said that he would be sending out information to all of the commissioners, alternates, and staff. In addition, he invited the congressional staff and the new representative from the Governor's office in Coeur d'Alene.

He also reported that he has been busy working on the information for the infrastructure inventory prepared by TerraGraphics, but that he is missing some of the information such as the size of various water lines, etc. Harwood indicated that he would be going out with TerraGraphics to do ground truthing and to collect additional information. He plans to add flood control levees and other protection devices as part of the whole package.

**Beckwith:** Brought up that he has been working on the final remedial action plan for the UP railroad. He mentioned that the Tribe's Cultural Resources Program is conducting cultural resource assessments and monitoring for Superfund remedy implementation projects adjacent to the lower Coeur d'Alene and upper Spokane Rivers. Because of the existing cooperative agreement with EPA that supports the Tribe's participation in Bunker Hill Superfund activities, the Tribe was able to do this on short notice, and thus alleviate logistical oversights which threatened to delay the projects. The Tribe remains ready to help out in such instances. He also informed everyone that the Ridolphi office recently closed in Coeur d'Alene.

**Ryan:** Nothing to report.

**Masarik:** Nothing to report.

**Beckwith:** Asked Harwood if a TLG meeting would be needed before the next BEIPC meeting. Harwood replied that the TLG could discuss this on the next conference call on August 10, but that he did not believe so because there would be no voting on the field trip. However, he suggested that a TLG meeting would be needed before the November 29 meeting.

**Stevens:** Inquired if the PHD Board would go forward with the ICP. Harwood answered that if the PHD Board approves the ICP rule prepared by Jerry Mason based on Draft #6 and the administrative boundary map, it would be ready for legislative rule-making next session. Harwood pointed out that the Legislature usually approves rule-making first before doing work on other legislative issues.

**Schedule:** The next TLG conference call will be scheduled 8/10/06.

Thank you for your participation.