TLG CONFERENCE CALL SUMMARY January 8, 2004

Participants:

Ed Moreen Rusty Sheppard Bill Adams Phillip Cernera Rob Spafford John Perfect Anne Dailey Jana McCurdy Rogers Hardy Bill Rust Rob Hanson Lloyd Brewer Sheila Eckman Luke Russell David Fortier Mark Addy

This summary provides the salient issues recorded by Rob Spafford. These notes are intended to capture key topics, conclusions, and next steps and not the nuances of the discussion.

Agenda Items:

Review of the Draft Agenda for January 13, and Review of Ranking:

<u>Cernera</u> reviewed the draft agenda that was distributed earlier this morning. The template for rating projects that is a part of the project information sheet template will be distributed for individual TLG members to use in their consideration of the CWA projects.

<u>Rust</u> noted that questions have been raised as to the status of the Lake Management Plan. <u>Cernera</u> responded that the Coeur d'Alene Tribe and the State of Idaho are working to complete revisions. In the meantime, there is a 1995 Lake Management Plan, and these projects are consistent with that plan.

<u>Russell</u> questioned whether 45 minutes is enough time for ranking the projects. He suggested more time may be needed for discussion. <u>Sheppard</u> noted that if an entity with a veto ranks a project low, we need to track that and deal with it. Discussion followed about the need to keep track of reasons for rankings. The end result is to be a ranking of all 14 projects. <u>Fortier</u> expressed discomfort with simply using the numbers. He sees a need to discuss the projects.

Projects from the previous set were deferred last time (Lower River and Canyon Creek). The "door is not closed" on Lower River projects, but they will be looked at closely by the TLG. The Canyon Creek project that was deferred was deferred in order to see if EPA is able to fund it out of this year's budget.

A master list, including projects presented and ranked in October, will be made available at the meeting.

Round Table:

<u>Ed Moreen:</u> Is anyone planning to attend the CCC meeting. Cernera, Rust, and Sheppard indicated they were planning to attend.

Rusty Sheppard: Nothing.

Bill Adams: Nothing.

<u>Jana McCurdy</u>: Jana thanked the group for providing information for the annual report. A draft will be out for review as soon as next week. She raised a question about the timing of EPA's

funding of the Canyon Creek work. Sheila will check and get back to Luke. Moreen suggested the TLG rank that project and include an alternate project. Discussion followed about Canyon Creek project linkages and sequencing, with agreement that we need to take a good look at that.

<u>Anne Dailey:</u> She will send out results from recent sampling at the recreation site east of Rose Lake. Soils near the seeps are high in Pb and Zn. Work on the BEMP is progressing, with material for concurrence to be out soon. Distribution to all should be in early February.

The Streambank Workshop is scheduled for January 29. Anne is working to organize a field trip to Thomson Lake and Anderson Lake on the afternoon of January 28. The latter is not on the current list of recreation sites, but ITD has a project planned that may affect the site and make it necessary to consider it.

Rogers Hardy: Nothing.

Bill Rust: He is working on a reply to Nick Zilka's memo.

Rob Hanson: Nothing.

Sheila Eckman: Nothing.

<u>David Fortier</u>: Water treatment continues at BLM sites. He is working with USACE to develop a scope of work for the Constitution site.

John Perfect: Nothing.

<u>Phillip Cernera:</u> He will have a draft TLG Annual Report within the next two weeks. He asked if there is any additional information on the Lower River Forum. Anne Dailey replied that she is still working to get URS started on that.

The TLG will meet at the US Forest Service offices January 13 from 9:00 to 4:00, to consider CWA projects.

The next TLG call is January 15, at 8:00 AM. The call in number is (206)-553-4557.

Thank you for your participation.