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Wildlife and Terrestrial Resources Technical/RESOLVE Working Group Meeting

**January 15th, 2004 (8:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.)
(Bring Sack Lunch)**

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AGENDA

Review notes/revise agenda/action items
Technical Meeting Action Items (from October)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Assess Terrestrial concerns using A14a overlay (shoreline erosion)Terrestrial HYDROPS run discussionAdaptive Management update (?)Technical discussion of studies: T2/5 (Veg/Wetland) update, T21 (Elk), T12 (Grizzly), T17 (Amphibians), T6 (Noxious Weeds), T16 (Rare Plants).
Final Disposition on PMEs
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Review Action Items from Dec. 5th RESOLVE meetingReview updated PMEs, finalize to Tentative Agreement level
Other? Plan for wildlife Celebration?
Set agenda for February 18 th (third Wednesday) meeting at? (location to be determined)
Evaluate meeting

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Terrestrial Working Group RESOLVE Session Final Notes

January 15, 2004

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Mountlake Terrace, WA

FINAL MEETING NOTES

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PRESENT

Carl Corey by phone and Don Gay, (USFS), Marty Vaughn (Biota Pacific), Tony Fuchs and Cary Feldmann (PSE), Lauri Vigue (WDFW), Gene Stagner (USFWS), Bob Nelson (Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation), Bob Kuntz (NPS), Patrick Goldsworthy (North Cascades Conservation Council), Len Barson (The Nature Conservancy), Stan Walsh (SRSC), Kathy Smayda (Louis Berger Group), Dee Endelman (Agreement Dynamics), and Lyn Wiltse, facilitator and Mary Jean Wiltse, notetaker (PDSA Consulting)

2004 Schedule: *MOVE TO THIRD WEDNESDAY beginning in March*

Newly-scheduled RESOLVE meeting or conference call: 2/5 at 9am until 2pm in Lacey (USFWS).

2/19 at PSE Office in Bothell, 3/17, 4/21 (??), 5/19 (??), 6/16 (??), 7/21, 8/18, 9/15, 10/20, 11/17 (??), 12/15 (??)

Note: ?? indicates unavailability of USFS Building in Mountlake Terrace.

Agenda for Terrestrial Resources Working Group Meeting

January 15, 2004 at USFS Mountlake Terrace Office

8:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Agenda for January 15, 2004

1. Review Agenda, Notes, Action Items from 12-05-03
2. Walk through PMEs

- Assure understanding /Tentative Agreement re: Bald Eagle, Monitoring
- Cost impacts
- License articles

3. Discuss Wildlife Management Plan

4. Plan for next Technical Meeting

5. Evaluate meeting

NEW ACTION ITEMS

- Tony: Reserve meeting room for Feb 19 Terrestrial Working Group Meeting at PSE Office in Bothell and send out directions to members.
- Marty: Work with Tony and Don re: timing for 1.1.3 (Late Seral Forests).
- Marty: Email out revised description of action for 1.3.2(Loon Nest Platforms) and figure out annual costs.
- Marty: Send out updated PME Table and PME descriptions to reflect today's discussions.
- Tony: Set up a meeting with Cathy and Laura re: 1.4.2 and 1.4.3 at the end of January to discuss NEPA needs for noxious weed control.
- Marty: Send out placeholder language on 1.6.1 on January 20 for all to review, prior to our next meeting.
- Cary: Consider how to track funds spent internally (PSE).
- Gene: Reserve room at Lacey for meeting on February 5, 2004 from 9:00 to 2:00.
- Cary: Send out Net Present Value spreadsheet for folks to play with by January 16.
- Marty and Don: Check to see that closing costs, etc. are covered in 1.1.1 and 1.2.4.

TECHNICAL DISCUSSION OF STUDIES

Study #	Title	Notes/Next Steps
T2	Vegetation Mapping in Project Area	Will be updated (acreages and polygon numbers) to reflect NAVD 88 by January 26.
T5	Wetland Inventory Study	See T2.
T6	Noxious Weed Assessment and Control Plan	Final Report is out.
R-T12	Grizzly Bear Spring Foraging Habitat Value	Final Report is out.
T16	Project Area Rare Plant Survey	Final Report is out.
T17	Amphibian Studies in Reservoir Fluctuation Zone	Amphibian addendum "frozen in time." We need to decide what to do with this.
T21	Elk Forage	Final Report is out.

REPORT ON COMPLETED ACTION ITEMS (from 12-5-03 RESOLVE meeting)

- Bob C. and Don: Buttoned up with Stan and Scott on integrating 1.3.4 into 3.4.4 and renumbered it as one of the 6 series as it deals with cross resource issues.
- Lauri and Bob: Outlined geographic scope of monitoring areas for bald eagle winter night roosts. Minded the logistics involved in surveying other people's properties, etc.
- Tony: Emailed Carl the HYDROPS output memos from Powel.

- Lauri: Buttoned up with Carl, Tony (and Bob C?) on how to reword the Bald Eagle PME to reflect today's discussions by the end of the year.
- Lauri: Updated draft of Wildlife Management Plan Outline to reflect recent PME discussions (PME Table, etc.). She emailed it out to the entire Working Group membership on January 14.
- Marty: Updated and distributed PME table to reflect today's discussions and sent out for all to review.
- Gene: Set up conference call line for Dec. 11 conference call (9:30 to 11:30) and sent dialing instructions out to BAWG members. Sent out agenda of unresolved issues to guide the discussion including but not limited to the following:
 - Is it necessary to include MAP stations in PMEs?
 - What should 1.5.1 Discretionary Fund look like?
 - What should 1.6.3 Monitoring Fund look like?
 - What should 6.6 TERF Fund be?
 - 3.3.4 Bald Eagle integration with aquatics?
 - 1.3.3 Legacy Wood User reality check
 - 1.2.1: Don's new cost estimate for Elk forage
 - Others?
- BAWG: Participated in Dec. 11 conference call.

BALD EAGLE PME (1.3.4)

The desire is for this to be a joint PME with Aquatics. We may need to get more detail from Aquatics on their version of the PME (3.4.4). The BAWG believes that, until that piece is done, we can't come to agreement on the whole package (and specifically on PMEs 1.1.1, 1.2.4, and 1.3.4).

We agreed to move forward by drafting a PME that assumes we are addressing the bald eagle concern independent of what the Aquatics folks might do. This would serve as a placeholder until the Aquatics habitat restoration PME 3.4.4 is complete. At that time, our numbers could be adjusted accordingly, if we find the Aquatics PME covers all or part of the bald eagle concern. If this is not the case, our PME would stand.

Don will write up a summary of what this PME might look like and get it out to team members to review. This will be based on the BAWG caucus this morning. They hope to have consensus on this by January 22nd. At that time, it will be routed around to the entire Working Group to see if we can come to agreement before the Solution Team Meeting on January 27th. At that (Solution Team) meeting, any PMEs/issues still unresolved will be assigned to the appropriate policy-level teamlets for resolution.

REVIEW UPDATED PMES, FINALIZE TO TENTATIVE AGREEMENT LEVEL

1.1.1 Provide Habitats

Total O&M Cost \$270,000 (over 30 years)

Annual = \$9,000/year

We changed the "Total O&M Cost" Column to "Annual O&M Cost"

Will be contingent on what happens with the Bald Eagle PME/Aquatics 3.4.4 PME.

1.2.1 Elk Forage

Ready to go to Louis Berger to be translated into draft article language!

1.2.2 Grizzly Forage

Ready to go to Louis Berger to be translated into draft article language!

1.2.3 Mountain Goats

Ready to go to Louis Berger to be translated into draft article language!

1.2.4 Wetlands (previously Amphibians)

Will be contingent on what happens with the Bald Eagle PME/Aquatics 3.4.4 PME.

1.2.5 Connectivity

Ready to go to Louis Berger to be translated into draft article language!

1.3.1 Provide Osprey Nest Structures

Ready to go to Louis Berger to be translated into draft article language!

1.3.2 Provide Floating Nest Platforms for Loons

Marty suggested some alternate wording on the Description of Action for this PME, so that ownership and liability for doing this does not lie with either WDFW or PSE.

1.3.3 Legacy Wood Users

Ready to go to Louis Berger to be translated into draft article language!

1.3.4 Bald Eagle PME

Will be contingent on what happens with the 3.4.4 PME in Aquatics WG. In the interim, we will be moving forward with a PME that covers the terrestrial interests. Don drafting BAWG proposal for this PME, to be ready for review by Jan 22nd.

1.3.5 Bald Eagle Management on Project Lands

Nests and night roosts would be addressed here. Money would be immediately available so there would be no annual O&M costs. Marty will ensure the wording doesn't limit action to only one nest.

1.3.6 Bald Eagle Monitoring

"During the first 3 years after acceptance of the license..."

1.4.1 Plants of Special Status

Identify this is not a capped obligation.

1.4.2 Noxious Weeds

Identify this is not a capped obligation, except for the \$500K for reed canarygrass control.

1.4.3 Carex Flava

Identify this is not a capped obligation.

1.6.1 Wildlife Plan Development

We need to define objectives and lay enough ground rules about what the plan will/won't do (in the Settlement Agreement) to be sure to capture everybody's interests. Then, once we know more about the lands acquired, we could get more specific.

Lauri (with input from the BAWG) has drafted a Management Plan Outline. We will work on this language with the aim of being able to attach the Management Plan Outline to the Settlement Agreement. The intent of the Management Plan is to track *and guide* the PME's. It needs to be a dynamic document, reviewed and revised periodically, perhaps at least every five years or annually with a 5 year outlook.

Note: We agreed to drop the Implementation PME (was 1.6.2) as elements of implementation are already covered in each of the PME's

1.6.3 Compliance and Effectiveness Monitoring

Lauri suggested that \$100,000 would cover *one baseline* HEP study, which would be appropriate here. This *was based on the HEP completed* on the Lewis River. We would start with \$100,000 and then provide another \$100,000 every 20 years throughout the term of the license for a total of \$200,000 (or \$300,000 with a 40-year license). We agreed to state that we are assuming we will use HEP as the monitoring methodology. An alternate methodology could be used if so directed by the Baker River Coordinating Committee.

GENERAL NOTES

- How to track funds spent internally at PSE? (Cary will look into)
- Education should be considered in the TERF
- May want to cap what percent of funds can be used for closing costs, etc.

FUNDING

PSE has disclosed that \$10.2MM (Face Value) is the outside boundary of what PSE Senior Management would support. We will continue to define the Terrestrial PME package in light of resource requirements, and then look at the dollars. By pushing some costs out into the future, we would be able to do more for less. Cary will send out a NPV (Net Present Value) spreadsheet to assist folks with this assessment.

HANDOUTS

- Marty's emails since December 5, 2003.
- Cary Feldmann's December 22 email re: PSE's response to Terrestrial PME's
- Summary of Action, Goal of Action, Objective of Action, Description of Action (Proposed License Article), Rationale for Action

Tentative Agenda for next (RESOLVE) Terrestrial Resources Working Group Meeting

February 5, 2004 at USFWS Lacy office

9am until 2pm

Bring a sack lunch and we'll work through!

1. Review today's notes/action items

2. Review updated PME package, including Bald Eagle PME
3. Review of PME draft license article language for finished PMEs
4. Review Management Plan Outline
5. Finalize PME package if possible
6. Set agenda for February 19th meeting
7. Evaluate meeting

**Tentative Agenda for next (Technical) Terrestrial Resources Working Group Meeting
February 19, 2004 at PSE Office in Bothell** (*Team Leader note: Bothell is not available, so I have tentatively scheduled the PSE office conference room in Mount Vernon, just to have a space scheduled. Any suggestions on an alternative site?*)

8:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

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1. Review today's notes/action items
2. Review of PME draft license article language
3. Review Management Plan Outline
4. Comments on Study Reports
 - Amphibians
 - Elk
 - Grizzly
 - Others?
5. Review Parking Lot
6. Set agenda for March 17 meeting
7. Evaluate meeting