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Terrestrial Resources Implementation Group Technical Meeting

November 10th, 2005 (9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.)

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(Please tell Tony (425-462-3553) if you plan to call into meeting)

AGENDA

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| 1. Review notes/agenda/action items from October 13th, 2005 meeting |
| 2. Review recent BRICC meeting activities, including schedule for DEIS |
| 3. Land acquisition update <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Contact with land owner of initial parcel |
| 4. Terrestrial Resource Management Plan (TRMP) review (cont.) |
| 5. Other? |
| 6. Evaluate meeting and set date and agenda for next meeting |

Baker River Project License Implementation

Terrestrial Resource Implementation Group Final Meeting Notes

November 10, 2005
9:00 am - 3:00 pm

FINAL MEETING NOTES

Team Leader: Tony Fuchs (PSE), 425-462-3553, tony.fuchs@pse.com

PRESENT

Marty Vaughn (Biota-Pacific); Kathy Smayda (Smayda Environmental Associates); Lauri Vigue (WDFW); Bob Kuntz (NPS); Jason Joseph (Sauk-Suiattle Indian Tribe); Laura Potash and Don Gay (USFS); Tony Fuchs and Cary Feldmann (PSE); Lyn Wiltse, facilitator, and Jamie Riche, note-taker (PDSA Consulting, Inc).

NEXT MEETING DATES

Elk Teamlet Meeting: November 14, 2005 from 9:00 to 2:00 at Forest Service Office in Mountlake Terrace.

TRIG Meeting: February 7, 2006 from 9:00 to 3:00 at Forest Service Office in Mountlake Terrace

AGENDA TOPICS

Review Notes, Agenda
BRICC Update, Skagit County Update
Land Acquisition Update
TRMP Review
Evaluate meeting, Set next meeting & agenda

NEW ACTION ITEMS

Tony – Review data from bathymetry study and aerial photos in consideration of loon nesting platforms
Marty – Email all the WDFW HEP language for review
Laura – Send Tony RFP for baseline data for *carex flava* by the end of the month

PREVIOUS ACTION ITEMS

All – In reviewing the TRMP land acquisition sections, consider how to list primary and secondary decision criteria.

All – Review Washington State Wetland Rating System for Western Washington: <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/biblio/0406025.html>. Consider if this is what we want to use this as a pre-acquisition survey.

All – Review Methods of Assessing Wetland Functions – Riverine and Depressional Wetlands in the Lowlands of Western Washington: <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/biblio/99115.html>. Consider if this is a more detailed assessment we may want to use. Keep in mind what would help us with a Habitat Assessment Implementation Plan.

Lauri – Run proposed relevant TRMP language by Washington Heritage Program rep.

Lauri – Get damage complaint information/maps (showing distance between areas of potential animal damage conflict) from Regional Office.

SKAGIT COUNTY UPDATE

Tony and Cary updated the group about the shoreline exemption application PSE has submitted to Skagit County. It was denied, overturned, and is now in appeal before the Skagit County Commissioners. If the loon and osprey nests are pulled out of Skagit County, the shoreline permit will not be necessary. The plan is to install loon platforms during the first quarter of 2007, and PSE is looking into alternate sites in case the appeals process drags out too long.

BRICC UPDATE

Nothing new here. FERC is still telling us that the DEIS will be out sometime in November. Stay tuned.

LAND ACQUISITION UPDATE

Mike Mueller (RMEF) and the owner of the property met two weeks ago; the owner gave Mike a tour of the property. He indicated that he is not interested in selling; he wants to leave a legacy to his heirs. Mike shared with him several options other than sale of the property (easements, etc), and the owner was open to those options. Mike will be in touch with him again before Thanksgiving. Tony will keep us informed of progress along the way.

TRMP REVIEW

Marty led us through a review of the October 3 draft of the Terrestrial Resource Management Plan. Jamie made real-time edits to capture feedback from TRIG members.

NEXT STEPS

Spend December working on DEIS

Meet again as TRIG on Feb. 7 to discuss how to proceed

HANDOUTS

Agenda

TRIG October 13 Meeting Notes

October 3, 2005 Draft of TRMP

PARKING LOT

Develop protocol for pre-acquisition field visit

Easement vs. Ownership relative to license articles

MEETING EVALUATION

What Went Well

Got done early
Thanks USFS for hosting!
Food is getting better and better (sweet!)
Good discussion, listening, paraphrasing
Great preparation!

What to Do Differently

Missed many key people today ... looking forward to seeing all Feb. 7

AGENDA FOR NEXT TRIG MEETING

February 7, 2006 at Mountlake Terrace

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

1. Welcome, review notes, action items, agenda
2. DEIS update
3. BRICC/FERC update
4. Land acquisition update
5. Wetland rating system for land acquisition
6. IWMP prioritization matrix
7. Review all terrestrial settlement articles (include in TRMP?)
8. Non-TRMP terrestrial issues (Funding, 601, 602, etc.)
9. Review edits of TRMP
10. TRMP: next steps
11. Review Parking Lot Items
12. Evaluate meeting, set next meeting date and agenda