

BAKER RIVER PROJECT RELICENSE

Recreational & Aesthetic Resources Working Group

April 17, 2007 at Mountlake Terrace
9:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

USDA-FS Office-Mountlake Terrace
21905 64th Ave West
Mountlake Terrace, WA 98043

Lyn Wiltse- Facilitator 425-890-3613 (call for meeting information)

AGENDA

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| 9:30-10:00 | Welcome, Review Notes, Action Items, Agenda |
| 10:00-10:15 | Quick review of Revised Norms (see attached) |
| 10:15-10:3 | FERC/BRICC Status/Update |
| 10:30-10:45 | Project Boundary Update |
| 10:45-11:00 | Break |
| 11:00-11:30 | Review Implementation Schedule (Work Plans, etc.) |
| 11:30-Noon | Lunch |
| Noon-12:15 | Discuss Next Steps |
| 12:15-12:30 | Evaluate Meeting, Set Next Meeting Date (Jul 17) and Agenda |

I have set up a conference call for the meeting for any unable to attend in person.
Phone number is (toll free) 888-228-0484
Meeting ID # 22537
Password # 74837

The line will be available at 9:20. Do not call in ahead to make sure the number is set up. If you call ahead of time and then hang up, it cancels the entire conference call.

Baker River Project License Implementation

Recreation Resource Group Meeting Final Meeting Notes

April 17, 2007
9:30 am - 12:30 pm

Forest Service Building, Mountlake Terrace

FINAL MEETING NOTES

Team Leader: Pam Garland, PSE, (pamela.garland@pse.com)

Facilitator: Lyn Wiltse: 425-890-3613 (call if running late or if plans to attend the meeting change)

***Note:** To verify whether a meeting will occur during inclement weather or other unforeseen circumstance, call Pam Garland the morning of the meeting at home: 360-826-3087 or cell: 360-661-2243.*

PRESENT

Ann Dunphy (USFS), Andrea Fichter (Town of Concrete), Pam Garland (PSE), Cary Feldmann (PSE), Brock Applegate (WDFW), Jamie Van De Vanter (Van De Vanter Group Landscape Architects), Pamela Krueger (facilitator in place of Lyn Wiltse)

NEXT (TENTATIVE) RRG MEETING DATES

Jul. 17: (9:30 – 1:30, USFS Bldg. Mountlake Terrace)

Oct. 16 (time and location to be determined)

NEW ACTION ITEMS

- Pam: Bring updated RRG contact list to next meeting.
- All: Check with BRICC representative on how quorum rule is to be addressed for individual resource groups
- Cary: Report back to RRG from BRICC teamlet discussion on quorum rule
- Ann/Pam: FS/PSE to work on information gathering issues for Special Use Authorization for Baker Resort, with report back to RRG
- Cary: Check on base mapping authorization by PSE for Baker Resort
- Cary: Develop “model” for future RRG plans, using 303 as example – by next meeting
- All: Provide input on how best to coordinate with interested/required parties on implementation activities for any specific articles
- All: Provide Pam input on additional sub-task items to include in implementation schedule, within 30 days of 4/17/07, if possible, for discussion at next meeting

AGENDA TOPICS

9:40 – 10:10	Welcome, Review Agenda, Notes, Action Items
10:10 – 10:25	Review of Revised Meeting Norms
10:25 – 10:40	FERC/BRICC Update; Active/Ongoing Project Activities
10:40 – 11:00	Project Boundary Update
11:00 – 11:15	Break
11:15 – 12:35	Implementation Schedule
12:35 – 12:55	Discuss Next Steps, Set Agenda, Evaluate Meeting

NORMS

The norms, with a few additional revisions (attached) in the areas of Meeting Procedures, Meeting Conduct, and Meeting Minutes, were reviewed and discussed. Substantively, the application of the quorum rule in the Resource Group, was discussed. The issues pertaining to the quorum rule were revisited, and Cary reported that the BRICC teamlet to address this issue would proceed in the near future and this subject would likely be discussed at the next full BRICC meeting scheduled for April 25. Concern was expressed about being able to move RRG issues forward if a quorum was not present for RRG meetings in the future. Cary will keep RRG posted, and report any BRICC consensus for the quorum rule in the RRG. All members will check with their BRICC counterparts as needed for this discussion.

FERC/BRICC STATUS/UPDATE

The Town of Concrete recently issued the shoreline substantial development permit as a predicate to Ecology's issuance of its 401 certification and CZMA determination. With all local review now completed, Ecology's 401 and CZMA are ready to issue. Andrea reported that the Town of Concrete will be holding one more hearing for the limited purpose of confirming SMP adoption, on May 7.

The USFWS and NMFS Biological Opinions are still pending, with anticipated release near the end of April for the USFWS opinion.

PROJECT BOUNDARY UPDATE

RRG members acknowledged work on project boundary issues is ongoing and many details will be completed when requirements are known after license is issued.

ONGOING PROJECT ACTIVITIES / ACTIVITIES IN/NEAR PROJECT AREA

- Initial work related to the Baker Lake Resort redevelopment and decommissioning is proceeding, in the form of the identification of information needs through discussions between PSE and the USFS. PSE is in the process of preparing background information on values associated with the existing campground. Jamie has reviewed digital orthotic photos with 5' contour intervals at 100 scale for base mapping, and Cary will review proposed base mapping to move this item forward. Jamie has some ideas on an initial approach to planning for the work for this article and will discuss the ideas with FS and PSE preliminarily. The USFS indicated an interest in accelerating the schedule for the conversion work due to the December 2008 expiration of the special use authorization. Ann, Pam, Jamie and Cary agreed to review some of the related information needs together and will report back to the RRG at the next meeting.
- Ann reported that there is some cobbling and shoreline reshaping work taking place at Horseshoe Cove related to cultural site protection.
- Pam reported that road access to Lake Shannon is being impeded by a private property owner. This may affect viability of this site for Article 305.

IMPLEMENTATION SCHEDULE

Pam presented a timeline for the recreational license article requirements based upon required subtasks and assumptions on the timing of license issuance. The RRG reviewed the timeline and subtasks listed for each article and discussed some of the bigger picture planning requirements for the Article 301 report and the relationship of this report to the other plans. Cary proposed preparing a “model” plan for RRG discussion that would reflect a uniform approach to plan completion and submission consistent with the articles. Due to the initial work related to Article 303, this article will be used as an example for this model plan, which Cary will provide to the RRG for review and discussion at the next meeting.

The following specific comments were made regarding scheduling associated with the following articles:

- Article 303 – Ann indicated RRG may need to build in some environmental checkpoints related to this scheduled item. Some additional definition of timing for subtasks was also desired.
- Articles 306, 307, 308, 309, 310 – Ann indicated FS was internally reviewing timing of some of the tasks as they relate to the license not having yet been issued and FS needs. All agreed that once the license is issued, the parties will review the implementation schedule for the various articles as a part of reviewing the license. If the license is issued prior to the next RRG meeting, a mini-workshop relating to any RRG implementation scheduling issues will be done at the next meeting.
- Article 312 – Ann indicated that the FS was working on creating line items for specific license article work in the collection agreement that is being prepared for some aspects of future license implementation.
- Article 316 – PSE reported that three portions of FS 1106 had recently been washed out at three culvert locations and work was being done to continue to provide access.

For all license articles, discussion regarding the need for coordination among various parties for future RRG implementation work occurred, as well as coordination related to shared resources with other implementation resource groups. It was noted that certain RRG articles would be of primary interest to certain limited parties, and the level of coordination and collaboration would need to be addressed. All agreed to provide any input they have regarding how best to coordinate with interested/required parties on implementation activities for any specific RRG articles, with the expectation that monitoring coordination would need to be an ongoing activity during license implementation.

HANDOUTS

- Agenda
- Notes from January 16, 2007 RRG Meeting
- Recreation Resource Group Meeting Norms, Revised as of January 16, 2007
- Draft RRG Implementation Timeline, with assumed dates for license issuance

MEETING EVALUATION

What Went Well:

- More than adequate facilitation
- Good discussion around substantive issues, ie, schedule, Baker Resort
- Good progress on pre-license issuance work

What to Do Differently:

- More RRG members to attend and participate

The RRG cancelled the February 20, 2007 meeting

DRAFT AGENDA FOR NEXT RRG MEETING

July 17, 2007 at Mountlake Terrace

9:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Note: Estimated times are approximate

9:30 – 10:00	Welcome, Review Notes, Action Items, Agenda, Revised Norms
10:00 – 10:20	FERC/BRICC Status Update
10:20 – 11:00	Mini-workshop on RRG article implementation issues, if license has been issued
11:00 – 11:15	Break
11:15 – 12:00	Review Revised Implementation Schedule, including comments by RRG on subtasks for inclusion
12:00 – 12:30	Lunch
12:30 – 12:50	Discussion of “Model” plan for Article 303
12:50 - 1:00	Updates of Ongoing Project Activities / Activities In or Near Project Area
1:00 – 1:15	Update on status of resource group quorum rule
1:15 - 1:25	Report on Baker Resort planning activities
1:25 - 1:30	Evaluate Meeting, Set Next Meeting Agenda