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Terrestrial Resources Implementation Group Technical Meeting

February 1st, 2007 (12:10 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.)

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AGENDA

- 1. Review notes/agenda/action items from January 4th, 2006 meeting
- 2. Review recent BRICC meeting activities, licensing updates?
 - Any updates on BiOp?
- 3. Update from Jan. 25 Teamlet meetings
- 4. Continue Chapter-by-Chapter TRMP Review (using the clean copy)
 - Updates from Teamlet meetings (e.g., Elk Teamlet, Osprey/Loons, etc.)
 - Unresolved issues
 - TRMP "finalization" plan
- 3. Other?
- 4. Evaluate meeting, set date and agenda for next meeting





Baker River Project License Implementation

Terrestrial Resource Implementation Group Final Meeting Notes

February 1, 2007 12:00 - 3:00 pm USFS Mountlake Terrace Office

FINAL MEETING NOTES

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

PRESENT

Tony Fuchs and Anna Kopitov (PSE); Kathy Smayda (Smayda Environmental Associates); Marty Vaughn (Biota-Pacific); Brock Applegate (WDFW); Patrick Goldsworthy (NCCC); Bob Nelson (RMEF); Laura Potash (USFS); Don Gay (USFS); and Jamie Riche (PDSA Consulting).

NEXT MEETING DATES

Elk Teamlet Meeting: February 20, 2007, 9 am – 12 pm, Mtlk Terrace

BRICC: February 28, 2007, 9 am – 3 pm, Mtlk Terrace

TRIG: March 1, 2007, 9 am -3 pm, Mtlk Terrace

Future TRIG Meetings: Apr. 5, May 3, June 7, July 5, Aug. 2, Sept. 6, Oct. 4, Nov. 1, Dec. 6

ACTION ITEMS

 Marty - Incorporate your notes into our TRMP working document, bring next draft to March 1 TRIG mtg

PREVIOUS - STILL RELEVANT - ACTION ITEMS

- All In reviewing the TRMP land acquisition sections, consider how to list primary and secondary decision criteria.
- Tony Forward information about all potential land acquisition parcels to elk teamlet with a reminder about the need for confidentiality of all such information

Report on Previous Action Items:

Tony talked with Connie about the process for filing and updating the TRMP (addendums vs. re-filing). He confirmed that the TRMP will be a core guidance document. PSE is planning to model this TRMP after Snoqualmie's process. As we develop detailed plans (ex: after land acquisition), we would send them as addendums to inform FERC that we are in compliance with the requirements we describe in the TRMP. This would allow us to minimize administrative overhead since we would not be re-filing the entire TRMP (or seeking approval) for each addition.

BiOp Update:

The current plan is for the Biological Opinion to be completed by the end of February. There is a field trip scheduled for Wednesday, February 7.

Osprey / Loon Teamlet Update:

The teamlet chose to place the Osprey platform on a snag across the lake from the boat launch. The teamlet then reviewed design options presented by Jennifer Blackburn (PSE Engineer), chose a design and discussed moorage and disturbance issues. They decided to place one of the three loon platform this year so they can see how the design performs before building and placing the other two.

Elk Update:

Mike Muller (RMEF) met with the heirs to the "initial parcel," and reported that the meeting went very well. The parcels are not for sale unless the heirs need to sell part of them to pay estate taxes. They are, however, interested in conservation easements and have similar management interests. The teamlet also met Ray Croswell, RMEF's new lands program manager, who will focus exclusively on Elk lands.

TRMP Review

Tony projected our January 4, 2007 draft on the screen and made live changes as we continued to walk through the document chapter by chapter, starting with the Post-Acquisition Habitat Assessment section of Chapter 4 (Elk).

After completing Chapter 4, we skipped ahead to review Section 8.2, "Weed Management on Lands Acquired and/or Managed under Articles 502, 503, 504 and 505." We discussed the funding implications of noxious weed presence on acquired lands and agreed that the intent of this section is to minimize the likelihood of surprise expenses that could eat up funding intended for our purposes. We will not be requiring higher weed management standards than are mandated by regulations unless it is in the overall interest of the TRIG to do so. After this discussion, we left the language as-is.

We then returned to Chapter 5 and made it partially through that section. We will start next time at Post-Acquisition Habitat Assessment.

HANDOUTS

- Agenda
- TRIG January 4, 2007 Meeting Notes

PARKING LOT

• Develop protocol for pre-acquisition field visit

MEETING EVALUATION

What Went Well

- The "poop analogy"
- Folks came prepared
- Lovin' the food ...
- Welcome Anna!

What to Do Differently

• Need to watch the level of detail to avoid getting bogged down

AGENDA FOR NEXT TRIG MEETING

March 1, 2007, 9 am – 3 pm, Mountlake Terrace

- 1. Welcome, review notes, action items, agenda
- 2. Feb. 28 BRICC / License / BiOp Update
- 3. Update from Feb 20 Elk Teamlet meeting
- 4. Continue Chapter-by-Chapter TRMP Review (using the clean copy)
- 5. Other?
- 6. Evaluate meeting, set next meeting date and agenda