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Terrestrial Resources Implementation Group Elk Teamlet Meeting

**February 20th, 2007
(9:00 a.m. to Noon)**

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AGENDA

1. Welcome, review notes, action items, agenda
2. License updates (if any)
3. Land acquisition update
 - PSE conversation on easements - Tony
 - Status of communications w/ "initial parcel" heirs
 - Next steps
4. Identification of alternative initial acquisition properties - ongoing
 - Identification of other ownerships, parcels for trade - Ray
 - Steps for approaching land owners and making offers
5. Land Acquisition Plan – ongoing
 - Status of Elk Plan update, potential for "Elk Summit" - Brock
 - Pre-acquisition Studies
 - Due diligence work
 - Acquisition budget expenditures - Costs Spreadsheet
 - Agreements with landowners
6. Other?
7. Evaluate meeting and set date and agenda for next meeting

Baker River Project License Implementation

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Elk Teamlet
Final Meeting Notes**

February 20, 2007 ~ 9:00 am - 12:00 pm
PSE - Mount Vernon, WA

FINAL MEETING NOTES

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

PRESENT: Tony Fuchs and Anna Kopita (PSE); Bob Nelson and Ray Croswell (RMEF); Brock Applegate (WDFW); Don Gay (USFS); Patrick Goldsworthy (NCCC); Marty Vaughn (Biota Pacific); Chris Madsen (NWIFC); and Jamie Riche, facilitator (PDSA Consulting, Inc).

NEXT MEETING DATE

ELK: Date and location TBD (Mtlk. Terrace?), tied to Elk Summit, probably late April / early May

TRIG: March 1, 2007, Mtlk. Terrace, 9 – 3

TODAY'S AGENDA TOPICS

- Licensing Update
- Update on “Initial Parcel” discussions
- Review Status of Alternative Properties
- Land Acquisition Plan
- TRMP Elk Chapter

NEW ACTION ITEMS

- Tony – Add Ray to Elk Teamlet email list; send Ray an Elk Teamlet contact list
- Tony – Schedule Land Acquisition Team meeting w/ Mike, Ray, Terry, and PSE / RMEF legal folks ... aim for week after 3/7
- Tony, Anna & Brock – Develop agenda / list of questions for “Elk Summit” ... bring to 3/1 TRIG
- Tony – Send letter / invitation on behalf of full TRIG w/ proposed agenda to Bob Everitt, Laura Leschner, Mike Davison, and Jerry Nelson
- Ray – Confirm / request access to parcels
- Tony & Ray – Walk both parcels
- Tony – find that friendly neighborhood budget excel spreadsheet (from ± 6 months ago)
- Marty – Write a straw dog elk chapter objective for us to discuss / edit
- Chris – Send Tony the email address for the GIS contact (re: old action item, below)

OLD ACTION ITEMS

- Ray - (formerly Tom) Send Tony contact information and instructions for site visits
- Tony – Act as our liaison and send instructions to the team
- Tony – Continue to work with PSE's budget folks to develop simple budget spreadsheet
- Chris – work with Todd to send Tony a disk with maps of former Crown lands – including all of Skagit, Snohomish, too, if available
- All – Continue to think about other desirable parcels and bring ideas to future meetings
- Ray - (formerly Tom) Talk to landowner about their perception of parcel values

BRICC / LICENCE UPDATE

Folks are still feeling optimistic about an April issuance. The February 28th BRICC meeting has been cancelled and replaced with a written / emailed update. The highlights of this update include:

- Shoreline permit hearing 3/12 in Concrete
- SEPA completed 1/12; adopting NEPA document
- CZMA: requesting deadline extension to 3/30
- Water Quality Certification: 3/1
- BiOps: Coming soon! Expected by end of this week or early next week.

Easements:

Tony met with PSE's legal folks to discuss PSE's approach to easements. The bottom line is that we need to show what any specific proposal would mean to PSE. Tony created a Matrix describing the different types of easement options, including: ownership, conservation easement, conservation easement, purchased / other easement, and life estate. The matrix covers a high-level explanation of each option, specific considerations, pros, cons, and FERC implications.

Land Acquisition:

We reviewed the status of the initial parcel and possible alternate parcels, and gave Ray feedback / input on our priorities relative to both easements and possible trades.

Pre-acquisition studies: the only changes the TRIG is proposing to the pre-acquisition studies has to do with the wetland portions, so the documentation we developed for the 3 other parcels we reviewed last year will work for us.

Elk Summit:

Brock has the OK to bring folks together. We need:

- Management guidelines, specific to our planning questions
- List of Questions (Tony, Anna & Brock will develop for TRMP review)
- Invite full TRMP and WDFW

Next Steps:

- Tony, Anna & Brock – Work toward “Elk Summit” ... develop agenda and list of Q's (ex: are there specific restrictions on lower parcel?)
- Ray will continue to explore interest alternate parcels / trade possibilities
- Tony will continue to work toward PSE decision re: easements

- We believe we are getting close to a decision, so Tony and Ray will go ahead and initiate the Land Acquisition Team with Tony, Terry, Kendall, Marty, Ray, Mike and Sally (? – RMEF’s legal).

HANDOUTS

- Agenda for this meeting
- Jan. 25, 2007 Final Teamlet Notes
- Latest version of the TRMP Elk Chapter

EVALUATION

- Don & Tony agreed!
- Short meeting good for participants
- We got a lot done AND got done early!

AGENDA FOR NEXT ELK TEAMLET MEETING

Date: Date & location TBD (Mtlk. Terrace?), Tied to “Elk Summit”

1. Welcome, Review Notes, Action Items, Agenda
2. Review Costs Spreadsheet
3. TRMP Elk Chapter Objective
4. Land Acquisition Update
 - a. Status “initial parcel”
 - b. Alternate sites
 - c. Land Acquisition Team Update
5. Evaluate Meeting, Set Date and Agenda for next Meeting