



BAKER RIVER PROJECT LICENSE IMPLEMENTATION

Terrestrial Resources Implementation Group Technical Meeting

March 5th, 2009 (9:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.)

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AGENDA

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| 1. Review notes/agenda/action items from February 5th, 2009 meeting. |
| 2. Review recent BRCC meeting activities and New License review/issues. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• License/BRCC update• Review decision / agreement / milestones list• Review TRIG Norms/TRIG budget – Tony and Cary |
| 3. Decisions Required at Today's Meeting: Yes <ul style="list-style-type: none">1. Decision Item #1: Does the TRIG adopt the SA Article 509 Plants of Special Status Plan with comments and responses?2. Decision Item #2: Does the TRIG adopt the SA Article 510 <i>Carex flava</i> Plan with comments and responses?3. Decision Item #3: Does the TRIG formally adopt certain decisions made in previous interim meetings, specifically those discussed at today's meeting? (Agree to list prior to decision)<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Please Designate Proxy to express your view if you cannot attend. |
| 4. Land Acquisition Update <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Property Y Update, Alternate properties list – Ira and Tony• Reed Canary Grass management – Tony, Dave• Routine Cost of Land Ownership, review draft language – Cary and Marty• Draft proposal for multi-article properties update - Anna, Cary |
| 5. TRMP plans update <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Review TRMP (Article 501) and updated TRMP implementation schedule - Marty• Status of Legacy Wood plan, bald eagle night roost survey field trip report – Haley |
| 6. Loon Update <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Progress and Photos - Anna |
| 8. Evaluate meeting, set location (FWS Lacy?) and agenda for next meeting (April 2nd, 2009) |



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