

**TLG CONFERENCE CALL SUMMARY**  
**December 1, 2005**

**Participants:**

Phillip Cernera (Chair)	Ron Roizen
Mike Beckwith	Bill Ryan
Bill Adams	Lloyd Brewer
Terry Harwood	John Snider
Rog Hardy	Rusty Sheppard
Anne Dailey	Rob Spafford
Nick Zilka	Jeri DeLange (Note Taker)
Mark Stromberg	

This summary provides the salient issues. These notes are intended to capture key topics, conclusions, and next steps and not the nuances of the discussion.

**Agenda Items:** Upcoming schedule and PFT meetings

**Announcements:** At the beginning of the call, Phillip Cernera mentioned that he and Terry Harwood along with Glen Rothrock (IDEQ) would be speaking to a local group (Kootenai Perspectives) in Coeur d'Alene on December 20 about the joint Lake Management Plan and the Basin ICP.

Harwood mentioned that members of Senator Craig's staff from D.C. recently stopped by for a visit; and that he and Mark Stromberg took them on a tour.

There was some disagreement over the first two announcements by Rog Hardy and Ron Roizen who questioned whether the local meeting was an open meeting and what would be discussed; they also wanted to know what was discussed on the tour. Roizen brought up the topic of mileage reimbursement and inquired if the EPA would reimburse county representatives. Anne Dailey indicated that the EPA was short of funds.

**Upcoming Schedule:** Cernera then discussed the upcoming monitoring PFT meetings for the Lake and Basin on December 8 at the Idaho Dept. of Transportation in CDA. He indicated that a draft agenda has been sent out to everyone. Cernera also mentioned that he talked with John Lawson (IDEQ) about an update on the East Mission Flats repository.

Cernera inquired about the proposed schedule for the edits on the language for the blood lead section. Harwood said that as far as he knows, it is done. For the ICP section, Harwood indicated that Commissioner Krulitz asked to modify how the boundaries are determined.

Anne Dailey reported that the Human Health PFT meeting would be Tuesday, December 6 at 6:00 p.m. Cernera said that he contacted Rob Hanson for the agenda and sent it out to everyone.

Roizen mentioned that he contacted Hanson to see if members of the SNRC Science Committee could attend the PFT meeting and that Hanson told him it was the prerogative of the TLG. Cernera indicated that anyone could attend.

Cernera commented on the long process required to complete the final two sections of the work plan. He suggested that the revised language be sent out to the group and the TLG would review and provide final comment. Harwood said that the blood lead section has not yet been reviewed by everyone, but would be discussed at the human health PFT meeting next week. Lloyd Brewer indicated that he takes exception as he asked for a human health PFT meeting because there were no discussions on how to address the NAS recommendations for blood lead. Harwood explained that there are no specifics in the language for blood lead other than to agree to work on the following:

- The NAS recommendations;
- The type of program;
- That it would not be mandatory; and
- Funding.

He said that the blood lead program would not be mandatory because it was agreed that there would be no chance of the legislature passing it as it would violate people's rights.

Bill Ryan mentioned that he spoke to Rob Hanson about allowing time at the end of the ICP meeting to discuss and set up a human health PFT meeting. Harwood pointed out that the ICP process will take a lot of negotiation in order to get the work plan done and there may not be enough time. Cernera indicated to Brewer that he will check into getting a human health PFT meeting. Brewer said that he believes it is important to understand what the State and the Panhandle Health District can do and what resources are available. He feels that the blood lead program has constraints and that its possibilities should not be limited. Harwood mentioned that this issue is a struggle with some people wanting to work on it and others not cooperating. He indicated that outside funding and incentives may be needed to implement the program.

Harwood asked Cernera about the possibility of TerraGraphics giving a presentation on Mica Creek at the next TLG meeting. Cernera said that he called them, but has not heard back yet. A suggestion was made that TerraGraphics could maybe do a presentation at one of the PFT or BEIPC meetings.

Dailey informed everyone that an OU2 monitoring PFT meeting was tentatively being planned for February 21, the day before the next BEIPC meeting. She indicated that it would be an all day meeting.

Cernera inquired about other upcoming meetings in order to schedule the TLG meeting. Bill Adams mentioned that he was looking at scheduling the mine/mill PFT meeting in early January to discuss various design processes. He also reported that the water treatment studies are complete and he will schedule a water treatment PFT meeting around the middle of January to update everyone and to discuss the path forward. Adams indicated that he was informed at a budget meeting that EPA funding has been cut approximately 25%.

Cernera then discussed possible dates for the next TLG meeting and January 31 was scheduled. He will start working on putting together the agenda.

### **Round Table:**

**Beckwith:** Mentioned that he will have Paul Woods give a presentation at the monitoring PFT meeting to help set the stage for bringing ideas about lake monitoring as it will be the basis for the LMP.

**Adams:** Indicated that the mine/mill conference call will begin at the regular 9:00 a.m. time today, but that he is considering moving the time to allow for overlap of the TLG call. Brewer commented that 9:00 a.m. on Thursday does not work for him.

**Harwood:** Reported that he recently sent out letters to the CWA proponents to request their annual accomplishment reports; and that he emailed requests to the various parties for CERCLA funding. He will begin building the annual report as soon as he starts receiving the requested information back. In addition, Harwood said that he developed a strawman for the Basin ICP which will be discussed at the human health PFT meeting next week. He indicated that he had to revise it from the previous version he sent out because it had to be in IDAPA format and he did not want people to misunderstand the reason for it.

Then Harwood suggested that work on the five-year (2006-2010) work plan should start after the next BEIPC meeting in February. Cernera said that he would like the TLG to not update the five-year plan every year because then the TLG will always be writing plans. Harwood indicated that the TLG is supposed to do this. Dailey believes that the five-year plan lays the groundwork and that there may be problems if we wait. Cernera proposed that after three years, the TLG looks at updating it then. Harwood suggested to Cernera that this issue be a topic of discussion for the TLG meeting on January 31.

Harwood discussed the visit by Senator Craig's staffers on November 18. He and Stromberg gave them a briefing on the Basin and yards followed by a tour. Harwood informed them of the need for ecological funding for Canyon Creek and the Box; and told them that without it, no work can be done. He also mentioned the need for funding for blood lead testing.

Regarding the procedure for the TLG conference call notes, Harwood made a suggestion that the draft notes be sent to all of the participants on the call to review. Then everyone can get edits back to Jeri DeLange if anyone is misquoted. Cernera indicated that he has no problems with how the process is working. Hardy said that the revisions are few enough and not hard to do. After further discussion, it was agreed that DeLange would send the draft notes to the participants on the call and they would have a week to review and get any edits back to her.

**Cernera:** Gave an update about the mediation process between the State and Tribe. He said that interviews have been conducted and a mediator will be selected soon with a schedule proposed for mediation early next year. He will keep everyone posted.

Cernera also mentioned that the Tribe decided that navigation aids along the St. Joe were a safety issue and have spent \$45,000 to do work and update them to Coast Guard standards.

**Brewer:** Nothing to report.

**Spafford:** Nothing to report.

**Schedule:** The next TLG conference call will be scheduled 12/15/05.

Thank you for your participation.