

TLG CONFERENCE CALL SUMMARY
July 9, 2009

Rebecca Stevens (Chair)
Anne Dailey
Bill Adams
Nick Zilka
Mark Masarik

Brian Spears
Sandra Raskell
Kenny Hicks
Jeri DeLange (Note Taker)

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: Updates - Upper Basin PFT Meeting, Repository Meeting; EMF Schedule for Summer Work; Upcoming TLG Meeting Agenda Items.

Round Table:

Bill Adams - Reported there was lots of good discussion at yesterday's bio-monitoring subgroup meeting. They are currently working on setting up a surface water/groundwater/sediment meeting for July 28 or 29. After the date is confirmed, he will let people know and get materials out for review in advance. For last week's priority setting meeting on June 30, he indicated there was a good turnout. They will be expanding work and testing Ninemile Creek and then move out to Canyon Creek and the South Fork of the CDA River using the simplified tool. He will send a brief summary out and post the materials on the web.

Nick Zilka - Inquired about the key issues at yesterday's bio-monitoring meeting. Adams replied they will be collecting the same type, but will reduce the frequency of monitoring as there was a lot of discussion on the futility of collecting bio-monitoring in the Superfund Box.

Anne Dailey - Pointed out the usefulness of the monitoring and how it will help in decision-making to do a better job in the future.

Brian Spears - Commented the bio-monitoring is easy to collect and they are comparing results.

Rebecca Stevens - Mentioned the CDA Basin Natural Resource Damage (NRDA) Trustees will be meeting and plan to discuss the AWQC (Ambient Water Quality Criteria) for fish and will get back to EPA in regards to the Upper Basin eco-prioritization model

Anne Dailey - Will post information for PFT members on the FTP site (i.e. the draft Osburn conceptual site model should be coming out soon). She reminded everyone that EPA's data management system "Storet" will soon be replaced with WQX (Water Quality Exchange). Information will be able to be shared by other agencies as WQX is a nationwide system. Dailey offered to provide an update of the changes at the upcoming TLG meeting and indicated that Storet will be available through July 17. She also mentioned that remedial action at the Schlepp wetland will be started as soon as the field is dried out.

Nick Zilka - Reported the EE/CA (Engineering Evaluation/Cost Analysis) for the Wallace Yard and Spur Line removal action is moving along. In order to get it settled, there needs to be a

Consent Decree agreement between IDEQ, EPA, and the railroad; and then it will need to go to the Department of Justice. There will also be a public comment period for 45 days. He thinks the process will take at least three months, so there will probably be no work on it this year.

Brian Spears - Nothing to report. He is looking forward to the TLG meeting.

Sandra Raskell - Nothing to report.

Mark Masarik - Noted the Corps of Engineers (COE) was out at Gene Day pond in Osburn to do water sampling in the water column and surface soil interface. For the Recreation PFT, Masarik is working with Terry Harwood to re-invigorate the group. Stevens said she will provide time on the TLG agenda for discussion.

Kenny Hicks - Brought up he had concerns at the Upper Basin PFT meeting on repositories in the I-90 corridor.

Anne Dailey - Responded she followed up with EPA's attorney and Ed Moreen, and suggested that Hicks work with Andy Mork (IDEQ) about this issue.

Jeri DeLange - Nothing to report. She is hoping to schedule a Communications PFT meeting or conference call later this month.

Rebecca Stevens - Informed everyone the next TLG meeting will be July 22 at the CDA Tribal Casino in Worley starting at 9:30 a.m. The meeting will be in the Aripa room in the back. She suggested TLG members may take a brown bag lunch with them, or they may have lunch on their own at the buffet or restaurant. Stevens will prepare a draft agenda along with directions to the casino. If anyone has possible agenda items, please send them to her.

So far, tentative agenda items include: 1) a presentation by Sentinel Solutions from Montana on some new technology; 2) updates by Adams and Dailey on the BEMP (Basin Environmental Monitoring Plan), prioritization setting and the ROD amendment; 3) repository and EMF updates by Mork; 4) Lower Basin PFT discussion by Stevens; 5) remedy protection update by Anne McCauley (EPA); 6) Recreation PFT update by Masarik; 7) EPA data system conversion from Storet to WQX by Dailey; and 8) TLG conference call discussion. Stevens also noted the TLG will need to elect a Vice-Chair as Hicks agreed to serve only as an interim vice-chair until the position could be filled.

Kenny Hicks - Suggested there may be a minority discussion at the TLG meeting from the Shoshone County TLG rep.

Bill Adams - Mentioned the LIDAR flight was flown and that EPA is going forward with aerial photography for the whole Basin. This will link in with LIDAR and provide a good tool.

Schedule: The next TLG conference call will be scheduled 8/6/09.

Thank you for your participation.