

TLG CONFERENCE CALL SUMMARY

June 24, 2004

Participants:

Anne Dailey
David Fortier
Lloyd Brewer
Jeff Johnson
Rob Spafford

Nick Zilka
Bill Kirchner
Rebecca Stevens
Randy Connolly
Rogers Hardy

Bill Rust
Ed Moreen
Mark Stromberg
Paul Woods

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:

Recap/Comments on NAS activities last week. Rog Hardy questioned Paul Woods about the NAS field trip. Woods responded that the USGS and the USFWS took two boats on the Lake and up the Coeur d'Alene River carrying interested members of the NAS committee. They discussed Lake circulation, changes, and observations all the way to the north end of the Lake. Woods pointed out the Lake sampling stations. There were eight committee members, Paul Woods, Anne Dailey, and Dan Audet.

Randy Connolly followed with another question for Woods: Is he seeing the little high flow events moving across the Lake? Woods' answer was yes. Connolly noted Al Issacson's expectation of more frequent high flow events. Discussion followed regarding reduced channel capacity and more frequent flooding, and turned to the Pb load carried by the North Fork. This load is larger than that from Canyon Creek.

Firm up TLG Meeting plans. Brief discussion resulted in a group decision to hold an all day TLG meeting July 22, at the Forest Service offices on Schreiber Way in Coeur d'Alene.

Round Table:

Anne Dailey: Willows planted at the East-of-Rose-Lake site are greening up. Anne fielded a question about an apparent yard remediation nearby. The yard remediation was a high risk site, with three children in the house. A nearby access point has been blocked, as well, preventing vehicle access to contaminated areas.

David Fortier: He is continuing with monitoring of water treatment systems, site surveys, and rock dump rehabilitations. Vic Clausen is working with the BLM to improve revegetation efforts.

Lloyd Brewer: The WCAC meeting last night had about 20 people. Hugh Lovecraft gave a presentation on the details of recent research in the chain lakes. Decreasing levels of metals increases tadpole population. This forces snails to feed at deeper levels where metals concentrations are higher, thus increasing the snails' exposure. Mike Skolla discussed efforts to

deal with metals and PCBs in the Spokane River, and explained why signs had been put up and what they say. A representative from the Spokane City Council urged more communication between and among elected officials on both sides of the state line.

Jeff Johnson: Jeff has been focused on the North Fork of the Coeur d'Alene River. A final review of work at the Paragon is complete, and they are moving to the monitoring phase. An agreement is close for the state to use the repository for some nearby private sites. The Jack Waite EE/CA is expected soon.

Rebecca Stevens: Rebecca asked who wants the completed bank stabilization inventory. Moreen suggested she ask the participants to review it before releasing it.

Nick Zilka: Nick provided an update on the Stream Bank Project. The Bank Stabilization project work plan should be out for review next week. He is working through the documents. The outcome of the work plan review will help select from five design options. The next steps will be to finalize the plan and prepare bid documents.

Bill Kirchner: Nothing.

Randy Connolly: Nothing.

Rog Hardy: Rog asked about two Coeur d'Alene Tribal Council resolutions. The first concerned an EPA grant. Anne Dailey explained that. The second concerned partial interim TAS. Rog asked if anyone in the group was tracking this. No one knew of any tracking.

Bill Rust: Bill asked about the blood lead sampling program. Notices in the press are confusing. Nick Zilka clarified that there will be two different efforts: one in the Box and one outside.

Ed Moreen: Ed is working on an update to a tech memo, and should have something to the Repository PFT in mid-July.

Mark Stromberg: Mark provided an update on yard work: Thirteen were done this week. A total of 30 to 40 have been completed this season, and 40 are underway.

Paul Woods: The first BEMP samples are in. He sampled in the Lake this week; samples are on the way to the lab. He is following up on questions the NAS committee asked.

Thank you for your participation.