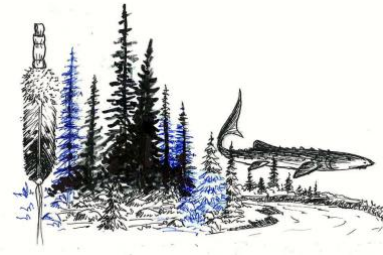


Final Notes

KRHRP PMT Coordination Call

July 20, 2018



On the call: Matt D., Charlie H., Sue I., Norm M., Tom P., Jason S., Alison S., and Dan W.

1. North Side Channel (NSC) maintenance

- An APE was completed in 2012 for the NSC project and the 2018 maintenance work is within that footprint. But Ted Gresh has indicated the BPA is considering the NSC maintenance a new project. They have assigned a cultural resources person to the project who will begin on Monday July 23. The cultural resources person will send a letter asking for concurrence from SHPO. But there's a new SHPO person. The default for SHPO is they have 30 days, but Ted has promised to shepherd it through as quickly as possible and he says they've gotten responses within a day or two before.
- Jason S. said, that Jason F. has to concur with what BPA sends, not information provided by the Tribe. (DONE) There is also a final step, Shane at USACE has to give the okay too.
- Sue asked for input about what to do if the schedule slips.
 - Tom said the sod mats would typically be installed before mid-July. The later they are installed the riskier it is for their establishment. Geum has been exploring ways to irrigate them through rest of growing season and would like to irrigate the sod mats regardless of when they're installed. If they are installed by mid-August that would be okay. Beyond that he recommended talking with the sod mat company for their advice.
 - Norm said the Wildlife Dept. has a number of pumps (three sizes) that could be used for irrigation.
 - Matt said Goodfellow Brothers can have their folks run the irrigation each day using the Wildlife Dept. pumps.
 - Matt noted that there's still about a week's work to get access to the site.
 - Drop dead date for getting the go ahead is August 6.

2. Lower Meander

- Sue is trying to confirm that Russel Day will be available Monday at 10:30 to meet with Ron Jordan and Sarah F. (Update – Rus Day cancelled the site visit and we still need to plan a phone conference with him)
 - Need to make sure that Ron Jordan documents bank line discussion.
 - Matt talked with him yesterday about making the top of the bank line be a farmable margin.
- Sue said they had a break through with Terry Snow and came to an agreement that will work. They now have a draft agreement in place. Will need to go over a few details with the

contractor and Matt. But no really big changes. The agreement should be complete soon. (It was completed after the call.) Terry wants to use the farm road until everything is harvested, then move the road over to the property line. He would also like to identify where the pull outs would be. We will put in the landowner agreement that we will coordinate with him on the pull outs.

- **ACTIONS:**
 - **Norm to help Sue figure out what tax parcel we will be accessing for Terry Snow. (DONE)**
 - **Norm to help Sue draw the access route on the map for Terry Snow. (DONE)**
 - **Wants us to use the farm road until everything is harvested, then move the road over to the property line. He wanted to ID where the pull outs would be. Put in landowner agreement that will do it in coordination. Norm can draw line. (landowner decided to let leasee in coordination with Tribe and GBi decide where turnouts would be – DONE)**
 - **Alison to get Sue press release for Lower Meander construction. (DONE)**

3. Ball Creek (2019 project)

- Sue checked with Kira at IDFG on status of eDNA samples and emphasized the need to get results for the Ball Creek project.
 - Jason said it is unusual for the eDNA samples to take so long, he knows of other cases where they have come back much quicker. Something may be wrong with the samples.
- The fallback approach that the PMT previously agreed to is if we haven't heard back by October we'll assume that Bull Trout are present.
 - The current design and plan includes a bypass piping system and fish salvage operation (regardless of Bull Trout questions). The question is do we have to move fish around the bypass channel.
 - Jason S. said our proposal would be to not have passage and make the case for why that is biologically acceptable. Jason Flory discussed an approach to this previously during discussions at the last PRAT meeting.
 - Sue would like to lock in the approach for Ball Creek as early as possible.
- **ACTIONS:**
 - **Alison to help Sue coordinate a JPA pre-application meeting in October (Jason F. IDFG, Jason S., IDEQ, USACE, Matt D., etc. Start coordinating dates on late August/September.**
 - **Sue to schedule meeting with landowners this fall to walk through sites, details of what we're doing, access, etc. Get landowner agreement signed by January 1.**

4. Kootenai National Wildlife Refuge

- Still haven't heard anything back from Dianna. Tom will check-in with her. Per previous agreement if don't hear from her before PRAT-CMART meeting that is okay.
- Jason will review KNWR management plan for guidance on NEPA approach (done – he send subsequent emails)

- RDG will schedule a meeting with David Sims regarding City of Bonners Ferry power line after we hear back from Dianna E.
- Sue was at a meeting with Jason F. recently. Jason F. spoke with the Assistant Regional USFWS Director (Rollie White, sp?) to ask for his support for the Refuge work. Sue gave him the handouts we have for the Refuge. He was going to check in with some of Jason's supervisors to feel out where/if there is resistance from Dianna's supervisors and whether there is anything information we can provide that would help address those concerns. Jason S. said he knows Rollie White.
- **ACTIONS:**
 - **Tom to check-in with Dianna Ellis.**
 - **Confirm with Dianna that it is okay to talk publicly about the project (e.g., in outreach materials, meetings, etc.)**
 - **Follow up with Jason S. and/or Rollie White to see if we can help with more information.**

5. Ball Creek TNC project

- Matt has been trying to contact Kennon, without success, to get his feedback on the design. Kennon has indicated he has input to provide. Matt ran into Kennon in town this week and he acknowledged he owes Matt a call.
 - Sue said Kennon has thoughts on how to work with the South Creek.
 - Sue also noted the need to do an internal Tribal briefing on possible effects on allotments. Would like to meet with Dallas, Matt and Tom, Scott and Norm to talk about potential changes of land use in the allotments.
- Norm pulled together water right information, there aren't any recorded water rights for that section of south fork of Trout Creek. But that doesn't mean it is not without controversy.
- Sue provided a comment letter from the Tribe on the Trout Creek west side bridge replacement. They received a response from the County road and bridge supervisor and the Corps. The county provided a contact number for their engineering firm's hydrologist. She talked with Matt about it. She noted that the concern was about the removal of all the trees and vegetation from a gravel lens.
- **ACTIONS:**
 - **Matt to continue to try to coordination with Kennon to review his project ideas.**
 - **Schedule discussion with Dallas (and Sue, Norm, Matt and Tom) after talking with Kennon, to talk about possible flooding impacts to allotments.**
 - **Confirm with Kennon that it is okay to talk publicly about the project (e.g., in outreach materials, meetings, etc.)**

6. Boundary - Smith

- Tom completed notes from the Boundary-Smith site visit/meeting including KRHRP program objectives (and why a pump is not consistent with them).
- Boundary-Smith WMA is most likely the next KRHRP project that will be implemented (based on land manager support, clarity of project components, etc.)

- Need to coordinate with Lee W. and Ted G. to set up an in-person or GoTo meeting to provide an update on the project and discuss NEPA requirements, etc. ASAP.
- Norm noted it will be helpful to get clarity on the Ball Creek TNC project ASAP in order to identify Trout Creek work.
- Sue noted continued concern about messaging related to the KRHRP and Y2Y projects on the WMA. She would like to make sure that the public doesn't get confused about who is doing what and what the objectives are. Messaging about everyone's roles and responsibilities will be really important.
- **ACTIONS:**
 - **Confirm with Evan D. that it is okay to talk publicly about the project (e.g., in outreach materials, meetings, etc.)**
 - **Confirm date for next Advisory Committee meeting and make sure that Tom/Matt are on the agenda to present the project concept. Likely next date is end of the meeting. Scott S. will help keep Tom/Matt in the loop on schedule.**
 - **Sue (or designate) Confirm with Evan D. etc. if any additional outreach is needed to IDFG management or others.**
 - **Sue, Tom, Matt, Alison think about future messaging on Ball Creek TNC project to differentiate between Y2Y project and KRHRP project.**
 - **Clarify NEPA requirements on the Boundary-Smith WMA.**
 - **Alison to help Sue schedule time with Ted, Lee, Matt, Tom and Sue to discuss environmental compliance and NEPA requirements for Boundary-Smith WMA (call or in person)**

7. Creston Wildlife Refuge

- Matt completed and distributed summary of the meeting.
- **ACTIONS:**
 - **Sue will check in with Tribal Council on outreach to Lower Kootenay Band and then coordinate with Alison to send email with background information and invitation to participate.**

8. Trout Creek Avulsion, Mirror Lake, Deep Creek (Wildlife Dept.)

- Norm said the Wildlife Dept. is moving forward on several designs on Mirror Lake, including possible opportunities to tie in with Deep Creek. They are focusing on Mirror Lake property.

9. Central Quad (Wildlife Dept.)

- Norm said Goodfellow Bros started breaking ground this week. Everything is going well. Last year's construction work functioned well during the sturgeon flows. There is still water in the deep pools and about a foot or two of water in the pockets.

10. Other KRHRP and Fish and KTOI Wildlife Department coordination

- Sue would like to plan a KRHRP tour for the KTOI Fish and Wildlife department staff. Some projects are easier to view with a group than others. Norm suggested adding the Nimz project too.

- **ACTIONS:**
 - **Alison to coordinate with Scott S. when the poll for the next PRAT/CMART meeting goes out (either Alison to get TRT names (some or all) and include them in poll or have Scott coordinate with them directly by sending the poll).**
 - **Alison will coordinate with Charlie H. and Sue on potential value of integrating IKERT (some members) into PRAT-CMART. And if so, how.**
 - **Placeholder for future discussion of tour for KTOI Fish & Wildlife Dept. staff of KRHRP and Nimz projects.**

11. Monitoring, evaluation and maintenance activities

- Matt, Tom, Sarah, etc. completed the annual maintenance tour of previous KRHRP projects. They didn't identify any large maintenance needs. There were some fencing issues. Tom and Sarah plan to write up a summary of the tour with lots of photos that could feed into outreach materials.
- Matt said that in addition to doing the normal site visits last week. Ryan Richardson (RDG) went and took drone photos of all the projects, plus the Refuge site, and TNC wetlands.
- **Actions:**
 - **Tom/Sarah to write up results of maintenance tour and incorporate photos.**
 - **Matt or Ryan R. to post photos of drone photos or sent them out.**

12. Technical reviews and support

- Alison is working on notes and actions from Modeling Subgroup meeting and Modeling/Biology/Ecology coordination meeting she hopes to have them done this week.
- Matt said that Chris Nelson and Tess H. went through results of meeting and put together metrics for different feasibility questions heard from PRAT and biology meeting, and how we could go about addressing those questions with models. He's like to send that out with the modeling notes when they are done.
- **ACTIONS:**
 - **Alison distribute PRAT-CMART poll for October or November, finish modeling notes and biological monitoring meeting notes and send the RDG metric table.**

13. Other items

- Dan will send planning documents and workbooks for the 2019-2020 budget and SOW planning update this week or next. Team responses will be due Sept. 6. We will plan on scheduling a coordination call (if needed in September).
- Sue would like to coordinate with Norm about the Meander Reach KRHRP and figure out how we're connecting the KRHRP work in the PISCES work plans. Norm said he is crunched for time right now, in order to get his statement of work in. Sue said the bottom line is she would like to figure out how to weave a narrative about the Op Loss work into the KRHRP narrative for the 2019 contract renewal so that it is understood by BPA that we recognize the synergistic nature of the projects.

- Matt ran into USGS this week and they were wrapping up multibeam bathymetry in Meander Reach. Norm would like copy of that.
- Alison will coordinate with RDG and USGS to begin planning for the USGS SOW in late July or early August.
- **ACTIONS:**
 - **Matt will call Ryan F. about getting copies of the USGS green Lidar dataset. (DONE)**
 - **Norm and Sue want copies too. (DONE – green Lidar has been received)**
 - **Norm would like a copy of the Meander Reach bathymetry when it is available.**
 - **Sue would like an article on how projects have performed. Alison to work with Tom/Matt to develop story based on recent maintenance tour outputs.**
 - **Sue would like to work with Norm (when he has time) and Dan, etc. to figure out how to weave a narrative of the Op Loss work into the KRHRP narrative in PISCES.**

14. Next PMT coordination call

- Next PMT call will be in August or September, Alison will send a poll.