

**Bear River ECC
Final Meeting Notes
February 19, 2014
Pocatello, Idaho**

ECC Members Present

Lynn Van Every, Idaho Department of Environmental Quality
 Arn Berglund, Bureau of Land Management
 David Teuscher, Idaho Department of Fish and Game
 Lee Mabey, US Forest Service
 Cary Myler, US Fish and Wildlife Service
 Jim DeRito, Trout Unlimited

Others Present

Corey Lyman, US Forest Service
 Greg Mladenka, Idaho Department of Environmental Quality
 Eve Davies, PacifiCorp
 Jerry DeBacker, Sagebrush Steppe Land Trust

Participating by Phone

Andrea Santarsiere, Greater Yellowstone Coalition

Commitments Made at the February 19, 2014 Meeting	
All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be advised of the 2014 grant project review schedule: Long forms (applications) due Feb 28 to Stenberg, Hugentobler Funding subcommittee meets in Pocatello Mar. 12 to rank projects. ECC will vote on their recommendations at the next regular ECC meeting, April 16 in Pocatello or Grace. • Be advised that the results of extended monitoring in the Black Canyon will be discussed at a day-long ECC meeting Nov. 19, 2014. Any follow-up discussion needed will take place at the Dec. 10 meeting. • Consider potential habitat enhancement projects for the Sauer property. Coordinate with Van Every.
Stenberg	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide PacifiCorp comments on a proposed small hydro development on the Cub River regarding potential impacts to the ECC's habitat enhancement projects in that area. • Consider revision or amendment of the Comprehensive BCT Recovery Plan to include new information from Mabey. Help schedule meeting time as needed. • Provide Teuscher with a brief written description of the planned drawdown at Soda. Also consider placing informational signs at boat ramps. • Schedule a site visit to Georgetown WMA property in conjunction with April ECC meeting (work with Teuscher). • Consider working with ECC members and a consultant to develop a demonstration installation of streambank stabilization solutions other than rock.
Teuscher	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide additional information regarding Oxborrow proposal to Mabey. • Schedule a site visit to Georgetown WMA property in conjunction with April ECC meeting (work with Stenberg).

Commitments Made at the February 19, 2014 Meeting	
Hugentobler	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Distribute list of ECC members and authorized signatories for ECC review and update.

Decisions Made Since the Last ECC Meeting

The following motions were approved by email vote since the January ECC meeting:

- Approve the Boyack letter of intent, scoping document and conservation easement.
- Approve Sagebrush Steppe Land Trust’s invoice for monitoring and management for 2014 and the remainder of 2013.
- Approve the December 2013 meeting notes

A record of voting is included in Attachment 1.

Decisions Made at This Meeting

None.

Additions to the Agenda

FERC update on Twin Lakes’ Bear River Narrows Dam - Stenberg
 Hydropower Regulatory Efficiency Act - Myler
 Nounan Reach Prioritization - Mabey
 Cub River Hydro Proposal- DeRito
 401 Permit Issue (Sauers – Ball Creek) – Van Every
 Annual Review of Decision Making Flow Chart – Stenberg
 PacifiCorp Maintenance - Stenberg

January Meeting Notes and Action Items

January meeting notes were approved with edits from Mladenka. January action items were reviewed. None were carried over.

Grant Project Updates

Springs Projects – Plans are complete for these projects. Stenberg offered to email the plans to interested ECC members.

Extended Monitoring in the Black Canyon - Stenberg

Stenberg noted this is the third and final year of extended monitoring in the Black Canyon. The monitoring period will end with this year’s last boater flow. Van Every added that temperature monitoring will go to the end of the year, as that is when the probes will be retrieved. Stenberg asked

ECC members when they would like to meet to discuss the data. Teuscher said the last fish of the season will be released in October and IDFG will also be sampling at that time. ECC members decided to dedicate the November ECC meeting to review data obtained during the extended monitoring period. A day-long meeting will be scheduled November 19. Any follow up discussion will take place at the December 10 ECC meeting.

Conservation Hatchery - Teuscher

Teuscher said there was nothing new to report on the Conservation Hatchery. IDFG has about 30,000 fish available for stocking during 2014. He said there was recently a small breakthrough with private landowners on Williams Creek to renovate that stream. He thinks IDFG will hold some hatchery fish for stocking in that reach.

Annual Review of Decisionmaking Flow Chart - Stenberg

This was a routine annual review of the ECC's decision making process. The flow chart was shown as an overhead. Stenberg noted that Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation has not been participating, though their unanimity is required for decision making in certain cases. ECC members were asked to review the list of authorized signatories to be sure it is correct and up to date for their respective organizations. Hugentobler will distribute the list to ECC members via email.

Twin Lakes Final License Proposal (FLP)

Twin Lakes Canal Company's response to comments from its Study Plan and Water Quality Report are complete and revisions have been posted to FERC's website. It was noted that no new information was developed in response to comments. Twin Lakes stated in response that comments requiring new information were not addressed because they were not made in a timely manner. Twin Lakes did not address the Bear River Narrows "Protected Area" status.

Hydropower Regulatory Efficiency Act of 2013 - Myler

Myler provided information to the ECC on this recently enacted piece of legislation regarding hydropower licensing. The act allows for a shortened time frame for approval of smaller hydropower projects. Such projects are being fast tracked, he said, including 25 so far. This act would likely be relevant to the newly proposed Cub River hydro project discussed at the January ECC meeting. Myler said his solicitors advised him to focus comments on whether the project meets qualifying criteria for this act. A preconference meeting on the project is scheduled for March 7. Myler cautioned that there will be no notice (such as the FERC e-notices, it's a different docket). Once the proposal comes out, there will be only 30 days to respond. DeRito said he has noticed as well that these projects are flying through, including several in Utah. Davies said the projects are being presented as environmentally friendly. Mladenka said that no conditions are being allowed by agencies but change in practice is clearly not allowed.

DeRito said two such projects are currently proposed on the Cub River and one on High Creek and the projects are going through quickly. He asked if anyone would be interested in getting together for further discussion prior to the March 7 meeting. Interested parties may meet informally the week before the meeting. Davies said PacifiCorp should also comment on funds expended to benefit BCT on that reach of the Cub River.

Nounan Reach Prioritization – Mabey

Mabey recently reviewed potential projects to benefit BCT in the area of Caribou-Targhee National Forest and listed them to aid in prioritization of ECC projects on the Nounan reach of the Bear River. He distributed the list to ECC members prior to this meeting. Mabey said many projects on the Forest don't make sense without connectivity in this reach. Stenberg said priorities were included the Comprehensive Bonneville Cutthroat Trout Restoration Plan prepared for the ECC in 2008 and there may be an opportunity to fold this information into that plan. Teuscher suggested that the ECC review Shrier's BCT Plan and this information and develop a 5-10 year plan. He said he believes it a toss-up whether the Riverdale or Nounan reaches should be the next priority. Teuscher noted that the plan is available on website. Stenberg said some BCT Plan funding remains – this information may be incorporated into the plan as an update or amendment. He also offered to help schedule meeting time. Mabey said he would like to continue discussing the issue (perhaps after ECC meetings if Teuscher would prefer to keep it separate) and will bring forward projects. He said he would like to develop priorities, and asked for time from others to do so.

Sauer – Van Every

Van Every provided the ECC with an update on this project at the request of Santarsiere. Van Every said a bog on the Sauer property had recently been converted to upland by putting in a pipe. IDEQ is being asked to approve (certify) a wetland permit with an attached mitigation plan for this work after the fact. IDEQ was not consulted prior to project initiation. Van Every noted that the channel has been completely obliterated in this area. Van Every distributed information about the project to the ECC by email prior to the meeting and asked for the ECC's input on potential habitat enhancement projects that would help with mitigation in this area. About 3 weeks are left in the comment period, he said.

PacifiCorp Maintenance Coordination - Stenberg

Stenberg provided a list of PacifiCorp's regular maintenance activities for 2014. The Settlement Agreement and license require consultation with the ECC regarding scheduling of such activities that could affect flows in the Bear River. Stenberg distributed the preliminary list and schedule via email prior to this meeting (see Attachment 2) and reviewed the information via overhead at the meeting.

Stenberg noted that the repair or replacement of spill gates at Soda may require up to a 90-day drawdown. Teuscher asked Stenberg for a brief written description of what is planned there, as he anticipates calls from anglers. He also suggested putting informational signs up at the boat ramps.

Review of Proposals for 2014 Habitat Enhancement Projects

ECC project sponsors provided a brief overview of projects they are bringing forward for the spring 2014 ranking meeting, March 12. Discussion included an opportunity for ECC members to ask any questions about the projects and request additional information that may be needed to rank the projects.

BCT Broodstock Pond - Teuscher

Stenberg asked if the match amount was correct—he said it seems the amount should be larger.

Stenberg said he is bringing forward additional pond location proposals based on a recent PacifiCorp experience with the Ashton hatchery closing. He said conservation hatchery funds may be used for those.

Coop Creek - Lyman

No additional information was requested.

Cottonwood – DeRito

No additional information was requested. Will need original ranking at subcommittee meeting.

Cub Channel – DeRito

It was suggested that the previous project amount be added into total cost. The project will rank better showing match. Also, may need to go back to project engineer for additional support to correct problems here. Need to go back to original contract to see what the goal of the project originally was.

East Side Black Canyon Take-Out Spring Channel Restoration and BCT Holding Pond Design (Sant Pasture) - Stenberg

The project location was reviewed via overhead. Teuscher said this site had the potential to provide more space than the proposed site at Grace Hatchery and would be easy to secure as it is not visible from the Bear River. Teuscher and Stenberg will work together on this proposal.

Fish Screen Evaluation – DeRito

No additional information was requested. DeRito noted that he will not be present for the ranking meeting and may not be available by phone.

Fox North Hoops Screen Replacement - Myler

No additional information was requested. Myler stressed that the applicant is a very good, responsible landowner.

Harris Spring Renovation - Teuscher

No additional information requested. Another good, cooperative landowner.

Oneida Narrows Boater Take-out - Berglund

No additional information was requested.

Cove and Dead Horse Restoration and Reconnection - Stenberg

Permits are still needed for these projects. Stenberg said there may be a need to add gravel later, it's too early to tell given mucky conditions. Stenberg offered to send plans to anyone interested.

Screen Repair Fund

No additional information needed.

Screen Tender - Teuscher

Will need ranking from original proposal.

Stauffer – Oxborrow

Mabey requested additional information. Teuscher is working with him.

John Sweers- Stenberg

Send link to streambank stabilization policy.

DeRito and Mabey discussed the possibility of bringing in someone like North Fork Natives to do a demonstration installation of streambank stabilization solutions other than rock.

BCT Holding Pond at Upper Pond at Kackley - Stenberg

Human activity in this area was noted as a concern.

Next ECC Meeting

The funding subcommittee will meet March 12 at IDEQ offices in Pocatello to rank 2014 habitat enhancement proposals. Next regular ECC meeting will be held April 16 at Pocatello or Grace. ECC members will vote on the subcommittee's recommendations at that time.

Adjourn

Attachment 1: Record of Email Voting by the ECC

**Bear River ECC
Record of Email Voting
Boyack Letter of Intent, Project Scoping Report, and Conservation Easement
Query by Stenberg, January 24, 2014**

Date: Fri, 24 Jan 2014 22:58:30 +0000 [01/24/2014 03:58:30 PM MST]
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Subject: Boyack for ECC Approval

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- 3 Project Scoping Report _Boyack (1).docx
- 4 LOI_Boyack_9_15_2013.docx
- 5 Boyack_Vicinity_Map.JPG
- 6 RECORD OF SURVEY SHEET 1.pdf
- 7 RECORD OF SURVEY SHEET 2.pdf
- 8 RECORD OF SURVEY SHEET 3.pdf
- 9 SSLT Project Selection Matrix_Riverdale~Boyack.xlsx
- 10 APPROVED COMMITMENT.pdf

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Dear ECC Members and Alternates, For your information, review and **approval**.

- 1) Letter of Intent with Boyack – not signed - for your information. I'll check with Jerry for signed copy.
- 2) Boyack Project Scoping Report and attachments – for your review and **approval**.
 - Appraisal
 - Survey
 - Title Report
 - Vicinity Map
 - Photos (not included)
 - SSLT Project Selection Criteria
- 3) Boyack Conservation Easement – for your review and **approval**.

We'd like to close this in 30 days so if you can respond as soon as possible that will help.

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208 547-7305

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Bear River ECC
Record of Email Voting
Sagebrush Steppe Land Trust Monitoring and Management Invoice 2013-14
Query by Stenberg, January 28, 2014

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Subject: Land Trust Monitoring and Management Invoice for Your Approval
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Good Afternoon,

Please find attached for your review and approval Sagebrush Steppe's Land Trust's invoice for remaining outstanding 2013 expenditures and projected expenses for 2014. Please reply by email with your approval of this invoice.

Mark Stenberg
PacifiCorp Energy
208 547-7305

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December 2013 Meeting Notes Approval
Query by Hugentobler, January 27, 2014**

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Bcc: Miriam Hugentobler <yazoo@xmission.com>
Subject: Bear River ECC - Email Vote - December Meeting Notes Approval

ECC Members and others,

The December meeting notes were not formally approved at our January ECC meeting, so I am requesting your approval by email vote. Draft notes are attached. Please let me know if any edits are needed. You may send changes directly to me. If there are substantive changes, I will redistribute a red line for your approval.

Thank you,

Miriam Hugentobler
Bear River ECC

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yes	Myler	USFWS
yes	Davies	PacifiCorp

Attachment 2: PacifiCorp 2014 Maintenance Coordination

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Subject: Bear River ECC Maintenance Coordination 2014

Good Morning ECC Members and Alternates,

Section 3.3.1 of the Bear River Settlement Agreement and Article 408 of the Bear River FERC Project License requires consultation with the Environmental Coordination Committee regarding the scheduling of regular maintenance activities that affect flows. This is a preliminary look at upcoming projects. As in past year's I will update this information as project scoping progresses. Let's discuss these at our upcoming ECC meeting.

- 1) Grace - flow line maintenance. All flows will be in the Black Canyon between April 26 and May 2.
- 2) Grace - Riprap placement on the dam. This project was on last year's list and was pushed out to 2014. This will require a 2 to 3 foot drawdown of Grace Reservoir to enable removal of vegetation and placement of riprap armoring.
- 3) Grace - Upgrades to Bench B Intake Structure. This structure is on the south side of Grace Reservoir. The project is not fully scoped yet so we don't know if it will actually happen and if a drawdown of Grace Reservoir will be required.
- 4) Soda - Replacement or repair of spill gates. This project will require a drawdown of up to 90 days to replace or repair spill gates on Soda Dam. Likely timing would be August, September and October.
- 5) Soda - Repair or replacement of intake screens. This project is still in the scoping phase. Potentially could require some level of drawdown.
- 6) Oneida – Ice chute concrete pier repair. May require some drawdown. Timing and amount are unknown at this time.
- 7) Oneida – Inspect downstream edge of concrete dam. This will require removal of vegetation and dewatering for inspection.

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