

**Bear River ECC
Final Meeting Notes
January 21, 2015
Pocatello, ID**

ECC Members Present

Mark Stenberg, PacifiCorp
Lynn Van Every, Idaho Department of Environmental Quality
Jim DeRito, Trout Unlimited
Arn Berglund, Bureau of Land Management
Corey Lyman, US Forest Service
David Teuscher, Idaho Department of Fish and Game
Kathy Rinaldi, Greater Yellowstone Coalition

Others Present

Greg Mladenka, Idaho Department of Environmental Quality
Eve Davies, PacifiCorp
Bob Zimmer, Greater Yellowstone Coalition
Mark Davidson, Trout Unlimited
Jerry DeBacker, Sagebrush Steppe Land Trust

By Phone

Cary Myler, US Fish and Wildlife Service

Commitments Made at the January 21, 2015 Meeting	
All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be advised that the 2-day boater flow meetings have been rescheduled to take place Wednesday and Thursday, February 18 and 19 at IDEQ offices in Pocatello. Extended monitoring data will be distributed to ECC members during the first week of February. • Forward discussion points for FERC call regarding Twin Lakes’ Bear River Narrows project (i.e., process questions for major issues) to Stenberg by Feb. 6. • Consider revision or amendment of the Comprehensive BCT Recovery Plan to include new information from Mabey. Schedule meeting time as needed. • Consider developing a demonstration installation of streambank stabilization solutions other than rock (Stenberg – information on new concept)
Grant Fund subcommittee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be advised that the 2015 project ranking meeting will take place Wednesday, March 18. Short forms (proposals) for projects will be due Friday, February 6 and will be reviewed at the Feb 18 meeting for additional information needs and ECC sponsor assignment. Long forms (applications) will be due Friday, February 27.
Stenberg	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual Report – Include hours for ECC project monitoring in funding section • Update outstanding grant balance. • Coordinate with Murray re: ECC questions for Feb 18 call. • Check status of Tingey project. • Check in with project sponsors prior to ECC meetings. • Bring photos of Grace-Cove to next ECC meeting. • Provide Teuscher with a brief written description of the planned drawdown at Soda. Also consider placing informational signs at boat ramps. Coordinate press release for Soda Springs area, as 2015 drawdown is expected to be extensive.

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Van Every & Mladenka	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Distribute data from extended monitoring in the Black Canyon to ECC members by the first week of February 2015. Share/compare with IDFG in the interim.
Teuscher & Hillyard	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Speak with Newman regarding Red Point fishing platform. Distribute data from extended monitoring in the Black Canyon to ECC members by the first week of February 2015. Share/compare with IDEQ in the interim.
Hugentobler	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coordinate email approval of December meeting notes. Post IDEQ & IDFG's extended monitoring data to the ECC's website when available and email availability & link to ECC.
Action items in blue have been carried over.	

Decisions Made at This Meeting

None.

Decisions Made via Email Since the Last Meeting

None.

Review of Agenda and Meeting Notes

Stenberg reviewed the day's agenda and action items from the last meeting (see table, above). Decisions from the December meeting were also reviewed.

Project Updates

The **Stauffer Culvert** is now complete. Teuscher has sent photos.

The **Cove Reconnect** project will be completed early this year. The consultant is working on details for the portion of the channel that needs a liner, Stenberg said. More plantings are needed at the **Dead Horse** Spring project site. Some repairs will be made where one of the grade control structures was undercut, Stenberg said, but the contractor is making them under warranty.

Broodstock Ponds – Stenberg said this location is not turning out to be an ideal site for the project due to the geology of the area. There is not much soil over the travertine at the project site, he said. More test holes are needed but attempts are being made to find a suitable location for a second pond.

Potential New Project – Informational Item

Accessible Fishing Platform at Red Point – Stenberg said he had recently spoken to Blaine Newman of BLM about possible ECC funding for this project. There may be some bank protection involved, he said. Project drawings were shown as an overhead. Teuscher has some concerns regarding siting of the project and he will call Newman to discuss. Mladenka suggested adding an informational component to

the project to make it more in line with ECC goals and objectives. More discussion will take place regarding siting.

Budget Review

Stenberg reviewed balances of the habitat enhancement fund, the land and water fund, and PacifiCorp's ECC coordination hours via overhead with ECC members.

Twin Lakes Project

Stenberg said he has asked Shana Murray of FERC to join the February ECC meeting by phone on February 18 to discuss the Twin Lakes' Bear River Narrows project. Stenberg said Murray will discuss process only and has requested that questions be submitted to her in advance of the call. He asked ECC members to submit any questions they may have to him by February 6. He plans to send them to Murray the first week of February.

The ECC adjourned to closed session to discuss land and water fund projects.