

**Bear River ECC  
Final Meeting Notes  
June 17, 2015  
Grace, Idaho**

**ECC Members Present**

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

**Others Present**

Greg Mladenka, Idaho Department of Environmental Quality  
Babette Thorpe, Sagebrush Steppe Land Trust  
Deb Mignogno, Sagebrush Steppe Land Trust  
Tom Lucia, interested citizen

**Participating by Phone**

Corey Lyman, US Forest Service  
Eve Davies, PacifiCorp  
Jerry DeBacker, formerly of SSLT

<b>Commitments Made at the June 2015 Meeting</b>	
All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Consider revision or amendment of the Comprehensive BCT Recovery Plan to include new information from Mabey. Schedule meeting time as needed.</li><li>• Consider developing a demonstration installation of streambank stabilization solutions other than rock (Stenberg – information on new concept)</li></ul>
Stenberg	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Check in on Sweers habitat enhancement project. Provide update at next meeting.</li><li>• Speak with SSLT about ECC review/approval of plan for Kackley Creek Renovation project.</li></ul>
Lyman	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Coordinate rescheduling of Kackley field review.</li></ul>
Teuscher	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Forward copies of Georgetown appraisal and purchase agreement to Stenberg.</li></ul>
Action items in blue have been carried over.	

Stenberg opened the meeting and reviewed the day's agenda. A review of communication and decision making protocols was added to the agenda.

## Decisions Made by Email Since the Last Meeting

- Approved draft notes from the April 2015 ECC meeting.

## Decisions Made at This Meeting

### Updates

**Twin Lakes** - Stenberg said he received an email update from Shana Murray regarding Twin Lakes' proposed Bear River Narrows project. She said they are working on the Draft EIS but cannot comment on schedule at this time. Van Every noted there was nothing on the FERC website yesterday. Rinaldi said Twin Lakes had filed for an extension for its historic work and got one.

### ECC Project Updates

**Fox Fish Screens** – Myler said this project is not moving forward, as the landowner no longer wants to update his fish screens and would like to proceed with a fencing project instead. Myler said he reviewed the fencing location and the need looks minimal, so there is no need for ECC funding. Partners funding will cover it. Teuscher asked if Fox is still discussing a pond. Myler said he did not mention it to him. DeRito asked why Fox no longer wants to replace the bubblers. Myler said Fox built it himself and has modified it so it actually works, so there is no need to replace it.

Stenberg reviewed projects still open from previous years. **Tingey** is complete, **Stauffer and Spring Creek** are still open, **Dead Horse Springs** is done. **Cove Reconnect** – needs channel lining work. **Hoops Creek** is closed out, **BCT Broodstock Ponds** are on hold, **Cub River Channel** is on hold, DeRito said he will be contacting consultants for quotes and design work. **Sweers** – Stenberg needs to check in. **Bunderson** - new plates have been fabricated; not certain whether they have been installed.

### 2015 Habitat Enhancement Projects – PacifiCorp Decision

One out-of-action-area project was among the projects approved by the ECC this year and needed the approval of PacifiCorp management—the Cub River Monitoring project. Stenberg reported that the project was not approved. He said the reason was that the project seemed to be the responsibility of others – i.e., the water master is required to collect these data.

### Land and Water Fund Updates

<Closed Session>

### Closing

Berglund noted that this would be his last ECC meeting, as he is retiring. Blaine Newman or Dave Pacioretty will take over as BLM representative.

Stenberg showed before-and-after photos of Dead Horse Spring and the group adjourned to field review.

**Next Agenda**

The next ECC meeting will be held Friday, August 7, 9 a.m. to noon and is reserved for Land and Water Fund projects.