

**Bear River ECC
Final Meeting Notes
January 16, 2019
Pocatello, Idaho**

ECC Members Participating		
	Name	Organization
x	Mark Stenberg	PacifiCorp
x	Lynn Van Every	Idaho Department of Environmental Quality
x	Jim DeRito	Trout Unlimited
	Corey Lyman*	U.S. Forest Service
	Cary Myler*	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
x	David Teuscher	Idaho Department of Fish and Game
x	Allison Michalski, by phone	Greater Yellowstone Coalition
	Ryan Beatty*	Bureau of Land Management
	Charlie Vincent	American Whitewater
	Hunter Osborne	Shoshone-Bannock Tribes
	Kirk Rich	Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation
	Susan Rosebrough*	National Park Service
	Kevin Lewis	Idaho Rivers United
* Federal government shutdown Dec. 22, 2018 – January 25, 2019 precluded meeting participation by these ECC members.		

Others Participating		
	Name	Organization
	Eve Davies	PacifiCorp
x	Matt Lucia	Sagebrush Steppe Land Trust
x	Kelly Conde	Sagebrush Steppe Land Trust
x	Greg Mladenka	Idaho Department of Environmental Quality
x	Tom Lucia	Sagebrush Steppe Land Trust
x	Eric Duffin	Cirrus
x	Matt Westover	Cirrus
x	Justin Barker, by phone	Cirrus

Commitments Made during the January 16, 2019 Meeting	
All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide comments on first two Soda Spin reports within 10 days. Temperature report will be final in June – Notify federal ECC members of the review period. • 30-day review of the ECC’s 2018 annual report begins Jan. 22, comments are due from the ECC by Feb. 21. • Short forms (proposals) for 2019 habitat enhancement projects are due Feb 4 (NOTE: schedule later revised due to federal shutdown. Proposals due Mar. 8, 2019)
Stenberg	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordinate with Teuscher on Broodstock pond weir. • Coordinate with DeRito & Van Every regarding Bear River Commission Tour of BCT broodstock ponds. • Review ground rules at a future meeting.
DeRito	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordinate with Stenberg, Teuscher regarding Bear River Commission’s tour of BCT broodstock ponds. Teuscher can arrange for an IDFG speaker, if needed.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with Bouwes to bring forward a new 2019 habitat enhancement project proposal for Station Creek that includes BDAs only. • Ask Bouwes to draft a letter to adjacent landowners requesting letters of support for beaver reintroduction on Station Creek, including a place for people to note any problems associated with the beaver. Provide copies to Teuscher. ¹.
Bowen Collins	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepare tech memo with final recommendations and 30 percent design
Cirrus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Incorporate ECC comments on draft Soda Spin reports, including: 1) add ambient weather data to water temperature report; 2) revise analysis section of bird survey to reflect that spin releases are seasonal; 3) address concerns regarding sediment deposition onto fields and runoff from areas that may contain animal waste, recently sprayed crops, or fertilizers in land inundation report. Allow 10 days for additional comments from the ECC on the last two reports before finalizing. Temperature report due in June.
Hillyard, Teuscher	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide photos for 2018 annual report
Lyman	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next steps: stream and meadow redesign, water rights summary, habitat enhancement project proposal
Miriam	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordinate with Lewis, Vincent on Egley vote. • Provide reminders on future ECC email votes. Forward results at close of voting. • Include a summary of ECC voting participation in the annual report
Action items in blue have been carried over.	

Decisions Made at This Meeting

None.

Email Decisions Made Since the Last ECC Meeting

The ECC made three email decisions by email vote since the last ECC meeting:

- Approved ECC memo to the Land Trust Accreditation Commission in support of Sagebrush Steppe Land Trust's reaccreditation.
- Approved draft notes from the October 2018 ECC meeting.
- Approved revised Egley conservation easement documents.

A record of email voting is included in Attachment 1.

Agenda Review

- Oneida Bypass Reach spawning channel with Bowen Collins was removed from the agenda.

¹ IDFG no longer requests landowner letters and will be coordinating directly with Station Creek landowners (per DeRito and Teuscher, 2/15/2019 email).

- Review of SSLT's annual maintenance and monitoring expenses was removed from the agenda.
- Oneida easement monitoring 2018 report was added to the agenda.

Project Updates

Bitton – Off-stream water supply development is complete and the invoice for grant funds has been processed.

Kempton – Kempton Stauffer Creek culvert project is complete and the invoice for grant funds has been processed.

ECC Funds Accounting – Stenberg

Stenberg provided an accounting of the ECC's habitat enhancement and land & water conservation funds. He noted that a complete accounting of all funds will be included in the 2018 annual report, including a cumulative total added at DeRito's request.

Habitat Enhancement Fund

\$417,902.59 in unobligated funds this year, available for 2019 projects.

Land & Water Conservation Fund

\$1,888,301.91 is currently in this fund with no payments outstanding; however, funding for a proposed conservation easement on Mink Creek in the amount of \$672,683 would bring the fund balance to \$1,215,618. An additional \$35,000 and \$15,000 will come out later in the year for staff support and SSLT monitoring.

Cumulative Spending

Teuscher said a significant amount of funding from multiple sources has been spent on Bonneville cutthroat trout (BCT) in the Bear River system and the results are measureable. As an example, he said Bear Lake now contains more naturally reproducing BCT than hatchery fish. He said he is currently working on a publication and has a large dataset (more than 10 years pre-data) and it's clear that the work done has made a difference. Limiting factors have clearly been addressed.

Teuscher said the Bear Lake area, outside the action area, has gone from 5 percent to at least 70 percent wild fish. He said a graduate student is coming in to provide modelling of results.

ECC Calendar Review

Stenberg reviewed the ECC's 2019 calendar, including 2019 scheduled whitewater releases (see Attachment 2). Stenberg asked for consensus on the calendar. There were no objections, consensus was reached.

Action Item Review

Action items from the October ECC meeting were reviewed.

Algae Buildup in Broodstock Ponds – Stenberg said IDFG’s Grace hatchery personnel have been keeping an eye on the ponds and the problem has not recurred since late summer. He noted that some modification is needed to the weirs in the next month or so. He will coordinate this work with Teuscher. Whitaker is to perform the work.

Water Right Proof – Stenberg said PacifiCorp has filed a 2-year extension for the broodstock pond water right proof. Stenberg said Morris (PacifiCorp Property) is currently working on a side agreement for IDFG access to the ponds.

DeRito told ECC members the Bear River Commission’s annual field tour will be on the Thatcher reach this year. DeRito and Van Every are taking part. DeRito said he would like the group to make a stop at Kackley to view the BCT broodstock ponds. He will coordinate with Stenberg. DeRito said about 70 people participated last year, mostly water users. Teuscher said to let him know if a speaker from IDFG would be helpful and he will arrange it.

Email Voting

Stenberg reviewed the ECC’s email vote on additional funding for the Oneida spawning channel (called September 14, 2018). He said no votes were received aside from his own and the motion passed at the end of the voting period (5 business days), per ECC rules. He asked whether ECC members would like to revisit/change the email voting rules. No change to ECC email voting rules was requested. However, if no votes are received, a reminder may be sent. Van Every said he would appreciate a call, email, or text near the close of voting if he has not responded. Hugentobler said she will forward email voting results to the group at the close of voting—the ECC has previously reviewed voting results at the next following ECC meeting.

Van Every reaffirmed the importance of ECC members staying engaged with the license implementation process through voting and attending meetings. DeRito suggested adding a table of voting participation to the annual report. Stenberg suggested a review of the ECC’s ground rules at one of the next meetings.

Beaver Reintroduction Adaptive Management Plan

Stenberg reviewed the project proposal to develop an adaptive management plan for beaver reintroduction and summarized actions to date. He said IDFG wanted the results of the statewide beaver reintroduction study (BRAT) and support from adjacent landowners on Station Creek before proceeding. An onsite meeting was held, after which it was decided that an adaptive management plan for beaver reintroduction would be prepared. However, the cost of the plan has given IDFG some pause. Teuscher said he was concerned about the investment.

He said he thinks perhaps a letter of support from the irrigation company and adjacent landowners would be sufficient. Teuscher noted increased interest statewide in beaver restoration. He said he thinks the state is headed towards a statewide beaver management plan that would provide additional direction on how, when, and where we move beavers around. He said he doesn't want to get ahead of that process too much. If there's not a decision matrix in the plan, he said IDFG will develop one.

Teuscher said he supports the habitat portion of the proposal but is not ready to move beaver in because of conflicts. He said he still thinks a letter is a good idea. When we get to that point, he said, the letter will help with the decision-making process. He said he can't commit today that IDFG will move beavers into Station Creek. He said they may. Teuscher noted that while he was getting letters of interest from those interested in beaver reintroduction, he also received a bill for \$5,000 from an irrigation company who had to remove a dam. Tom Lucia said based on his experience in the project area, generally, if habitat is present beaver will eventually find it. He said in this area, beaver won't likely get into the canal, but will work up and down the canal and a high-water event will likely wash debris into the canal and plug it.

DeRito said he believes Teuscher's way forward is reasonable. He said Bouwes will continue with BDAs on Station Creek. DeRito said he thinks ultimately beaver would be beneficial, but beaver dam analogs (BDAs) will give them something to work with. He said the landowner has a desire to keep the trappers out. DeRito will have Bouwes draft a letter to landowners, including a place for people to note any problems associated with beaver. He will send a copy of the letter to Teuscher (IDFG) then move forward with the original proposal but without beavers. DeRito was asked to bring a 2019 habitat enhancement proposal forward, not including beaver reintroduction (BDAs only).

Stenberg said when he received the BDA photos from Bouwes, he was surprised to see the earth (dirt) portion of the BDA. He asked how that works with stream permitting processes. DeRito said Bouwes actually has a stream alteration permit to do BDAs on Station Creek but he does not have the details. Van Every said he doesn't remember seeing it. Mladenka said they (IDEQ) did not get it, but sometimes they don't receive every application. DeRito noted that Utah is looking at this issue, asking proponents whether they are impounding water, with subsequent effects. Mladenka said DeRito should clarify this in his proposal. DeRito also discussed how 'restoring processes' ultimately results in bank instability rather than stability, as the ECC has already discussed per its Streambank Stability Policy. Teuscher said to summarize, IDFG: 1) supports the habitat portion of the project; 2) no beaver, even with the letter; and 3) IDFG will speak directly with the Westerbergs. Stenberg briefly discussed recent beaver prospecting activity at Kackley and dam building on Dead Horse spring.

Soda Spinning Reserve - Cirrus

Duffin and Westover were present from Cirrus to review and discuss draft reports on three studies carried out to determine potential effects of PacifiCorp's Soda Spinning Reserve project.

Barker participated by conference call. The three draft reports (a water temperature study, a migratory bird study, and a land use study) were distributed to the ECC prior to the meeting.

Water Temperature Study – Duffin with Barker (by phone)

Duffin said this was a three-part study, including a longitudinal temperature study, spinning reserve assessment, and a literature review.

Longitudinal Temperature Study – For this study, temperature probes were placed at 25 locations and an experimental flow was run in the Black Canyon. Duffin showed the locations of study reaches and sensor locations on Google Earth. He said the probes are currently still running and Cirrus will have a full year of 15-min temperatures, with higher frequency during the experimental release. There's a placeholder for these data in report currently, he said, Cirrus will download the data at close of the year.

Spinning Reserve Assessment – Stenberg said the experimental release simulated the flow in the Black Canyon that would be produced by an approximately 2400 cfs release from Soda Dam. Flows during this simulation in the Black Canyon were approximately 1300 cfs. Stenberg said PacifiCorp shut the Grace plant down to produce this simulation on July 26, 2018, while maintaining irrigation releases and constant flows below the Grace Powerhouse. This was to be a 4-hour test, but due to a penstock leak that followed, there was full flow in Black Canyon for the next 40 hours. Duffin reviewed sensor data with the ECC. Barker noted that some results are due more to the forced outage than the experimental flow simulation.

Literature Review – The literature review focused on BCT temperature tolerance. There were good results, Barker said, including some local studies. Also, salmonids have been widely studied. Barker summarized results. He said BCT were stressed but tolerated the temperatures better than may be expected. Teuscher asked about the duration of spin releases. Stenberg said 12 hours, but more typically 2 hours. Barker noted the duration of some of the studies were longer—he said he thinks raising minimum temperatures at night is more stressful to fish than raising them during the day. Teuscher suggested the need to pay attention to changes to lows. He said he thinks it's a good dataset. Barker said one question that remains for him is whether a 2-3 degree change is enough to cause BCT movement away from springs. He noted that the springs were providing warmer, more optimal temps in spring and fall as well as cooler temps in the summer. Mladenka said large releases from Alexander at 0 degrees would result in greater temperature declines. Stenberg said no spin releases are proposed when there is ice on the reservoir. Van Every suggested adding ambient weather conditions over time. He said the weather data should be easy to find.

Migratory Bird Survey - Westover

Westover presented the results of the migratory bird study. He noted an incorrect assumption of equal probability of spin releases yearlong and said he will need to rerun some of the numbers based on that, so analysis sections will be revised. Matt Lucia asked whether clutch size was taken into consideration Westover said no, it could be if requested but some additional data would be needed.

Inundation Land Assessment – Duffin

Duffin said no major impacts were identified during the study but he believes it will be helpful in identifying hotspots. Bare ground was identified as one of the possible areas of concern during a spinning reserve release. Westover noted that some of these were possible due to time of year, i.e., they were someone's plowed field. Mladenka asked about impacts of recently sprayed areas being inundated and said it was a concern of his.

Conclusions: Duffin said Cirrus believes there are in pretty good shape for data. There are some things that could be done to help with bank stabilization. No buildings or structures were found in the areas potentially inundated, but some center pivots were.

Van Every asked if there was any sensitive information regarding private property owners in the report. Duffin said the appended material should be removed if the report were made public.

Mladenka commented on how much sediment could potentially be spread onto fields during a 1-hr runoff event. Van Every said he'd had inquiries about animal waste being dragged into the river. Stenberg said these were good questions, as well as questions raised about agricultural sprays and fertilizers entering the river during a high flow event.

Duffin said the water temperature study will be finalized in June, while the other reports will be ready sooner. Stenberg asked ECC members to provide any additional comments on the reports within 10 days, after which Cirrus will finalize.

The ECC adjourned to closed session for land and water fund updates.

**Next ECC Meeting – ~~February 20, 2019 – IDEQ Offices, Pocatello, ID~~
March 13, 2019, IDFG Offices, Pocatello, ID**

Next agenda:

- Project updates
- Annual report updates
- Routine drawdowns of reservoir as an update to the Operations Plan
- Review of short forms
- Revisit Larsen
- Status on Egley

Attachment 1

Record of Email Voting

Bear River ECC - Record of Email Voting
Approval of ECC Memo Supporting SSLT Accreditation
Voted Called by Stenberg, December 5, 2018

From: "Stenberg, Mark" <Mark.Stenberg@pacificorp.com>

Date: Wednesday, December 5, 2018 at 11:56 AM

To: "Aaron Swift (aswift@RMEF.ORG)" <aswift@RMEF.ORG>, Allison Michalski <amichalski@greateryellowstone.org>, "Beatty, Ryan" <rbeatty@blm.gov>, Bob Zimmer <bzimmer@greateryellowstone.org>, "Corey Lyman (clyman@fs.fed.us)" <clyman@fs.fed.us>, "dan_miller@nps.gov" <dan_miller@nps.gov>, Eve Davies <Eve.Davies@pacificorp.com>, Greg Mladenka <Greg.Mladenka@deq.idaho.gov>, "Hillyard,Ryan" <ryan.hillyard@idfg.idaho.gov>, "Jeremy Jirak (jeremy_jirak@fws.gov)" <jeremy_jirak@fws.gov>, 'Kevin Colburn' <kcolburn@amwhitewater.org>, "Michael Kuyper (mkuyper@blm.gov)" <mkuyper@blm.gov>, Warren Colyer <wcolyer@tu.org>, Blaine Newman <blaine_newman@blm.gov>, "cary_myler@fws.gov" <cary_myler@fws.gov>, Charlie Vincent <charliev@xmission.com>, "Hunter Osborne (hosborne@sbtribes.com)" <hosborne@sbtribes.com>, James DeRito <JDeRito@tu.org>, "Kathy Rinaldi (krinaldi@greateryellowstone.org)" <krinaldi@greateryellowstone.org>, Kevin Lewis <kevin@idahorivers.org>, "Kirk Rich (krich@idpr.idaho.gov)" <krich@idpr.idaho.gov>, "Lee W. Mabey (lmabey@fs.fed.us)" <lmabey@fs.fed.us>, Lynn Van Every <Lynn.Vanevery@deq.idaho.gov>, Miriam Hugentobler <miriam.hugentobler@gmail.com>, "Susan_Rosebrough@nps.gov" <Susan_Rosebrough@nps.gov>, "Teuscher,David" <david.teuscher@idfg.idaho.gov>

Subject: Email Vote Requested

Hello Everyone,

Please provide your approval or not of the attached ECC memo² to the Land Trust Reaccreditation Commission. We were going to review for approval at our meeting today. If you would respond by the end of the week, I'll get this sent to them. Also, if someone can please give it a careful read for any typos I would greatly appreciate it. Mark

Mark Stenberg, MBA
PacifiCorp – Renewable Resources
Hydro License Program Manager – Idaho
208 547-7305

² Final memo is attached to this record of email voting.

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	Name	Organization
Yes	Lyman	USFS
Yes	DeRito	Trout Unlimited
Yes	Van Every	IDEQ
Yes	Lewis	Idaho Rivers United
	Rich	Idaho Parks and Rec
Yes	Teuscher	Idaho Fish and Game
Yes	Beatty	BLM
	Osborne	Sho-Ban Tribes
	Rosebrough	National Park Service
Yes	Vincent	American Whitewater
Yes	Michalski	Greater Yellowstone
Yes	Stenberg	PacifiCorp
Yes	Myler	USFWS

MEMORANDUM

To: Land Trust Accreditation Commission

From: Environmental Coordination Committee, Bear River License Implementation (Committee members include PacifiCorp, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, U.S. Bureau of Land Management, U.S. National Park Service, USDA Forest Service, Shoshone-Bannock Tribes, Idaho Department of Environmental Quality, Idaho Department of Fish & Game, Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation, Idaho Council of Trout Unlimited, Idaho Rivers United, Greater Yellowstone Coalition, American Whitewater)

Re: Bear River Hydroelectric Project Environmental Coordination Committee Support of Reaccreditation of the Sagebrush Steppe Land Trust, Pocatello, Idaho.

Date: December 5, 2018

The Bear River Hydroelectric Project Environmental Coordination Committee ("ECC") was formed out of a Settlement Agreement for the continued operation of PacifiCorp's Bear River Hydroelectric Project ("the Project"). The Project is comprised of three hydroelectric developments along the Bear River in southeastern Idaho. The signatories to the Settlement Agreement comprise the membership of the ECC. The ECC has several coordination roles in the ongoing operation of the Project, including the administration of funds for land conservation provided annually by PacifiCorp through the 30-year term of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission license.

The ECC has worked in cooperation with the Sagebrush Steppe Land Trust ("the Land Trust") to protect conservation values through both fee purchase and easement purchases. Coordination between the ECC and the Land Trust occurs at regular meetings of the ECC. The identification of subject properties, their acquisition, and long-term management (including sufficient funding) is governed by a Memorandum of Agreement that identifies the process and approval steps for both the ECC and the Land Trust. The Land Trust coordinates all of the due diligence activities, property closings, preparation of detailed Baseline Documentation Reports, and works with the ECC to develop Conservation Property Management Plans for fee ownerships. The Land Trust also provides the ECC with detailed annual Conservation Easement Monitoring expenditures and keeps the ECC apprised of easement issues. The Land Trust has a board of engaged volunteers, consisting of individuals with diverse backgrounds including resource management and business.

To date, the Land Trust has conserved 2,580 acres that were fully or partially funded with ECC funds. Over the twelve years we have worked together to advance land conservation, we have found the Land Trust to be consistently governed, transparent, and ethical. The Land Trust also has diligently completed annual monitoring of properties and pursued follow up actions as needed. On fee ownership properties,

the Land Trust is an active steward working to enhance conservation values, using these properties as focal points for volunteer and outreach activities.

The ECC looks forward to a continued productive working relationship with the Land Trust in the years ahead. The ECC supports reaccreditation of the Land Trust by the Land Trust Accreditation Commission. This memorandum is submitted by Mark Stenberg on behalf of the ECC, as approved by a December 5, 2018, vote of the ECC. If you have questions please contact Mark Stenberg, PacifiCorp's Bear River Hydroelectric Project Environmental Coordinator, mark.stenberg@pacificorp.com, 822 Grace Power Plant RD., Grace, ID 83241.

cc: ECC Members and Alternates; Jack Kolkman, Plant Supervisor; Hydro Document Services

Bear River ECC - Record of Email Voting
Approval of October Meeting Notes
Voted Called by Hugentobler, December 13, 2018

From: Miriam Hugentobler <miriam.hugentobler@gmail.com>

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Subject: Bear River ECC - Email Vote to Approve October Meeting Notes

ECC Members and Alternates,

No additional edits have been requested to the draft October meeting notes since last week's email distribution (also attached here). Please reply to approve the notes by email vote. Voting will close next Thursday, Dec. 20.

Thank you,

Miriam Hugentobler
Bear River ECC

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yes	Myler	USFWS

Bear River ECC
Record of Email Voting: Approval of the Egley Conservation Easement Documents
Query by Stenberg, Dec. 18 and 31, 2018

From: "Stenberg, Mark" <Mark.Stenberg@pacificorp.com>

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Cc: Matt Lucia <matt@sagebrushlandtrust.org>, Kelly Conde <kelly@sagebrushlandtrust.org>

Subject: EMAIL VOTE FAIL - Updated Egley documents for your review and approval.

Hello Everyone,

Back on December 18, 2018, I sent you all revised documents for the Egley conservation easement after Ryan and Greg had some good suggestions that needed to be addressed in the documents (see emails below). I received one email reply of approval (thanks Cary). I do think I had a verbal from Ryan on the phone after the documents were updated so I can put him in the yes column also. I realize this was sent out on the 18th which is very poor timing, but we are now at the 31st. We've been using email voting with a seven-day window for approval votes or no votes. Any no votes would cause it to come to a regular meeting. We've treated the absence of voting similar to abstaining. On this one though I can't submit a voting tally with three votes to process payments it's just not going to work from a governance stand point because of the dollar amount. Feds are out but anyone in the office please respond. The Trust has a grant approved to help with the project, but they have to confirm our commitment.

Best Regards,

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PacifiCorp – Renewable Resources
Hydro License Program Manager – Idaho
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From: Stenberg, Mark

Sent: Tuesday, December 18, 2018 4:44 PM

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Subject: Updated Egley documents for your review and approval.

Good Afternoon,

Per my email below find attached an updated LOI and PSR for the proposed Egley conservation easement for your review. Changes in these documents are highlighted in yellow. In addition to the points I listed in my email below you'll see a place holder in the PSR budget for some funding to repair, replace or install riparian buffer fence. This item isn't fully scoped and depends on Egley's planned use of adjacent lands whether or not it is needed. Details of fencing to be worked out during the riparian buffer field review. Please respond within seven days with your approval or not of the PSR. If you would include Miriam and myself on your response that will assist our keeping track of responses. Thank you.

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Subject: Updated Egley documents coming your way

Dear ECC Members and Alternates,

We have a few updates to both the Letter of Intent (LOI) and the Project Scoping Report (PSR) for Egley that I will distribute shortly for your review and potential approval.

The following changes will be included:

The LOI and PSR will have language added that the riparian buffer (no grazing area) around Mink Creek will be determined in the field by the ECC and the landowner. Buffer area to be mutually agreed to prior to closing. An exhibit will be prepared and recorded with the conservation easement showing this area.

The PSR budget will include a fencing estimate for the riparian buffer area. If needed at this time these funds will be available. If needed in the future it will be landowner's responsibility. Maintenance to be on the landowner.

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**Bear River ECC - Record of Email Voting
Approval of Revised Egley CE Documents
Vote Called by Stenberg, December 18 & 31, 2018**

	Name	Organization
	Lyman*	USFS
Yes	DeRito	Trout Unlimited
Yes	Van Every	IDEQ
	Lewis	Idaho Rivers United
	Rich	Idaho Parks and Rec
Yes	Teuscher	Idaho Fish and Game
Yes - verbal	Beatty*	BLM
	Osborne	Sho-Ban Tribes
	Rosebrough*	National Park Service
	Vincent	American Whitewater
yes	Michalski	Greater Yellowstone
Yes	Stenberg	PacifiCorp
Yes	Myler*	USFWS

* Federal government shutdown Dec. 22, 2018 – January 25, 2019 precluded participation in the Dec. 31 vote by these ECC members.

Attachment 2

Bear River ECC 2019 Calendar

Bear River ECC 2019 Calendar of Activities	
Jan 2 (Wed)	Email news release announcing availability of 2019 grant funds
Jan 16 (Wed)	Regular ECC Meeting, Pocatello.
Jan 18 (Fri)	2018 Annual Report to ECC for 30-day review
Feb 21 (Thurs)	2018 Annual Report – end of 30-day review – ECC comments due
Feb 25 (Mon)	Print-ready copy of 2018 Annual Report
Feb 28 (Thurs)	2018 Annual Report due to FERC (electronic filing)
Mar 8 (Fri)	2019 grant funding proposals – short forms due from ECC sponsors to Stenberg & Hugentobler.
Mar 13 (Wed)	Regular ECC meeting, Pocatello. Includes preliminary review of proposals.
Mar 23 & 24 (Sat/Sun)	Whitewater Boater Flow #1
April 5 (Fri)	2019 grant fund proposals – long forms due from ECC sponsors to Stenberg & Hugentobler.
Apr 6 & 7 (Sat/Sun)	Whitewater Boater Flow #2
Apr 17 (Wed)	Funding Subcommittee – Review and rank 2019 habitat enhancement applications.
Apr 26, 27 & 28 (Fri/Sat/Sun)	Whitewater Boater Flow #3
May 11 & 12 (Sat/Sun)	Whitewater Boater Flow #4
May 15 (Wed)	Regular ECC Meeting – Pocatello – ECC votes on Funding Subcommittee recommendations. Recommendations go to PacifiCorp for review/approval.
Jun 19 (Wed)	Field review of projects (if desired/needed)
Aug 21 (Wed)	Regular ECC Meeting – Pocatello.
Oct 16 (Wed)	Regular ECC Meeting – Pocatello.
Dec 4 (Wed)	Regular ECC Meeting – Pocatello.