

# LEWIS RIVER TERRESTRIAL COORDINATION COMMITTEE

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Location: TEAMS MEETING ONLY

Date: October 13 , 2021

Time: 9:00 AM –10:45 AM

## Agenda Items

- 9:00 a.m. Welcome
- Review Agenda, 9/8/21 Meeting Notes
  - Review and Accept Agenda, 7/14/21 Meeting Notes
- 9:10 a.m. Public Comment Period
- 9:15 a.m. Yale Saddle Dam Seismic Remediation Project proposed rock quarry record of decision
- 9:45 a.m. Existing WHMP lands quarries and allowable use
- 10:15 a.m. Study/Work Product Updates
- Rayonier Hunting Land access permits
  - Forage Seed Mix
- 10:30 a.m. Next Meeting's Agenda
- Public Comment Opportunity
- Note: all meeting notes and the meeting schedule can be located at:  
<https://www.pacificorp.com/energy/hydro/lewis-river/acc-tcc.html>
- 10:45 a.m. Meeting Adjourn

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**Kim wanted to give everyone a farewell from Egypt!**



**DRAFT Meeting Notes**  
**Lewis River License Implementation**  
**Terrestrial Coordination Committee (TCC) Meeting**  
**October 13, 2021**  
**Conference Call Only**

**TCC Representatives Present: (7)**

Kendel Emmerson, PacifiCorp  
 Summer Peterman, PacifiCorp  
 Erik White, Cowlitz Indian Tribe  
 Peggy Miller, WDFW  
 Amanda Froberg, Cowlitz PUD  
 Eric Holman, WDFW  
 Bill Richardson, RMEF

**Calendar:**

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<b>Assignments for January 13, 2021</b>	<b>Status</b>
Emmerson: Provide a list of past timber harvest areas that have been within the WHMP buffer, associated TCC meeting notes, and reference to the WHMP language.	<b>In progress</b>

<b>Parking Lot Items</b>	<b>Status</b>
Emmerson: Contact PacifiCorp’s properties department to discuss further TNC detail and report to the TCC at the next meeting.	<b>In progress</b>

Kendel Emmerson (PacifiCorp) called the meeting to order at 9:06am. No additions to the agenda were requested. Emmerson reviewed the meeting notes from September 8, 2021. The meeting notes were approved at 9:09 am with no changes.

**Public Comment Period**

None

**Yale Saddle Dam Seismic Remediation Project proposed rock quarry record of decision**

A memorandum documenting the TCC decision on the proposed rock quarry was sent to TCC members for review on October 4, 2021. The memo is titled “Terrestrial Coordination Committee decision on the Yale Saddle Dam Seismic Remediation Project proposed rock quarry on Lewis River Wildlife Habitat Management Plan lands” and is provided as an attachment to the notes. The memo provides a summary Yale Saddle Dam Seismic project, quantity of rock required, available sources of rock, WHMP impacts from the proposed quarry, and TCC authority and final decision. The memo’s attachments include a map and September 2021 TCC meeting notes, which includes proposed mitigation strategy and the TCC discussion. The TCC suggested some clarification is needed in the memo. Peggy M. and Eric H. recommends including more detail on the frequency of the disturbances for the dump truck load hauls and blasting. Peggy also recommended adding the sentence to the end of the memo stating, ‘If this is used for other projects additional time will

be required for future use'. She also suggested including the bullet point "Based on elk habitat models, it is expected that wildlife disturbance would be a minimum of ½ mile from the quarry and roads used for transportation. This would encompass almost the entire 490-acre parcel acquired in 2010" to the WHMP Land Impacts section of the memo. Peggy, Eric and Bill thought a clarification on the decision would be better if it read: At the September meeting the TCC decided they do not support using land for the quarry because it cannot be mitigated appropriately.

Memo is available for review until November 4, 2021

### **Existing WHMP Lands Quarries and Best Management Practice**

Kendel reviewed the 9 quarries currently on WHMP lands and the quality and quantity of rock available on them. PacifiCorp has two upcoming projects that they are requesting use of the rock at the quarries.

#### *Project 1. Merwin Village Housing Project*

Requires rock with soil. The pit outside of Cougar will meet the needs for the project. It isn't a rock pit but rather a pit for fill material. It is 2 acres in size and is provided in Attachment B. The Merwin Village Housing Project would require excavation and loading into haul trucks. It will not require a rock drill and crusher, but trees will be removed. The project will not affect the vegetation cover type due to it already being considered Disturbed (DI), defined in the WHMP as site characterized by human disturbance, development, or modification. Exposed bare ground caused by human activities or contained non-native or invasive shrub species. If approved this project would require about a month to complete and work would occur between January and March 2022.

TCC determined that trucks would be a minor disturbance to wildlife due to it being so close to the highway as long as it is a one and done project. Contouring the excavation at the end and planting with an annual rye grass or cover crop, something beneficial to wildlife would be preferred.

#### *Project 2. Boat Ramp for PacifiCorp Low Water Work*

PacifiCorp has a proposed low-water boat ramp for operations to be built near Swift Dam that will require a significant amount of rock. There are two potential pits that provide that quality and quantity of rock needed: Alligator (3 acres in Management Unit 37) and Pika (2 acres in Management Unit 40). See Attachment B

#### *Best Management Practice:*

TCC determined all rock will need to be assessed on a case-by-case basis. Projects will need to be coordinated for TCC approval and must include specifics for number of loads, estimate of material required, number of trips per day, and for how many days. The preferred months would be July and August. Rock must be developed to make up for loads that were taken. Each project is subject to wildlife mitigation. An example of mitigation could be to rehabilitate other rock pits that are spent to turn them into wildlife habitat.

## **Project Updates**

*Rayonier Permits:* Rayonier now requires permit access to their land immediately south and west of PacifiCorp's ownership on Swift. They added new locks to the gates around our project area. There are several levels of permits that includes walk in. Permitters can drive behind the gates with the required permit. ATVs are allowed but on road only. Rayonier contact was not very clear on whether camping was allowed. .

*Forage Seed Mix:* We had some left-over seed that was used on the forestry areas this year, so we used the same mix as last year, however added 10% of orchard grass due to the information learned at the elk nutrition workshop Kendel attended. All 2021 timber harvest units that scarification was completed were seeded the first week of October.

*Timber Harvest Update:* All of MU 10 is done including seeding and piles covered. Commercial thinning off of Buncombe Hollow two units in 16 and one 15. The schedule was behind due to labor shortage and a wet September. The first unit in 16 is done and seeded. White claw, the larger unit still needs to be scarified (half done). The meadow at the top is done and seeded. The roads will be water barred so they will be good for the season. The last unit in MU 15 was delayed due to the osprey nesting season and will not be completed this year. The roads will be barricaded, and the landings will be available for burning that needs to be done. Scarification will be done in the spring. Because this was a thinning the project not being done will only affect the budget, not the effectiveness of the project. Eric H. requested we continue with the deciduous variety of plantings we have been doing in the past projects.

There will be no meeting in November. TCC will reconvene on December 8, 2021

## **Agenda items for December 8, 2021**

- Review October 13, 2021 Meeting Notes
- TNC Moss Cave update
- Study/Work Product Updates

## **Next Scheduled Meeting**

December 8, 2021
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## **Attachments:**

- October 13, 2021 Meeting Agenda

**Attachment A** - Terrestrial Coordination Committee decision on the Yale Saddle Dam Seismic Remediation Project proposed rock quarry on Lewis River Wildlife Habitat

**Attachment B** – Cougar, Alligator, and Pika Pits maps and photos

*Adjourn 10:22 a.m.*