

**Final Meeting Notes**  
**Lewis River License Implementation**  
**Terrestrial Coordination Committee (TCC) Meeting**  
**October 13, 2010**

**TCC Participants Present: (11)**

Susan Cierebiej, WDFW  
Ray Croswell, RMEF  
Kendel Emmerson, PacifiCorp Energy  
LouEllyn Jones, USFWS  
Kirk Naylor, PacifiCorp Energy  
Bob Nelson, RMEF  
Nathan Reynolds, Cowlitz Indian Tribe  
Bill Richardson, RMEF  
Cheri Kearney, Columbia Land Trust  
Tom Tuchmann, Forest Capital

**Calendar:**

November 10, 2010	TCC Meeting (likely a conference call)	Conference Call
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<b>Assignments from January 13, 2010 Meeting:</b>	<b>Status</b>
Naylor: Create a land acquisition spreadsheet to include type designations for the TCC review and approval as necessary.	<b>Pending</b>

<b>Parking lot items from February 10, 2006 Meeting:</b>	<b>Status</b>
Conservation Agreement – what is wanted?	<b>Ongoing – 4/28/06</b>

<b>Parking lot items from October 13, 2010 Meeting</b>	<b>Status</b>
Plan / discuss opportunities for future resource conference and field review of PacifiCorp WHMP implementation measures	<b>Pending</b>

**Review of Agenda and Finalize Meeting Notes**

Kirk Naylor (PacifiCorp Energy) called the meeting to order at 8:45 a.m. Naylor asked if the TCC attendees had any additions or changes to the agenda. PacifiCorp added that there would be updates provided on the BPA Power line and PacifiCorp's meeting with a Swift land owner regarding conservation easement opportunities. No other additions were requested.

Naylor reviewed the TCC Draft 8/11/10 meeting notes and asked for any comments and/or additional changes. The meeting notes were approved at 9:00 a.m. without change.

**PacifiCorp's Draft Bald Eagle Management Plan**

Naylor announced to the TCC that the Bald Eagle Management Plan (Plan) that the TCC approved was also approved by WDFW.

### **Columbia Land Trust Update (CONFIDENTIAL)**

Cheri Kearny (Columbia Land Trust) communicated to the TCC attendees the current status of interests in certain Swift lands. A Purchase and Sale Agreement (PSA) has been signed that includes both fee simple purchase and development easements for properties in the vicinity of Swift Reservoir. The detailed content of this portion of the meeting is considered confidential and proprietary and not for public viewing.

### **Yale Lands Update (CONFIDENTIAL)**

Bill Richardson (RMEF) informed the TCC attendees that a signed PSA for the Yale parcel of interest is expected very soon from the seller pending a few mutually agreed edits. Land appraisals, timber appraisals and land survey contracts have been approved and will be proceeding concurrently. All Yale funds will be exhausted with these transactions as will a portion of the Lewis River Funds per agreement of the TCC.

### **Other Swift Land Updates (CONFIDENTIAL)**

PacifiCorp and RMEF discussed that as soon as the PSA for the Yale property is signed, RMEF will work on the PSA for a certain Swift property. The TCC also agreed that RMEF should continue to identify additional property's in the Swift vicinity. The detailed content of this portion of the meeting is considered confidential and proprietary and not for public viewing.

### **BPA transmission Line Update**

PacifiCorp wildlife biologists met with BPA and their contractors to discuss and visit line segments (routes) that could potentially cross PacifiCorp lands. PacifiCorp reiterated previous comments that any alignment across PacifiCorp lands must comply with the WHMP including issues involving vegetation mapping, old growth conifer, cedar trees, bald eagle winter roosts and other survey requirements. The BPA will be preparing study plans for PacifiCorp review to comply with these requests as part of their due diligence for their environmental assessments of each route segment. Kirk Naylor discussed potential mitigation issues with TCC representatives and requested their concurrence with the mitigation strategy.

**The TCC attendees agreed with the mitigation strategy as proposed (specific strategy is considered confidential and not for public viewing).**

### **Conservation Easement Opportunities**

Naylor informed the TCC that he and Ray Crosswell (RMEF) met with a Swift property owner as per the TCC consensus to further discussions pertaining to wildlife habitat enhancement opportunities on private industrial timberland. Specifics relating to big game forage enhancements, gates for roads, law enforcement and forest plantation management were all discussed while reviewing WHMP lands that have been managed to provide these resources enhancements for the past 20+ years. While these discussions with this specific land owner will continue, it was apparent

that a conservation easement for any period of time would only be preceded by shorter term contracts or agreements. These would have to show benefit to the land owner or more specifically that the enhancements would not deter them from meeting their forest regeneration objectives. Overall, the opportunity with this specific land owner was not considered favorable; however, PacifiCorp will continue collaborative discussions to further relationships and bring specific opportunities to the TCC for their input.

## **Field Review of WHMP 2008, 2009 and 2010 Forestry and Forage Practices**

Specific site visits are described below. In general, there was good discussion involving the TCC's desire to expand communication of these habitat enhancement efforts to other state wildlife area managers, other forestry managers, other utility biologists and incorporate research on elk nutrition and habitat enhancement measures.

### **Unit 17**

- Visited Upper and Lower Winter Creek forage areas. Described that the area was previously inaccessible and the road was built in 2009 following TCC approval to allow management of the pre-existing Upper Winter Creek meadow and development of the Lower Winter Creek meadow.
- Lower Winter Creek meadow had a large component of weeds following establishment, so the meadow was sprayed with a broadleaf weed herbicide, harrowed and re-seeded this fall, along with new fertilizer and lime applications. The meadow looked excellent with grazing and elk beds evident.
- Discussed forage seeding in THA 091703 (22.5 ac clear cut). Noted regeneration practices, imported downed logs, trailing blackberry and provisions for the equestrian trail.

### **Unit 18**

- Looked at recently completed road reclamation and new road access completed through the transmission ROW.
- Discussed efforts to reduce ATV access in this area.
- Reviewed new 22 acre clear cut harvest, forage seeding and slash piling practices in THA 101801.
- Described permanent forage area, hardwood snags, 2 acre "leave-area" within the THA and imported LWD from reservoirs.

### **Unit 26**

- Visited one of 3 THA's that were developed in 2008. Described elk browse damage on seedlings, browse preventive measures and costs, forage seeding and permanent forage areas.

## **Next Meeting's Agenda**

- Review of 10/13/10 Meeting Notes
- Lands Update
- Discuss options for field tours with other resource personnel

**Public Comment Opportunity**

No public comment was provided.

**Next Scheduled Meetings**

TCC attendees agreed that the November 2010 meeting would likely be a conference call.

November 10, 2010	December 8 , 2010 (TBD)
Merwin Hydro Control Center	Merwin Hydro Control Center
Ariel, WA	Ariel, WA
9:00am – 3:00pm	9:00am – 3:00pm

Adjourn 3:30 p.m.