

**Meeting Notes**  
**Lewis River License Implementation**  
**Terrestrial Coordination Committee (TCC) Meeting**  
**August 11, 2010**  
**Teleconference**

**TCC Participants Present: (11)**

Susan Cierebiej, WDFW  
 Ray Crosswell, RMEF  
 Kendel Emmerson, PacifiCorp Energy  
 Eric Holman, WDFW  
 LouEllyn Jones, USFWS  
 Kimberly McCune, PacifiCorp Energy  
 Kirk Naylor, PacifiCorp Energy  
 Bob Nelson, RMEF  
 Nathan Reynolds, Cowlitz Indian Tribe  
 Bill Richardson, RMEF  
 Mitch Wainwright, USDA Forest Service

**Calendar:**

September 8, 2010	TCC Meeting	<b>CANCELLED</b>
October 13, 2010	TCC Meeting & Field Visit	Merwin Hydro Control Center

<b>Assignments from August 11, 2010 Meeting:</b>	<b>Status</b>
Naylor: Contact CLT regarding “matching” funds and timeline for agreement and report back to the TCC in one week.	

<b>Assignments from July 14, 2010 Meeting:</b>	<b>Status</b>
Naylor: Provide Kearney a copy of the letter from PacifiCorp to Jon Rose.	<b>Complete</b>
Naylor: Review the proposed Purchase and Sale Agreement provided by CLT and provide comments to Kearney before July 29, 2010.	<b>Complete</b>

<b>Assignments from January 13, 2010 Meeting:</b>	<b>Status</b>
McCune/Naylor: Coordinate with creating a land acquisition spreadsheet to include type designations for the TCC review and approval.	<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>

**Review of Agenda and Finalize Meeting Notes**

Kirk Naylor (PacifiCorp Energy) called the meeting to order at 9:00am. Naylor asked if the TCC attendees had any additions or changes to the agenda. No additions were requested.

Naylor reviewed the TCC Draft 7/14/10 meeting notes and asked for any comments and/or additional changes. The meeting notes were approved at 9:05am without change.

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

Naylor reminded the TCC that the Draft Bald Eagle Management Plan (Plan) was made available for comment on July 28, 2010 with comments due on or before August 27, 2010 (**Attachment A**). Kendel Emmerson (PacifiCorp Energy) requested from the TCC if they had any comments or questions today. Eric Holman (WDFW) requested clarification on the process of what happens to the Plan next after the TCC 30-day review period. Emmerson responded that the final version of the Plan will be submitted back to WDFW for its signature.

Susan Cierebiej (WDFW) expressed concern about Section 3.1 – Protected Zone specifically relating to hazard trees. Emmerson responded that the last bullet regarding management activities in Section 3.1 (outlined below) addresses this concern.

*Management activities (e.g. forest practices, invasive plant species control) would be conducted in consultation with the Terrestrial coordination Committee (TCC).*

However, Emmerson will modify the bullet to include the addition of the text, “hazard trees control”, as follows:

*Management activities (e.g. forest practices, invasive plant species control, **and hazard trees control**) would be conducted in consultation with the Terrestrial coordination Committee (TCC).*

Mitch Wainwright (USDA Forest Service) provided comment prior to the TCC meeting, which can be viewed in more detail in **Attachment B**. Emmerson responded by explaining that the Plan applied only to WHMP lands owned by PacifiCorp. PacifiCorp activities occurring on USFS lands would follow the USFS bald eagle regulations.

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

Naylor communicated to the TCC attendees the current status of interests in certain Swift lands. 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 an edited “redline” Option Agreement for the Yale parcel of interest is expected very soon from the seller. We may complete the transaction separately (purchase and trade) rather than in phases. Bids have been received for land appraisals, timber appraisals and land surveys. PacifiCorp needs to close in 2010 for the land purchased in fee simple but the land trade will expand into 2011. All Yale funds will be exhausted with these transactions.

### **New Topics/Issues**

Emmerson informed the TCC attendees that she met with the farmer regarding fertilizing the meadows and the farm. She indicated that the grasses at Saddle Dam Farm are very thick. Emmerson also indicated that she recently collected soil samples in the farm and the results should

be back in about one week. PacifiCorp recommends foregoing fertilizing this year but will wait for soil analysis.

Wainwright asked if the available funds could be used to fertilize the recently acquired Jackman parcel. Emmerson responded PacifiCorp intends to fertilize the Jackman property pending the soil sample results. She also stated that there have been a lot of additional costs already in treating noxious weeds on the Jackman property.

Holman agreed that focusing on other weed efforts this year would be better use of available funds. Naylor also expressed that PacifiCorp also had to broadcast spray weeds in the newly developed Lower Winter Creek Meadow is planning to harrow the soil in September 2010 and reseed. This was not part of the 2010 budget but necessary to establish the meadow.

**The TCC attendees agreed that where fertilizing is determined unnecessary, those funds be used to proceed with weed removal where needed.**

### **Raptor Surveys**

Emmerson informed the TCC attendees that all raptor surveys are completed. The only raptor nest, other than existing osprey nests, identified was the peregrine falcon nest at eagle cliff and a suspected red tailed hawk nest on WDNR lands near Unit 22.

### **Unit 22 squatter**

In addition, Emmerson communicated that there is a squatter/timber theft issue in Unit 22. Approximately 5 or 6 fallen big leaf maples have been discovered already. WDFW is coordinating with DNR due to the sites limited access. No one has seen the squatter to date or the vehicle which provides him/her access. PacifiCorp needs cameras but they are cost prohibitive at this time.

The good news is a considerable number of elk have been seen in Unit 22.

### **Old Growth Survey**

Emmerson reported that the old growth surveying is about 85% complete.

### **Unit 18 Harvest**

Naylor informed the TCC that the road has been re-constructed; 75% of logging is complete to date. Re-seeding of the right-of-way and erosion matting will take place in the fall of this year. The old growth tree the TCC was concerned about is still there except for the top 40', which had to be removed due to safety concerns.

### **Unit 11 Harvest & Snag Removal**

PacifiCorp will be starting the harvest in Unit 11 sometime next week. Naylor informed the TCC that snags 3, 4, & 5 will remain and the boundaries have been adjusted. An additional snag was identified at the top of the proposed harvest area and the boundary was also adjusted there in order to retain the snag.

Approximately 2 ½ acres were deleted from the original harvest area.

### **Eagle Cliff Bridge – law enforcement**

A couple of citations have been issued for take of bull trout.

PacifiCorp continues to address trespass issues on PacifiCorp lands specific to tree removal, survey marker removal and placement of a satellite dish on its lands. The landowner(s) committing the trespass continue to be uncooperative and unresponsive to legal demands. PacifiCorp will continue to pursue the trespass aggressively and will keep the TCC informed of its efforts.

### **2700 Road**

An adjacent property owner cut 80 conifer trees without PacifiCorp's knowledge in order to widen an existing road and claims to have an easement to do so. PacifiCorp confirms there is no such authorization and will pursue the matter legally.

### **Next Meeting's Agenda**

- Review of 8/11/10 Meeting Notes
- Lands Update
- Field Visit

### **Public Comment Opportunity**

No public comment was provided.

### **Next Scheduled Meetings**

TCC attendees agreed to cancel the September 2010 meeting.

September 8, 2010	October 13, 2010
<b>CANCELLED</b>	Merwin Hydro Control Center
	Ariel, WA
	9:00am – 3:00pm

Adjourn 10:15 Am

### **Handouts**

- o Agenda
- o Draft meeting notes from 7/14/10
- o **Attachment A** – Email to TCC regarding 30-day review and comment period of the Lewis River Bald Eagle Management Plan, dated July 28, 2010
- o **Attachment B** – Email in response to Mitch Wainwright's (USDA Forest Service) comments regarding the Lewis River Bald Eagle Management Plan, dated August 6, 2010

## McCune, Kimberly

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**From:** McCune, Kimberly  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 28, 2010 3:55 PM  
**To:** '(brichardson@RMEF.org)'; 'Bob Nelson'; 'Cherie Kearney (ckearney@columbialandtrust.org)'; 'Darlene Johnson'; 'Diana MacDonald'; Emmerson, Kendel; 'Eric Holman (holmaewh@dfw.wa.gov)'; 'Eychaner, Jim (RCO)'; 'J. Malinowski'; 'Joanna Meninick (joannam@yakama.com)'; 'Joel Rupley'; 'John Clapp'; 'John Weinheimer'; 'LouEllyn Jones'; 'Mariah Stoll-Smith Reese (M.Reese@tds.net)'; 'Michelle Day'; 'Mitch Wainwright'; 'Nathan Reynolds'; Naylor, Kirk; Olson, Todd; 'Paul Pearce (pearce@co.skamania.wa.us)'; 'Ray Crosswell (shedhunt@aol.com)'; 'Ryan Lopossa'; 'Shannon Wills'; 'Steve Branz [branzs@ci.woodland.wa.us]'; 'Susan Cierebiej'; 'Susan Rosebrough'; 'Taylor Aalvik (taalvik@cowlitz.org)'  
**Subject:** ACTION REQUIRED: Lewis River Bald Eagle Management Plan, July 2010; 30-day review and comment period

Attn: TCC Participants

Assignments from April 14, 2010 Meeting:	Status
Emmerson: Submit PacifiCorp's Bald Eagle Management Plan to the TCC for review and approval in approximately May or June 2010.	<b>Complete – 7/28/10</b>

In accordance with Chapter 14, Raptor Site Management - Objective B (outlined below) of the *Lewis River Wildlife Habitat Management Plan, December 2008* please note that the *Lewis River Bald Eagle Management Plan, July 2010* is now available for a 30-day review and comment period. The document can be located on the Lewis River website at the link provided below.

[http://www.pacificorp.com/content/dam/pacificorp/doc/Energy\\_Sources/Hydro/Hydro\\_Licensing/Lewis\\_River/2010\\_BaldEagleMgtPlan.pdf](http://www.pacificorp.com/content/dam/pacificorp/doc/Energy_Sources/Hydro/Hydro_Licensing/Lewis_River/2010_BaldEagleMgtPlan.pdf)

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- *Objective b: Develop a management plan for nesting bald eagles, considering site-specific requirements, within 3 years of WHMP implementation, and revise upon discovery of a new active nest site.*

We would appreciate your comments **on or before Friday, August 27, 2010** addressed to Kendel Emmerson, PacifiCorp, 825 NE Multnomah Street, Portland, Oregon 97232, (503) 813-6040 or via email at [kendel.emmerson@pacificorp.com](mailto:kendel.emmerson@pacificorp.com)

Thank you.

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## McCune, Kimberly

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**From:** Emmerson, Kendel  
**Sent:** Friday, August 06, 2010 9:42 AM  
**To:** Mitch Wainwright  
**Cc:** McCune, Kimberly; Naylor, Kirk  
**Subject:** RE: ACTION REQUIRED: Lewis River Bald Eagle Management Plan, July 2010; 30-day review and comment period

Thanks Mitch

PacifiCorp will of course comply with USFS regulations regarding dispersed camp sites on USFS lands. I am not sure if that would apply to this plan or not. Will you be available to call into the TCC meeting on Wednesday to discuss further?

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**From:** Mitch Wainwright [mailto:mwainwright@fs.fed.us]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 04, 2010 10:42 AM  
**To:** Emmerson, Kendel  
**Subject:** Re: ACTION REQUIRED: Lewis River Bald Eagle Management Plan, July 2010; 30-day review and comment period

Kendel, I'm not sure how this fits in with your plan, or if it needs to be in there, but our Forest Plan has a different requirement for buffering activities around eagle nests and roosts that are on National Forest System Lands. This requirement would only apply to activities that are planned on FS land and not apply to adjacent private or other ownership lands. It drove the need to eliminate two of the dispersed campsites in the Drift Creek arm though.

"Picknicing, camping, blasting, firearm use, timber harvest, and low level aircraft operations should not be allowed within 1,300 feet of nests and roosts during periods of eagle use. These activities should also be regulated up to 2,600 feet from nests and roosts where eagles have line-of-sight vision."

Since I believe PacifiCorp will be taking over dispersed camping management on the Drift Creek National Forest parcel, this restriction would apply to actions that may be taken on that parcel.

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