

AGENDA

Wallowa Falls Hydroelectric Project Relicensing FERC Project No. P-308

1st Year Studies Progress Meeting for Stakeholders
Tuesday, October 23, 2012

- Introduction – Russ Howison, PacifiCorp 9:00 am – 9:15 am
- Recreation Resources – Mark Greenig, CH2M Hill 9:15 am – 10:00 am
- Land Use – Mark Greenig, CH2M Hill 10:00 am – 10:15 am
- Aesthetics – Mark Greenig, CH2M Hill 10:15 am – 10:30 am
- Terrestrial Resources – Kendel Emmerson, PacifiCorp 10:30 am – 11:30 am
- Geology & Soils – Brent Black, Cornforth Consultants 11:30 am – 12:00 noon

- Lunch 12:00 noon – 1:00 pm

- Water Resources – Ken Carlson, CH2M Hill 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm
- Aquatic Resources – Jeremiah Doyle, PacifiCorp 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm
- Instream Flow and Habitat – Kaylea Foster, PacifiCorp 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm
- Wrap Up and Next Steps – Russ Howison, PacifiCorp 4:00 pm – 4:15 pm

Wallowa Falls Hydroelectric Dam Relicensing
 First Year Field Work Status Meeting
 October 23, 2012 – 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

Meeting Room - Pacific Northwest Forest (PNF) and Range Sciences– USFS
 1401 Gekeler Lane
 La Grande, OR 97850

Participant Name Agency/Company Signature

Russ Howison	PacifiCorp Energy	Russ Howison
Kendel Emmerson	PacifiCorp Energy	Kendel Emmerson
Kaylea Foster	PacifiCorp Energy	Kaylea Foster
Jeremiah Doyle	PacifiCorp Energy	Attended + Presented
Briana Weatherly	PacifiCorp Energy	Briana Weatherly
Mark Greenig	CH2M Hill	Mark Greenig
Brent Black	Cornforth Consultants	Brent Black
Ken Carlson	CH2M Hill	Ken Carlson
Mark Mullins	CH2M Hill	CALL IN - Left early as static online.
Daniel Gonzales	US Forest Service	Daniel Gonzales
Tony King	US Forest Service	Tony King
Sweyn Wall	WWNF – US Forest Service	Arrived Late
Susan Rosebrough	National Park Service	Call In
Gretchen Sausen	US Fish & Wildlife Service	Gretchen Sausen
Ken Homolka	Oregon Dept of Fish & Wildlife	Did not Attend.
Tim Hardin	Oregon Dept of Fish & Wildlife	Tim Hardin
Elizabeth Moats	Oregon Dept of Fish & Wildlife	Elizabeth Moats

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Kammie Bunes	Oregon Parks and Recreation Dept	Call In
<i>Jim Hutton</i> Todd Honeywell <i>DISTR MGR</i>	Oregon Parks and Recreation Dept	<i>Jim Hutton</i>
John Dadoly	Oregon Dept of Environmental Quality	<i>John Dadoly</i>

Wallowa Falls Stakeholder Meeting - 1st Year Studies Field Work Progress

October 23, 2012 – La Grande, OR

MEETING PURPOSE

The purpose of the meeting was to present a status report of what has been accomplished during the 2012 field study season including a discussion of any deviations from the parameters set in the Study Plans, and to discuss any proposed study activities for 2013. A complete description of the material presented and discussed can be found in the Power Point Presentation for the meeting.

INTRODUCTION (Russ Howison)

The group discussed FERC Process Schedule for the upcoming year as presented in power point presentation.

RECREATION (Mark Greenig)

Jim Hutton - OPRD

Re: the way mgmt. companies register campers – people allowed to come and register we could better utilize usage information.

Very valuable real estate but underutilized – primitive camping is missing – used for staging by campers – need to provide full level of services – host to oversee primitive – fee charged – partnership so no significant drain on our two resources (not a lot of money).

ADA accessibility report from 1980-90's identifying patterns by region (WF is Region 10) – Jim has a copy of the report (Jim Hutton).

OPRD is interested in working collaboratively with PacifiCorp to better integrate recreation management at Little Alps State Park and the PacifiCorp campground. The group agreed that this would continue to be discussed as the relicensing process moves toward a discussion of enhancement measures.

Kammie Bunes – OPRD

State has completed survey for new SCORP but doc not written/out yet – talk to OR Parks. PCorp will follow up and check in the status.

Sweyn Wall and Dan Gonzalez – U.S. Forest Service

The Forest Service has provided comments previously on trails management, campground operations, and overlooks.

Uncertain when new Forest Plan will be finalized and implemented PacifiCorp will continue to follow the guidance provided in the current Forest Plan.

Action: A follow up discussion will be held in December with the Forest Service to discuss the need to collect additional trail use data.

Action: PacifiCorp will follow up with OPRD regarding any new survey information collected for the next SCORP.

LAND USE (Mark Greenig)

Methodist Church Camp and Boy Scout Camp. Are these two rec resources or just “odd land areas” (Mark)?

No Action items were identified for Land Use.

AESTHETICS (Mark Greenig)

Noise from the powerhouse is an issue of concern to the Forest Service. PacifiCorp has a metering device for sound. PacifiCorp plans to meter interior plant noise using this device. PacifiCorp will also record noise levels outside of the powerhouse to establish a baseline. (Russ)

Kaylea – have you heard a lot of negative reviews about powerhouse and forebay? Not really.

Action: PacifiCorp plans to record noise levels inside and outside of plant area in the next 6-8 months.

TERRESTRIAL (Kendel Emmerson)

- Special Status Plant Study
- Noxious Weed Study

Populations of noxious weeds are likely to increase in the Project area.

Current noxious

- Riparian and Wetland Study
- Vegetation Cover Study
- Wildlife Study

No Action items were identified for Terrestrial Resources.

GEOLOGY (Brent Black)

Gretchen Sausen USFWS

There was a June 2012 turbidity event evident at the mouth of the lake– probably related to rain event and high flows. (This is about the same time that PacifiCorp operations noticed a slope failure along the powerhouse access road.)

Mark Greening

Asked if the Forest Service had any visual quality or aesthetic concerns regarding remedial mitigation measures – i.e. gabion wall?

(Agency) Russ answered.

A 2005 debris flow event blocked the trail (only about 25-30 ft across). This blocked all flow “cutting off the river” as described by local landowner (Brent/Kaylea) – U-Tube video of occurrence.

No Action items were identified for Geology Resources.

WATER RESOURCES STUDY – Ken Carlson

No questions.

No Action items were identified for Water Resources.

SEDIMENT CHARACTERIZATION (Outside Study Plan) – Briana Weatherly

There is a possibility that PacifiCorp will pursue two separate ESA consultations – one in the FERC licensing proceeding and one for forebay flushing in the next 2-3 years under the existing license, prior to the issuance of a new license.

PacifiCorp will discuss internally the need to conduct forebay flushing under the current license (i.e. before a new license providing ESA coverage is issued).

Russ Howison

Under the new license the Company would propose to flush the forebay every year by opening the low level outlet.

Gretchen Sausen – USFWS

PacifiCorp will need to provide enough information on sediment characteristics and potential effects of forebay flushing so that effects to Bull Trout can be analyzed.

Action: PacifiCorp will hold an internal meeting in the next two weeks to discuss the need to flush the forebay in the next 2-3 years prior to the issuance of a new license and inform USFWS of its decision.

Action: PacifiCorp will produce a draft technical report on sediment characterization work to date similar to that for resource studies required by the FERC study plans and provide it to the agencies.

Action: PacifiCorp will arrange a meeting in December with USFWS and FERC and other appropriate agencies to discuss additional data needs and proposed studies for 2013.

Aquatic Resources – Jeremiah Doyle

No Action items were identified for Aquatic Resources.

Instream Flow Study – Kaylea Foster

No Action items were identified for the Instream Flow Study.