

Habitat Conservation Plan Tributary Committees

MISSION: To fund and support sustainable long-term, cost-effective projects that protect and restore Plan Species habitats and to foster partnerships with those that implement such projects.

Douglas PUD: Wells



Chelan PUD: Rock Island



Chelan PUD: Rocky Reach



A Report To: The HCP Tributary Committees (Wells, Rocky Reach and Rock Island)
Re: Monthly Report of Activities and Decisions
Reporting Period: August 2014 HCP TC meetings
From: Becky Gallaher, Tributary Project Coordinator

TABLE 1 Status of current work items:

2011-01 RR Chewuch River Instream Flow	Project complete – final report received.
2012-01 RI Assessing Nutrient Enhancement	Project complete – final report received.
2012-02 RI Large Wood Atonement	Gravity Environmental started pile driving on June 16 th and will finish placing approximately 130 pilings by the first week of August. Pile driving success (depth/embedment) has been completely dependent on substrate, particularly the presence of buried wood. Most of the pilings have been driven down to acceptable depths >10', however, some were shallower and may not persist as long as we may have hoped. CCFEG and USFWS continue to coordinate procurement of whole trees from local sources, and arranging helicopter placement around September 15th 2014. WADNR has committed an additional \$60k for the purchase and transport of whole trees and racking material. We are also consulting with USFS regarding placement of permanent signs notifying the public of our project
2012-02 RR/W Silver Protection	See attached email.
2012-03 RR Coulter Creek Barrier Replacement	No report received.
2013-01 RR/W Upper Beaver Habitat Improvement Channel Restoration	Due to the fire, most of MSRF's work came to a halt. Upper Beaver is the project location that sustained the most damage for MSRF and they are still assessing, repairing, negotiating and planning in many aspects. They will send an update once they know more.
2013-03 RR Okanogan Basin Stream Discharge Monitoring	No new activity.
2013-04 W/2013-02 RR Fish Passage at Shingle Creek	No report received.
2013-06 W – Methow/Chewuch Shallow Groundwater Monitoring	Loggers continue to collect information at all three sites. No other work was completed.
2014-01 W – MVID Instream Flow Improvement Project	See attached.
2014-01 RR – Silver Side Channel Design	A design team meeting was held on July 11 th to discuss preliminary designs, WDFW design criteria, and timeline. CCFEG organized and distributed all surface and groundwater data collection to date. Development of a SOW and coordination with Aspect Consulting for additional groundwater investigation to further inform design aspects of the channel and proposed features was ongoing. CCFEG met with BPA and UCSRB to discuss funding the implementation phase. They received confirmation that BPA would like to fund half of the project total.

<p>2014-01 RI Twisp to Carlton Reach Assessment</p>	<p>Cardno Entrix has nearly completed gathering background information and identifying data gaps. Data gaps include existing or historic habitat conditions and fish use. CCFEG and Cardno discussed how to best move forward considering this gap. Most past reach assessments have had habitat surveys or assessments to glean info from. This is not the case for the Twisp to Carlton reach, where little physical habitat info has been collected. CCFEG will request guidance from the RTT as it pertains to Appendix D in the Biological Strategy, which suggests minimal components to be included in an assessment. Similarly, if the Tributary Committee has any guidance on specific info that should be collected, please share. CCFEG has begun collecting landowner information and developing a mailer for distribution in the coming months.</p>
<p>2014-02 RR Similkameen RM 3.8</p>	<p>No new activity.</p>
<p>2014-02 W Remove Collapsed Bridge from Shingle Crk</p>	<p>No report received.</p>
<p>2014-03 RR Entiat Stillwaters Gray Reach Acquisition</p>	<p>No new activity.</p>
<p>1. Financial management - Clifton Larson Allen</p>	<p>RR and RI - Ongoing</p>
<p>2. Communicate with TC members</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>
<p>3. Attend appropriate and applicable meetings</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>

Gallaher, Becky

From: Tracy Hillman [tracy.hillman@bioanalysts.net]
Sent: Friday, August 01, 2014 9:02 AM
To: 'Chris Fisher'; 'Dale Bambrick'; 'Jeremy Cram'; 'Kate Terrell'; 'Lee Carlson'; Hays, Steve; 'Tom Kahler'
Cc: Gallaher, Becky; 'Carmen Andonaegui'; Osborn, Jeff; 'Justin Yeager'
Subject: HCP TC: Silver Side Channel Conservation Easement

Hello TC,

Jeremy asked that I forward the following message to you. Responses from Tim Woodruff (WDFW Real Estate Acquisition Supervisor) are in red. Please let me or Jeremy know if you have questions.

Thanks,
Tracy

From: Cram, Jeremy (DFW)
Sent: Thursday, July 10, 2014 10:20 AM
To: Woodruff, Thomas L (DFW)
Cc: Andonaegui, Carmen (DFW); Simon, Graham A (DFW)
Subject: RE: silver followup

Hi Thom,

The committee is very interested in funding the CE despite the lack of public access. **Great news!** However, due to concerns about grazing impacts and the catastrophic damage that escaped cattle could do in the channel, we request no grazing anywhere. **I will see what I can do. After Commission approval Aug. 8, I will be meeting with the landowners to finalize this matter.** We would be amenable to wheat or other agricultural work on the SE parcel, but cattle pose too much of a risk to a huge restoration investment that will occur.

Please let me know what this negotiation process will involve and if we can provide additional information. My sense is that the committee would tolerate slight grazing on the SE parcel, but only with a vast improvement to the fencing and a firm commitment to maintain the isolation of animals is included – this could be done by CCFEG, MSRF, or WDFW if we have capacity in the habitat division to build fence and engage in routine maintenance for a lump sum payment....**This opportunity may be the most likely outcome.**

Alternatively, the group is looking into purchasing the land. **Unfortunately, the group will learn, this land is not available for purchase. Never has been.** I have expressed the importance of this land to WDFW and it could be transferred to WDFW after a period of time and when that is politically acceptable. **To state this would be second guessing the County Commissioners and our Director. Anyone that buys any land in anticipation of later conveying it to WDFW is doing so at their sole risk.** This would obviously cost more, but it would eliminate the landowner and grazing concerns, and create public access. This is a contingency if the grazing negotiations don't go how the committee hopes.

I realize the timeline is tight. The committee is interested in moving as fast as possible. **Things should be finalized the week of Aug. 11th.**

Thanks,
Jeremy

From: Cram, Jeremy (DFW)
Sent: Wednesday, July 09, 2014 10:44 AM
To: Woodruff, Thomas L (DFW)

Cc: Andonaegui, Carmen (DFW); Simon, Graham A (DFW)

Subject: silver followup

Hi Thom,

The committee is concerned about a few things.

1. Need a map defining where grazing will be "slight". **As currently drafted, grazing is allowed on the entire c.e. I am hoping to yet get it prohibited on the west side of the side channel.**
2. The statement that "WDFW is allowed to fence riparian areas to keep cattle out" is only adequate if the fence is installed and maintained and cattle are necessarily excluded from the riparian. **Correct.**
3. \$550K seems quite high for an easement that allows grazing. **The value of a c.e. is determined by the Highest and Best Use (HABU) of the property and the impact the c.e. has on that use. In this case, the HABU of the property is subdivision and development, so grazing, and levels of grazing, are inconsequential to value. The value of this easement is for the loss of subdivision and development rights. The committee's purchase share is \$250,000.**

Perhaps the committee will supply some stewardship funds for fence and maintenance as part of the CE or restoration project... **The Committee will have to decide if they want to protect this resource and if this c.e. accomplishes that to their satisfaction. If not, so be it.**

Thanks,

Jeremy Cram

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MONTHLY/QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORT
Methow Valley Irrigation District (MVID) Instream Flow Improvement Project

TU participated in the design and contracting meetings with Anchor QEA and Reclamation to finish the designs on the West pump/pipe system and E1. The Twisp Public Works Superintendent also attended the meetings and site visits, to provide on-the-ground info on Town utility locations, input on lateral alignments, and to help us coordinate scheduling with upcoming Town sidewalk improvements in the E1 area. We also reviewed the MVID East 90% design sets and sent comments to the Reclamation design team. During the meetings with Anchor we also consulted with one of their construction managers on contracting and procurement strategies to optimize the building schedule. A revised draft schedule was developed and is attached to this report.

Okanogan County issued the JARPA Shoreline Exemption Permit, the Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife issued one of the HPA permits needed, and the Final SEPA MDNS also published for the 14 day appeal period. In addition, ground survey work on phase II Archeology was wrapped up with a final report anticipated for August. The MOU between DOE and DAHP made significant progress towards approval, also anticipated for August. The DOE Construction Stormwater permit was submitted. TU worked closely with the Town of Twisp to move along the Conditional Use Permit.

Ecology issued the final Reports of Examination for the new water rights for MVID. They are posted on the Ecology website as a draft for 30 days.

The final project MVID member meeting on the project is scheduled for August 13th. We have been working with the MVID board and members on several landowner issues that arose as a result of new alignments proposed for West main pipe and some east and west laterals. Most had to do with the MVID decision last month not to reimburse landowners if they need to move personal infrastructure to hook-up to a new pipe alignment. In response, the Directors reversed their previous decision and decided to reimburse all landowners for such infrastructure modifications. We are working with MVID to develop a cost estimate for this change in MVID policy, and continued to assist with landowner negotiations to obtain easements for the new alignments. Numerous landowners were contacted to obtain permission for staking and archaeological surveying of their properties.

All contracts for the project are in their final stages and we expect they will be signed at the August 13th MVID shareholder meeting.