

Rocky Reach Meeting Minutes

As per Rocky Reach Project Consultation Guidelines and Procedures dated July 7, 1999, a draft version of these meeting minutes were distributed for review per request of meeting attendees. Comments or changes received were incorporated into the final minutes for the record.

To: Distribution List
From: Michelle Smith
Date: August 29, 2002
Subject: Rocky Reach Social Resources Issues
Attendees: Refer to Sign-Up Sheet
Location: Chelan PUD Auditorium, Wenatchee, WA
Time: 10:00 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.

Meeting Purpose

Overview and summary discussion related to the June 26 Social Resources Working Group meeting: Protection, Mitigation and Enhancement (PME) discussion.

Overview and Summary Discussion Related to PMEs (see handout)

Michelle Smith, Chelan PUD (PUD), called the meeting to order at 10:05 and discussed the June 26 meeting.

Michelle (PUD) reviewed the handouts beginning with the PME matrix:

Proposed Action/Measure #1

Continued operation and maintenance of park system including improvements, replacement and renovation.

- Work is being done with State Parks on a long-term management plan and ways to help them become more self-sufficient.
- Looking at new and/or improvements for PUD Parks along the reservoir.
- Evaluating operation and maintenance (O&M) and management contracts for the Parks

Proposed Action/Measure #2

Entiat, community waterfront plan and implementation.

- Entiat Park is the oldest PUD Park.
- Will be working with Entiat community to discover ways we can partner to improve the waterfront.
- Barb Jackson, U.S. Forest Service (USFS), indicated that we shouldn't forget to include interpretative areas.
- Wendell Black, City of Entiat (Entiat), expressed his concern about set backs along the shoreline that National Marine Fisheries Services (NMFS) will require.

Proposed Action/Measure #3

Entiat, continue as partner to complete the Entiat River Outdoor Learning Center.

- Completion of the trail to eventually complete a loop around the town.
- Confluence area being called "Entiaque."

Proposed Action/Measure #4

Entiat, Columbia Breaks Fire Interpretive Center, potential partnership for completion of project.

- Develop a partnership with Columbia Breaks to help them complete their project

Proposed Action/Measure #5

Managed access, nature trails that provide non-consumptive activities (WDFW-owned mitigation lands).

- Look for opportunities for low impact trails for bird watching/wildflowers, etc.
- Discussion with Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife (WDFW) and Natural Sciences Working Group necessary to move forward.

Proposed Action/Measure #6

Trails that connect people to communities.

- An example might be an Entiat community loop
- Developer of golf course in Entiat would like trail to go along the edge of the golf course and he would pay for it according to Wendell Black (Entiat).

Additional comments:

- Barbara Tilly (PUD) encouraged us to be sure and include everyone in the process.
- Entiat: Tree board, Park board, Chamber
- For relicensing projects must relate to project lands and waters
- Wendell Black, City of Entiat (Entiat), told the group that Eco Northwest is doing a study on the economic losses that Entiat has incurred because of construction of the Rocky Reach Dam.
- Bob Boyd (PUD) and Wendell (Entiat), agreed that it would be important to have one consultant working in all areas so that Chelan County can begin to tie all together.

Proposed Action/Measure #7

Monitoring and evaluation cycle and update studies.

- Important part of the management plan

Michelle reviewed the remaining handouts:

- Preliminary PME – Recreation Resources Management Plan white paper.
- Form 80 – Licensed Hydropower Development – must be filed with FERC every six.

Next Steps and Schedule

- 2002 – Complete studies, identify preliminary PMEs and put together first draft
- 2003 – Jan – complete first document and send out to agencies and organizations
- PUD makes necessary changes and submits 2nd draft in October, 2003, to the agencies for an additional review
- 2004 – March – develop final application and settlement agreements
- 2004 – June – submit final application with settlement agreement
- 2004 to 2006 –FERC review.

Other Business

Next Meeting

September 25, 1-3pm, Chelan PUD Hawley Street Conference Room, Wenatchee.

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- ✓ Sign-up Sheet
- ✓ Distribution List
- ✓ Proposed PME Measures
- ✓ Recreation Resources Management Plan White Paper, draft