

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: September 25, 2002
Subject: Rocky Reach Social Sciences Issues
Attendees: Refer to Sign-Up Sheet
Location: Chelan PUD Hawley Street Conference Room, Wenatchee, WA
Time: 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Meeting Purpose

To sum up the details on the protection, mitigation, and enhancement (PME) measures discussed at the August 29 Social Sciences Working Group meeting; to discuss license process and submittal deadlines; discuss Preliminary Draft Environmental Assessment (PDEA) outline; and to discuss PME list.

Overview and Summary Discussion Related to PMEs (see handout)

Michelle Smith, Chelan PUD (PUD), reviewed the handouts beginning with the PME matrix. Questions or comments about each PME are listed below.

Proposed Action/Measure #1 - O&M – existing parks

- Karin Whitehall, U.S. Forest Service (USFS), asked about Keith Vradenberg's, Entiat Focus Group, request for access to the Columbia River above Entiat. Michelle (PUD) said there's been an access point identified near Goosetail Rock that is owned by the PUD It may provide the access needed.

Proposed Action/Measure #2, 3, 4 – Entiat Community Waterfront Master Plan, Entiatqua Outdoor Learning Center, and Columbia Breaks Fire Interpretive Center

- Discussed working with Tom Atkins for design and concept planning.
- Columbia Breaks Fire Interpretive Center hoping for two things from the PUD:
 - a) Place an interim building presence on site – extend utilities and provide parking.
 - b) Money for operations and maintenance (O&M)

Proposed Action/Measure #5 – Managed Access

- Work with Chris Hall, Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife (WDFW), and Jim Eychaner, Washington State Interagency Committee for Outdoor Recreation (IAC).
- Remember Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and other lands that are tied in here
- Looking at short trails
 - a) nature walks
 - b) pull outs

Proposed Action/Measure #6 – Community Recreation Fund

Michelle (PUD) explained the difference between Community Recreation Fund and Endowment Fund in Chelan. The group seemed pleased with fund:

- a) Shows PUD wants to continue to be involved with communities in Chelan County for years to come.
- b) Must be a fair process
- c) Be sure and require permits acquired within reasonable timeframe to complete the project. With IAC they must be obtained ahead of time.
- d) WA State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) has \$100,000 fund as example – Wendell Black, city of Entiat (Entiat), will get a copy of by-laws and application to Kris and Michelle (PUD).

Proposed Action/Measure #7 - Trails

Bill Fraser, Washington State Parks (WA Parks), discussed trail from Loop Trail to Lincoln Rock.

- Suggested completing northern ¼ of the trail as phase 1 – this is located on Chelan PUD land and could end at a dam overlook.
- Phase 2 could be the final completion down to the loop trail.
- Also suggested trail over dam. Although not okay now because of security reasons, wanted it included in the “alternatives considered” section so it could possibly be evaluated in the future.

Proposed Action/Measure #8 – Monitor and Evaluation

Monitoring allows for evaluation and change during the term of the license every six years.

The group had a conversation about the upcoming process. Michelle (PUD) was very open and honest about PUD responsibility and project funding. She stressed open and honest communication throughout the process.

Other Business

Next Meeting

October 23, 10 a.m. – Noon. Chelan PUD Hawley Street Conference Room, Wenatchee.

Action Items

- ✓ Michelle will work with Chris Hall (WDFW) and Jim Eychaner (IAC), and others to identify sites related to measure #5
- ✓ Michelle will contact FERC about allowing trails over the dams.

Reference materials are posted on the Web site, www.chelanpud.org/rr_relicense. Please contact Rosana Sokolowski, (888) 663-8121, Extension 6371, if hard copies are required.

- ✓ Sign-up Sheet
- ✓ Distribution List
- ✓ Proposed PME Measures