

North Fork Coeur d'Alene River Watershed Advisory Group

Draft Meeting Notes
May 2, 2013
1:00 – 3:00 pm
US Forest Service Bldg., Smeltonville, ID

Next meeting: Wednesday June 26, 2013

Please visit the WAG website:

<http://www.deq.idaho.gov/north-fork-cda-river-subbasin-wag>

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Participants: Kajsa Stromberg, Bob Clark, Bob Bevins, Dan Guy, Ed Lider, Ray Kimball, Leslee Stanley, Carol Lapan, Wade Jerome, Ingrid Madsen, Fred Brackebusch, Bill Rust, Jim Ekins, Sandy Podsaid, Eric Besaw

Meeting Purpose: To convene the Watershed Advisory Group for the purposes of water quality improvements and protection in the North Fork Coeur d'Alene River Subbasin through Total Maximum Daily Load development and implementation.

Introductions, review agenda, & distribute previous meeting notes

- The WAG took a moment of remembrance for those who lost their lives in the Sunshine Mine fire May 2, 1972.
- Draft temperature TMDLs - The comment period for the draft temperature TMDLs will go through June 10, 2013 and there will be a second public meeting during the comment period. This one will be in the evening on May 13th in Kellogg.
- Temperature monitoring in Graham Creek – The WAG discussed ideas for monitoring in Graham Creek during 2013. Jenny Gray and Kajsa drafted a monitoring plan for Solar Pathfinder monitoring and shared these ideas with the WAG (handout). Bill Rust suggested adding tid-bit temperature data loggers in the upper, middle, and lower reaches of the stream.
- 2013 BURP program monitoring sites – Maps with 2013 BURP program monitoring sites were distributed for discussion. The map also showed sites visited in 2012.
- Peak's Perch – A memorial bench for Joe and Rose Mary Peak will be installed at Steamboat Pond. A dedication ceremony will take place later this summer. Volunteers are leading this project and donations are sought in care of the Idaho Fish and Wildlife Foundation.

- Banners - The WAG discussed banners and reviewed several design ideas. Eventually the WAG voted to produce three banners 3x10 ft.
- River Cleanup - The River Cleanup Day will be Saturday Sept. 7th. Bob Clark suggested using boats and divers and contacting the Canoe and Kayak club in CdA.
- Project ideas for Beaver Creek, North Fork and Little North Fork – There was some discussion of project ideas to apply for DEQ's 319 grant program. The discussion included a focus on Beaver Creek and contacting landowners with priority sites from the Watershed Assessment.
- Beaver Creek Watershed Assessment – There was discussion about how dredging recommendations were handled in the assessment. The report said to avoid dredging and provided some rationale. Some WAG members believed this was too strongly worded and could be interpreted as opposing dredging in all cases.

Kajsa clarified the statement saying that dredging may be appropriate in some cases, but generally should be used as a last resort and with great care. Channel reconstruction vs. dredging was discussed as well as the difference between stream channels and ditches.

Kajsa acknowledged an error in omitting the Watershed Professionals Network (WPN) reports from the list of references. The WPN reports contain valuable information and were used as an information source during the assessment process.