

**Coeur d'Alene Lake Tributaries Watershed Advisory Group
Thursday December 11, 2014**

Idaho Department of Environmental Quality
Coeur d'Alene Regional Office, Large Conference Room
2110 Ironwood Parkway
Coeur d'Alene

9:00 – 12:00

Meeting Notes

Introductions

2014 Integrated Report Update –

Kristin Larson gave an update on the 2014 Integrated Report. All assessments were done and not a lot changed within the Coeur d'Alene Lake Tributaries watershed. The Mica Creek (ID17010303PN004_03) sediment impairment is being proposed for delisting due to recent BURP scores and extensive restoration in the subbasin. Lower Fernan Creek (ID17010303PN034_03) is being proposed for listing for a sediment impairment. Recent findings under the Fernan Lake subbasin assessment and TMDL process showed the lower creek to have severe bank erosion, excessive bedload, and outside sources of sediment that continue to contribute to the creek. Recent data from the University of Idaho confirms the sediment impairment.

Mica Creek (ID17010303PN004_03) Sediment Delisting

Larry Mundt, a landowner in the Mica Creek watershed, talked about his 14-year journey with restoration on Mica Creek which included over 3 miles of riparian fencing, off-stream livestock watering, manure management, and over 3000 feet of streambank stabilization. There was discussion as to whether the load reductions of the TMDL continue to be in place, or would those go away.

Western Watershed Grant Update

The Kootenai-Shoshone Soil and Water Conservation District was awarded the second in a \$240,000 grant to conduct a watershed assessment and implement forestry plans and education in the Wolf Lodge, Blue Creek, and Fernan Creek watersheds. The watershed assessment will include collection of LIDAR data, and a road inventory. Lidar was flow this fall.

Wolf Lodge Creek Restoration Update

The Kootenai-Shoshone Soil and Water Conservation District was awarded over \$40,000 for restoration work in Wolf Lodge Creek. It was used to place some barbs

in two heavily eroding meanders within the Gateway Ranch community which were threatening to unravel much of the system.

Other