

**Boise-Mores Watershed Advisory Group Meeting  
November 2, 2006**

**In Attendance:**

Cathie Nigro	- Idaho City High School/Concerned Citizen
Mark Rice	- Concerned Landowner
Pam Smolczynski	- Trout Unlimited
Leigh Woodruff	- EPA
Liz Woodruff	- Idaho Rivers United
Russ Manwaring	- West Central Highlands Resource Conservation District
Terry Day	- Boise County Commissioner
Lynda Kuwahara	- Medical Provider/Concerned Citizen
Lauri Monnot	- DEQ
Julia Achabal	- DEQ

Lauri Monnot (DEQ) started off the meeting with introductions.

Julia Achabal (DEQ) began with an explanation of the roles of a Watershed Advisory Group (WAG). The DEQ Director approves of WAG membership, based on the Basin Advisory Group (BAG) recommendations. DEQ considers the potential WAG members knowledge and expertise, experience and information when developing a Subbasin Assessment and Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) plan. The WAG has the opportunity to provide DEQ input throughout the process, before and after the draft TMDL goes out for public comment and is submitted to EPA.

Lauri ran through proposed committee member nominations.

Idaho statute calls for as close a representation as possible to the following interest groups:

- **Mining**
- **Forest products** (Steve Gurnsey, Western Pacific Timber)
- **Livestock**
- **Water-based recreation** (Pam Smolczynski, TU)
- **Municipalities** (Butch Anderson)
- **Land management and regulatory agencies**
- **Environmental interests** (Liz Woodruff, IRU)
- **Citizens-at-large** (Mark Rice, Cathie Nigro, Lynda Kuwahara, Paul Drury)

Other potential WAG members that were unable to attend this meeting were discussed: Paul Drury (ERO Resources Group); Hana West (USFS); Jeff Dillon (IDFG)

➤ **ACTION ITEM:** Several meeting attendees committed to soliciting interest for increased WAG membership. Thank you.

Mark Rice	offered to contact someone to represent the mining interest; and Oscar Baumhoff
Leigh Woodruff	offered to contact Butch Anderson to represent municipalities
Terry Day	offered to contact Oscar Baumhoff

Lauri Monnot	offered to contact Charlie Swearngen to represent the livestock interest
Lauri Monnot	will contact Tim Kennedy or John Roberts to represent Idaho Department of Lands; the district conservationist;
Lynda Kuwahara	Offered to contact Oscar Baumhoff

- **ACTION ITEM:** The BAG will not convene again until January, 2007. Once solicitation has been made to fill all the interest groups are Lauri can seek approval of the Boise-Mores WAG via letter.

Lauri then provided an overview of Subbasin Assessments (SBAs) and TMDLs. A Subbasin Assessment is the scientific collection of data to determine if a water body is impaired. Pollutants are measured such as temperature and sediment. Aquatic life is assessed for signs of stress due to the impacts of excessive sediment. All of the data is used to determine if a TMDL is required to allocate pollutant load targets to bring the water body into compliance with the water quality standards.

Lauri provided the group an introduction to the Boise Mores TMDL.

**Listed Waterbodies**

Grimes Creek 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> order  
 Grimes Creek 4<sup>th</sup> order  
 Grimes Creek 5<sup>th</sup> order  
 Mores Creek 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Order  
 Mores Creek 3<sup>rd</sup> Order  
 Mores Creek 6<sup>th</sup> Order

**Pollutants**

Unknown/Sediment  
 Temperature  
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The temperature TMDL for the Boise-Mores Watershed was described. It is currently being done using the Potential Natural Vegetation method. This DEQ preferred method uses stream shade as a surrogate to in-stream temperature, and is being used statewide to address all temperature listed water bodies.

- **ACTION ITEM:** Present PNV methodology and Boise-Mores PNV TMDL to WAG members

The Boise-Mores TMDL is expected to be submitted to EPA December 31, 2007. A more complete timeline will be presented at our next meeting December 14<sup>th</sup> 2006.

A question was asked as to whether the WAG can recommend additional monitoring to capture trends and to gather data on water bodies that are not currently listed on this cycle of impaired waters. The answer is absolutely yes. The type and duration of monitoring will have to be examined in relation to when the TMDL is due. However, DEQ and EPA have a court ordered responsibility to ensure that the current list of impaired waters have a TMDL management plan in a timely manner. This responsibility encourages us to develop a management plan for the current list of impaired waters while putting into record that there is a reasonable cause for additional data and analysis to be performed on additional water bodies and for additional pollutants.

- **ACTION ITEM:** For the next meeting, Lauri will develop summaries of the data she has accumulated to this point

Pam Smolczynski et al. are applying for the EPA Targeted Watershed Grants Program to fund additional phases of stream restoration on Mores Creek. She has requested a letter of support from the WAG, and will draft something up as a template to expedite the process.

Good luck all!

Future WAG meetings will take place in Idaho City, since most members are residents of the watershed.

#### NEXT MEETING

Thursday, December 14, 2006

7:00pm

Forest Service Office, Idaho City.