

10/02/2008 South Fork Boise River TAG meeting Notes

In Attendance:

Susan Beattie – DEQ

Joe Samer – CH2M Hill

Tim Kennedy – IDL

Dan Kenney-USFS-Sawtooth National Forest

- Introductions
- Requested general comments or recommendations for the document in general terms.
 - Discussed readability for the public and suggested that the more technical portions of the TMDL be in an appendix, or in a separate section from a summary that is more user-friendly to the general public. Organize the information that is useful to a private landowner in front and place the technical information in the back of the document.
- Discussed changes made since the last meeting
 - Combined TMDL with Five-Year Review for efficiency and to meet the review schedule.
 - Document has been edited by the Technical Editing department of DEQ.
 - Reviewed the Summary of Recommendations.
- Requested feedback from review of summary
 - Draft mentions existing Smith Creek TMDL. That should be corrected, as this is the first TMDL.
 - Discussed the recommendations from the Sawtooth NF that fire management plans be added to or addressed in the document—under current conditions or existing management activities.
 - South Barker fire—sparked by lightning in the Willow Creek and Big Water Gulch Creek watersheds, is expected to be fully contained within the next two weeks if the weather patterns follow predicted paths. There are some high intensity regions, but most of the fire was of moderate intensity.
 - Prescribed burns in the Lime Creek watersheds should be added to the document. The burns have been initiated over the past several years as part of the fuels reduction plan in North and South Fork tributaries. They comply with the approved Forest Management Plan, which received a ROD through the NEPA process. The Sawtooth Forest does not conduct monitoring after the prescribed burns, but the Boise FS might.
 - Correct spelling is “Douglas-fir”—accepted by botanists, and would be a good modification of the document.
 - Beaver complexes are not addressed in the PNV watersheds and should be considered as a natural feature which effects temperature in some watersheds.
 - In the tributaries to Lime Creek it is not clear what management actions have contributed to temperature impairment. The watersheds have been grazed, and the headwaters of North Fork and Middle Fork have been logged, but the FS is not clear what management activities have

contributed to temperature impairment, if any, and has made comments in the draft document. It is possible that Lime Creek is naturally warmer than other watersheds in the subbasin, and that possibility should be considered.

- Requested consensus for requesting that the BAG vote on sending the document, with the recommended additions and corrections, to public comment (10/09/2008).
 - The TAG will receive, by email, a small “.doc” file with the edits to this draft by Monday a. m. and will send feedback and recommendations to those changes by Wednesday a.m. Upon approval of those edits, the TAG will support recommending the BAG vote to send this out for public comment.
- Discussed methods to gain participation from community members for public comment.
 - Write a small article for the Camas Courier in Fairfield and send information to the Mt. Home newspaper. We need to include the communities of Fairfield and Mt. Home, because those communities are interested and affected by activities in the subbasin.
 - If we have a public meeting, a weekend would be the best time.
 - Find out if we can send a post card to area residents with the website information and suggestions for how to use keyword searches to locate information, etc. and put the PC draft on the website.
- BAG meeting will be on 10/9/08 and TAG would like a list of the members.
- Next meeting will be after the public comments are received, to review comments and response to comments and recommend next steps.