

## North Fork Coeur d'Alene River Watershed Advisory Group

### Meeting Notes

May 28, 2008

1:00 – 3:00 pm

US Forest Service Bldg., Smelterville, ID

**Participants:** Kajsa Stromberg, Tyson Clyne, Mike Mihelich, Bill Rust, Earl Frizzell, George Hemphill, Roy Faler, Fred Brackebusch, Jeff Legg, Dan Guy, Bob Burke, David Armes, Sandy Schlepp, Dave Funk

**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. The meeting reviewed 2008 runoff and patterns of historic flooding, updates on the TMDL process, and planning for water quality improvement projects.

#### **WAG Business:**

- Meeting Notes from previous WAG meetings: These were distributed for WAG Review and have been posted to the website.
- Protection of Recreational Beneficial Uses: A handout was distributed that describes protection of safe human recreation in the water. This handout will be posted to the website.
- Cutthroat trout presentations: The March 23 PowerPoint presentations about cutthroat trout are now posted to the WAG website.
- Other website updates: mining films archived by University of Idaho, New York Times article on Silver Valley, NPR story on Silver Valley, and more – check it out!

**North Fork CDA River Cleanup:** Organized by Trout Unlimited and North Idaho Fly Casters. June 28, 9am meet at Snakepit.

**Watershed Tours:** WAG members would like to have watershed tours this summer. We are planning a lower river tour for June 18<sup>th</sup> that will cover the North Fork Coeur d'Alene River up to Prichard along with Prichard and Beaver creeks. We discussed meeting at the park and ride at Kingston and carpooling for the tour. Lunch was suggested at the Prichard Tavern dining room or the Spragpole. We are also planning an upper watershed tour for later in the summer (tentatively Aug 20). The WAG suggested visiting USFS restoration sites and looking at Tepee Creek, Short-Riley, Yellow Dog, etc. We would like to look at sites that could potentially provide reference conditions. Several also suggested a floating watershed tour to view the issues from the river.

**Next Meeting:** Watershed Tour, June 18, 2008, details TBA.

**Please visit the WAG Website:**

[http://www.deq.idaho.gov/about/regions/north\\_fork\\_cda\\_river\\_wag/index.cfm](http://www.deq.idaho.gov/about/regions/north_fork_cda_river_wag/index.cfm)

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**2008 Flooding and Historic Patterns:** Kajsa gave a short presentation with photos and data from 2008 spring high water on the North Fork Coeur d'Alene. She compared this year to high events of recent memory (1996) and highest events on record (1974). The presentation is posted to the website.

**TMDL Update:** Kajsa gave a presentation on TMDL progress and where this group is in the overall process. The presentation is available on the website.