

Coeur d'Alene Lake Tributaries Watershed Advisory Group

Tuesday, April 12, 2016

Idaho Fish and Game Conference Room

2885 W. Kathleen, Coeur d'Alene

9:00 – 11:00

MEETING NOTES

Introductions

Introduction to the Wolf Lodge Creek Watershed Assessment and Restoration Design Plan

DEQ secured a grant to fund the development the Wolf Lodge Creek Watershed Assessment and Restoration Prioritization Plan. DEQ selected the River Design Group out of Whitefish, MT to do the work. The River Design Group has a lot of experience in stream/river restoration projects. Because of the complexity of Wolf Lodge Creek, DEQ decided a consulting group was necessary to create the plan. Due to their extensive experience in the field of stream/river restoration, the River Design Group was selected. The purpose of the plan is to take a holistic look at Wolf Lodge Creek, from 1.5 miles into USFS property to the mouth (Figure 1). Wolf Lodge Creek is listed for sediment and temperature. The goals of the project are:

- Improve stream and floodplain function by implementing restoration actions that promote channel stability, reduce flood risk and establish sustainable native riparian plant communities;
- Improve aquatic habitat conditions by implementing restoration actions that address sediment sources and elevated water temperatures; and
- Collaborate with landowners and federal, state and local agencies on similar efforts to improve ecosystem functions on Wolf Lodge Creek.
- Provide information necessary to complete the 5-Year Review of the sediment and temperature TMDLs on Wolf Lodge Creek.

The project is funded for this year – data collection will begin in June – July and the report will be finalized by the end of December.

Presentation by River Design Group, Whitefish MT

River Design Group gave a presentation on their company and their experience in the field of stream/river restoration. They also gave an introduction to the Scope of Work for the development of the Wolf Lodge Creek Watershed Assessment and Restoration Plan. Under the Scope of Work are 4 meetings to get feedback on the development process. Today's Watershed Advisory Group was the first of the 4 meetings.

Western Watershed Grant Update

Diane Partridge with Idaho Department of Lands gave an update on work being done under the Western Watersheds Grant. Much of the watershed assessment work has been completed and the LIDAR is being interpreted, so planning is underway to begin outreach.

Figure 1. Project map of for Wolf Lodge Creek Watershed Assessment and Restoration Prioritization Plan

