

North Fork Coeur d'Alene River Watershed Advisory Group

Draft Meeting Notes

June 28, 2012

1:00 – 3:00 pm

US Forest Service Bldg., Smelterville, ID

Next meeting: Thursday, August 24 from 1:00 to 3:00 pm at the US Forest Service Building in Smelterville, ID.

Please visit the WAG website:

<http://www.deq.idaho.gov/north-fork-cda-river-subbasin-wag>

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Participants: Carol Lapan, Larry Yergler, Kajsa Stromberg, Chris James, Claire Pitner, Colter Smart, Dale Helbig, Larry Runkle, Bob Burke, Roy Faler

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.

Introductions, review agenda, & distribute previous meeting notes

- Temperature TMDLs and Monitoring – The draft temperature TMDLs will be prepared for public comment and released for a 30-day public comment period as soon as possible. The draft is currently being reviewed by DEQ staff in Boise.
- Graham Cr Temperature TMDL shade monitoring is tentatively scheduled for the last week in August using volunteers and Solar Pathfinder equipment supplied by DEQ. 4-5 volunteers will be needed for approximately 2 days.
- The North Idaho Fly Casters Annual Conservation Festival was June 23rd at the Steamboat Pond with IDFG. There was a great turnout and around 40 people worked a few hours planting trees and building trails around the pond. Dan Guy, WAG member, assisted with supplying and operating equipment to level trails and spread gravel. The group then met at Country Lane Resort for music and food.
- Sediment Success Stories – DEQ has developed proposals to delist Yellowdog Cr, two segments of Tepee Cr, and Steamboat Cr for sediment based on extensive restoration and documented water quality improvements. This information will be contained in the draft Integrated Report which will come out for public comment and review.

Cooperative Recreation Plan

Recycling bins

Plans continue to come together for Boy Scouts to construct 2 recycling bins for use along the river at popular access sites. They will be here in August and are relying on the WAG to provide materials while they provide tools and labor.

USFS

The USFS River Corridor Management Plan is complete! Claire Pitner gave a PowerPoint presentation about the Management Plan and its implementation, including a focus on “Respect the River!” with education and outreach. Copies of the plan were distributed. Copies of the plan and PowerPoint are available on the WAG website.

Colter Smart was introduced as a seasonal river ranger. He has several years of experience locally with the USFS and will be a valuable presence in the river corridor this summer. Colter suggested organizing a river cleanup with the WAG this fall. They also talked about a possible Adopt-A-Campsite program.

Kingston Baptist Church

The Kingston Baptist Church planned to have their site open July 7th. Dale Helbig said they would like to provide some limited parking, a port-a-potty, garbage and recycling facilities. They plan to have family days on Saturday with fun family-friendly events. We discussed the location of port-a-potties to make them accessible from the river and to protect water quality by not locating them too close. One of the recycling bins constructed by Boy Scouts this year will be provided to the Church for use at this site.