Date: February 11, 2010

To: Wildlife Advisory Committee

From: Tom Iverson, coordinator

RE: Wildlife Monitoring Implementation Strategy work plan information

Timeline of regional processes under way:

* MERR Document is currently scheduled to be adopted by Council in July 2010
* Council staff will not formally begin working on Monitoring Implementation Strategies until June or July 2010
* NPCC’s Basinwide RME Categorical Review begins in April, proposals due in June, final recommendations in December
* Under Wildlife RME Categorical Review it is unlikely that HEP will require further review at this point
* WAC should develop the first draft of the Wildlife Strategy and interface with other RM&E projects within the Basin (i.e. UCUT, USFWS, BLM, etc.) to describe the highest level basinwide monitoring needs
* The WAC could provide the first draft document for consideration by the Council in their effort to include other regional players in developing the WMIS
* WMIS should be completed by the end of 2011 in order to inform geographic project reviews

WAC Work Plan for WMIS:

1. Approve basic outline and start writing WMIS in February
2. Write introduction and do background work to support basinwide reporting in March
3. Complete first priority basinwide reporting requirements by the end of April (with programmatic questions)
4. Get regional buy-in to the highest level priority reporting needs (first draft Wildlife Strategy) by the end of May
5. Submit first draft, highest level monitoring, to ISRP by first of June
6. Begin working on province and project level monitoring strategies that fit within the basinwide approach with a  target completion date of September 2011

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