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DATE: April 7, 2004
TO: Wildlife Committee
FROM: Maureen Smith, Acting Chair
SUBJECT: Agenda for April 21-22, 2004 Wildlife Committee Meeting

Plan on a site visit April 22 and a barbeque Wednesday evening at Carl's place to celebrate Paul's retirement.

**Wildlife Committee Meeting
10 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. April 21, 2004
Conference line: 503.229.0191 x7097
and
8:00 a.m. - Noon April 22, 2003 (Site Visits)
@
Red Lion
304 SE Nye Ave.
Yakama Room
Pendleton, Oregon 97801
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Draft Agenda

ITEM 1: Future Role of the Wildlife Committee – Maureen Smith

It has been suggested that future WC meetings focus on site visits to wildlife management areas during the spring and summer in conjunction with presentations on the latest enhancement techniques as well as guest speakers.

ITEM 2: Develop a Strategy for Assuring that Wildlife Mitigation O & M Funding Needs are Included in BPA's 2007-2011 Rate Case – Keith Lawrence and Peter Paquet

The NPCC is currently engaged in a process to identify Fish and Wildlife Program funding needs for BPA's next rate case by June 2004. Wildlife Managers need to determine how they can most effectively influence this process. It has been suggested that the earlier initiative to establish wildlife trust funds for each state, (led by Keith as Chair of the Trust Fund Workgroup) be reactivated. We are hoping that Peter will provide advice on the most effective manner to influence the Council's process to the benefit of wildlife.

- ITEM 3: Update on BPA's Capitalization Policy** – BPA Representative (TBA)
- ITEM 4: Future Funding for Land Acquisition and Conservation Easements** – Greg Sieglitz
Discuss strategies that work, those that don't, capital funding vs. expense, leases or other options to purchases.
- ITEM 5: Critique on Subbasin Planning** – Greg Sieglitz
What do various entities feel about it, the quality of work products, utility of tools developed during the process and use of them in the future? Are there any plans to stay involved in planning efforts (e.g. State of WA, possibly OR)? Any interest in coordinated CBFWA WC comments on subbasin plans?
- ITEM 6: Status of FY 03-04 Budgets and Predictions for FY 05–06** - Tom Iverson
- ITEM 7: Update on Funding for Regional HEP Team** – Paul Ashley
- ITEM 8: Status of Wildlife Monitoring and Evaluation** – Greg Sieglitz
Where do wildlife members stand on the current M&E proposal? Are member tribes and agencies involved? What wildlife surveys are currently being conduct? Any plans to modify those based on subbasin plan priorities?
- ITEM 9: Status of FY 2003 CBFWA Annual Report and Plans for FY 2004 Annual Report**– Frank Young
See CBFWA website for Draft FY 2003 Annual Report to review and provide comments. The FY 2004 Annual Report will contain all projects that were not included in FY 2003 Annual Report. A project review is scheduled for September 21-24, 2004 at the Red Lion in Richland, WA for those projects that were not reviewed in FY 2003.
- ITEM 10: Date and Location of Next Meeting**
A meeting schedule for WC meetings (including site visits) through September 2004 will be developed.