

WRTT Conference Call

November 20, 2006

Monday 1:30 PM (MDT)

National : MCRTT : ARTT

- a. National Technology Transfer Website. (Under development)
Overarching concepts that all regions share include:
 - i. Technical Library
 - ii. OSM Initiatives
 - iii. Conference Dates and Details
 - iv. Applied Science Projects
 - v. OSM Sponsored Training
 - vi. Educational Outreach

- b. Western Region WRTT Web Redevelopment
 - i. Information the team would like to see?
 - (1) Western Region Project Highlights
 - (2) Reduced clutter
 - (3) Easy to navigate
 - (4) State program highlights
 - (5) Application of technical tools
 - (6) Evaluation of emerging/developing technologies

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- a. Charter: Review and Discuss

We made some really good progress advancing completion of our team charter. Please continue to send feedback to pclark@osmre.gov or call Paul at (303) 844-1400 x1531 by Dec 15th, 2006

Draft can be found at: <http://www.ott.wrcc.osmre.gov/wrtt.htm#wrttcharter>

- b. Annual WRTT Meeting – Salt Lake City, Utah: April 23-27, 2007
Potential Agenda Items:
 - (1) Field trip, AML or Coal Mine. Amber to explore potential and report back to group on December 18th meeting.
 - (2) State experiences with final bond release.
 - (3) Bond forfeiture.
 - (4) Use of Tablets in the field.
- * Paul will begin to sketch out an agenda for discussion at December call.

c. Final call for Denver meeting evaluations.

* Tonya will be contacting you if one has not been submitted for the August meeting in Denver. We would greatly appreciate your support in this critical administrative component.

d. Monthly focus topics.

We will initiate monthly focus topics after our April annual meeting. Due to team members transitions, holidays, and the annual team meeting being held early in the year, we'll primarily work towards developing topics and presentations for the annual meeting.

Conferences/Workshops/Forums

Regional Workshop: Utilizing remote sensing when evaluating bond release.

Opposed to developing a separate workshop, bond release will be a focus topic for the annual team meeting.

WRTT Member Reports/Information

Alaska: Russ Kirkham. Received a new permit application for the Chuitna mine. Several other mines continue to do exploration work.

Colorado: Sandy Brown. A new permit near Canyon City was received and determined complete. Working on several other permit revisions and bond releases.

Montana: Angela McDannel. No report.

New Mexico: David Clark. Has a new tablet up and running, and will be using the tool for a bond release application.

North Dakota: Jim Deutsch. Hired two new personnel, and are completing an office transition. Jim and staff met with Paul Clark in November for a Service Manager visit, and to discuss work in the Underground Mine Mapping Initiative.

Utah: Amber Fortner. Office is working through a budget crisis. Staff are working on several AML projects to close approximately 140 open adits and shafts.

Wyoming: Marcelo Calle. Guidance documents for bond release are being developed. AML group is interested in utilizing natural regrade concepts.

ABQ Field Office: Willis Gainer. No Report.

Casper Field Office: Alan Boehms. Joined MT personnel to apply the survey grade RTK unit to determine precise ground coordinates for the Spring Creek and Decker Mines so that GIS applications may be more effectively utilized.

Denver Field Division: Howard Strand. DFD is pursuing the hiring of an intern.

Denver PSD: Karen Jass. Staff are working on an EIS for Black Mesa Mine, and several other mines are doing exploratory work for mine expansions.

Technical Assistance & Training

- (1) Based on needs expressed by several western states, OSM Western Region is pursuing the acquisition of a down-hole camera for hydrologic investigations.
- (2) North Dakota and OSM personnel are pursuing the acquisition of satellite imagery for application and use on several coalmines within the state having large disturbed acreage.
- (3) TIPS software distributions. None to report for previous month.