

WRTT Conference Call

January 14th, 2008

Monday 1:30 PM (MST)

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National: MCRTT: ARTT

- National Technology Transfer Website (Still under development but available to view: <http://www.techtransfer.osmre.gov>).
- Applied Science Cooperative Agreement Solicitations: Reviews and rankings are due by February 1st!

WRTT

- WRTT Annual Meeting –To be held the week of April 21st, 2008 at the Hilton Santa Fe in Santa Fe, NM.
- WRTT Draft Agenda: See attached agenda. If you have any comments/suggestions, please e-mail me and we'll discuss on the next call. Duane asked that anyone interested in attending the field trip please e-mail him. Any comments/questions about the agenda can also be sent to Duane. Duane will send out the last rough draft of the agenda before the next meeting.

Conferences/Workshops/Forums

- February 12-14: Colorado Mining Association 110th Conference: Denver, CO.
- February 24-27: Society of Metallurgy and Exploration (SME) Conference: Salt Lake City, UT.
- March 24-28: OSM 2008 Geospatial Conference: Atlanta, GA.
- April 22-24: WRTT conference: Santa Fe, NM.

WRTT Member Reports/Information

Alaska: Russ Kirkham.

Roger Allely has been added to the Alaska representative to WRTT for the AML Group. AK is working on a revision at the Usibelli mine. AK still has a lands unsuitable petition outstanding. Petition is currently being reviewed by the state Dept of Law and DNR's Commisionors office. Bruce Buzby has taken a new job with the division of oil and gas and his last day is January 22nd. . AML is closing

out 2007 reports, doing inventory, plus doing some work on closing some mine shafts and doing some survey/GPS work on a refuse pile.

Arizona (Navajo Title IV): Madeline Roanhorse:

A new grant will help foster new public projects. Maintenance continues on existing sites.

Arizona (Navajo Title V): John Stucker

Business as usual.

Arizona (Hopi Title IV and V): Norman Honie

No report.

Colorado: Sandy Brown/Jeff Graves.

The department is in the process of issuing a new permit in Canon City (Northfield Mine). A new engineer has been hired. Any new positions are being advertised on the state of CO website.

Montana: Angela McDannel.

Amendment applications have been turned in to the office. The office is working on writing new uranium mining rules. MT is still trying to fill open positions.

Montana (Crow Title IV and V): Marvin Falls Down

No report.

New Mexico: David Clark/James Smith.

NM just finished using the GPS camera. It was shipped to OSM's AAO. Other than that, it was quiet.

North Dakota: Guy Welch/Kraig Nelson.

A new mine has been proposed in the Dickenson area. ND stated that both the GPS camera and the RTK unit worked well for them.

Utah: Steve Fluke/Jeanny Miles.

The methodology of the program is changing. Title IV is going to try and do more business. A state audit was completed on the title V program. It was told it must do better and keeping up with field work, permitting, etc. The office is working on a better definition of permit area. The state is working on a state wide coal mine inventory.

Wyoming: Marcelo Calle/Carol Bilbrough.

The coal vegetation rules were reviewed and passed by the advisory board. A new permit (school creek) was proposed. A 20,000 acre amendment to an older permit was approved. AML was working on doing some design and investigative work. Planning and scheduling of many of these projects was based on the new influx of AML funding. A trip to look at the natural regrade project in the gas hills was on the agenda.

Program Support Division/Field Operations: Rick Holbrook/Jerry White.

No report.

Casper Field Office: Alan Boehms.

ND submitted an AML grant application.

Denver Field Division: Howard Strand/Ginger Kaldenbach.

Business as usual.

Denver Program Support Division: Heather Erickson.

A new division chief will be hired by April 1st, 2008. Foster Kirby is the current acting division chief. Two positions are being advertised: Hydrologist and

ecologist. The office will participate with the KY office regarding e-permitting. The office continues to work with the tribes on tribal primacy issues. The group will meet to discuss possible new permit fees. PSD will also be part of the bond release guidance team.

TIPS: Lou Hamm/Bob Welsh.

The TIPS schedule is listed on the website. Travel this year will mirror NTTP classes: Everyone makes their own travel arrangements. OSM will set aside a block of rooms. ArcGIS class is taking place this week in Denver.

Technical Assistance & Training

TIPS/NTTP Training Program Information

- See the TIPS Training website for additional information at www.tips.osmre.gov/training/index.asp
- See the NTTP Training website for additional information at www.tips.osmre.gov/training/tips_html/links_nttp.asp
- See the DOI Learn website at www.doilearn.gov
- Check out the downloadable .PDF TIPS class schedule on the TIPS Training website. It contains information about all TIPS classes, including course descriptions and pre-requisites.
- TIPS will offer a mobile computing class on the campus of Southwestern Indian Polytechnic Institute (SIPI), in Albuquerque, NM. The "*Trimble GeoXT, TerraSync and PF Office: Mobile Computing for Reclamation*" class will be held on May 20-22, 2008, and is open to SIPI students, OSM tribal customers, and OSM employees who support the tribes. In recent months, TIPS and SIPI have been involved in collaborative relationship building by sharing expertise and knowledge with each other. Plans are to expand TIPS class offerings at SIPI as the opportunity arises and budget is available.

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- Needs? Wants?

Hardware & Software

- TIPS software distributions. All should have (or will receive) the following:
 - SEDCAD 4 update

Next Meeting: Monday, February 11th, 2008