

WRTT Conference Call

May 19th, 2008

Monday 11:00 AM (MST)

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Topics of Interest:

1. National Technology Transfer Website: The website will be updated to include the WRTT annual conference presentations and notes.
2. Combine WRTT/ASMR at Billings Land Symposium in 2009, Billings, MT.

Roger stated combining the meetings would be a great idea. The general consensus of the group was the same. It should also be noted that we try and keep the groups discussion within the group and not open up the WRTT discussion to everyone.

Discussion Topic(s):

1. Top two priorities.
2. New WRTT conference call format.

WRTT Member Reports/Information

Alaska: Russ Kirkham/Roger Allely.

Awarded ph I of Jonesville Fires Maintenance project, which will move the Slipper Lake pile. Doing the usual preconstruction administration and reviewing contractor's SWPPP. A Phase II contract is in the works, for road improvements.

Suntrana Tipple presently being advertised, bid opening scheduled June 5.

Arizona (Navajo Title IV/V): Madeline Roanhorse/John Stucker

Black Mesa EIS has begun (Title V). Status Quo (Title IV).

Arizona (Hopi Title IV and V): Norman Honie

Not present (called in later). No report.

Colorado: Sandy Brown/Jeff Graves.

Redcliff Mine (Longwall) proposed. Incomplete application.

Montana: Angela McDannel/Heather Luinstra.

Numerous members of our staff have taken the opportunity to use the GPS camera on loan to us through OSM. We were favorably impressed with its utility and have purchased one for our program. We anticipate borrowing the RTK unit again (to arrive with Paul the week of May 26th) for use on Montana mines.

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

Not present.

New Mexico: David Clark/James Smith.

1) that a vegetation and a soils database have been added to our coal program functionality, and I thanked the Colorado program for their assist with the vegetation database, 2) AML people are busy out in the field, and 3) mobile computing with the Pocket PC/GIS/GPS helped me to identify a road construction deviation outside the approved permit boundary.

North Dakota: Guy Welch/Kraig Nelson.

We have been extremely busy with routine permitting issues, i.e. revisions, midterm/renewal reviews; annual mine maps, annual/bi-annual reports and bond release applications. We are in the process of recommending approval of two bond release applications involving approximately 512 acres of land. One of the applications contains two reclaimed wetland basins. The Reclamation Division met with the ND Lignite Energy Council in May to discuss issues regarding final bond applications.

Utah: Steve Fluke/Jeanny Miles.

Not present. Will send a report later.

Wyoming: Carol Bilbrough/Marcelo Calle.

Title V: (Per Marcelo, Carol not in attendance) Staff 'buried' in Uranium Drill Notifications, Kathy Ogle has acquired an intern from UWY to investigate "infiltration and recharge rates on backfill' in coal mines, TOPCON GPS with 'on board camera' has been used in field and more will be reported regarding the technology in future, Kathy

Ogle presented information about the 'down hole camera' to LQD Hydrology Group and it is scheduled to use on several monitoring wells at the Medicine Bow coal mine .

Title IV: Going into 'construction season'. Construction time line for this year is a little behind on schedule due to different reasons, several coal projects going to construction in 08'. Coal project in Rock Springs area (Reliance) going to construction bid in near future. The high wall mitigation design is implementing Geomorphic Reclamation methods and a 'hybrid' of Natural Regrade approach.

Program Support Division/Field Operations: Bob Postle/Jerry White.

Not Present.

Casper Field Office: Alan Boehms.

Issued Authorization to Proceed and Finding of No Significant Impacts for various Wyoming AML projects after reviewing information submitted.
Issued Finding of Fact and Declaration of Emergency for State of North Dakota 2008 Williston Emergency Project (underground mine collapse).
Regulatory oversight inspections conducted recently in Montana (Spring Creek Mine, Decker Mine, and Absaloka Mine).
Regulatory oversight inspections conducted last week in Wyoming at various mines in western part of Wyoming.

Denver Field Division: Howard Strand.

Business as usual at the DFD regarding State program amendments and permitting, and I&E/evaluation field work is in full swing. In addition, Elizabeth Shaeffer has agreed to take my place on the WRTT Team. Elizabeth started with OSM about a year ago and works in both Title IV and Title V. She also has experience with remote sensing applications at the Centralia Mine in Washington State.

Denver Program Support Division: Heather Erickson.

Black Mesa EIS had begun.

TIPS: Lou Hamm

All software is now to be posted online. ER Mapper and Rockware are two of the software that will be available from OSM.

Technical Assistance, Training and General Information

All information regarding the TIPS/NTTP/TECHNOLGY TRANSFER programs can be found at the following websites:

- www.techtransfer.osmre.gov
- www.tips.osmre.gov
- www.doilearn.gov

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