

WRTT Conference Call

January 25th, 2010

Monday 11:00 AM Mountain Time

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TIPS, Technology Transfer, Training and General Information:

- Please check out the updated **TIPS** website for recent updates! These are located in the “What’s New?” section of the page.
<http://www.tips.osmre.gov>
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- Check out the newly designed **OSMRE** website at: <http://www.osmre.gov>
- Upcoming events: <http://amd.osmre.gov/ttcalroot/TTCalendar.aspx>

Discussion Topic(s):

The group overwhelmingly selected Dave Clark, New Mexico Energy Minerals and Natural Resources Division (NMEMNRD) to continue as their Western Region (WR) representative at the National Technology Transfer Team (NTTT) meeting.

WRTT Member Reports/Information

Alaska:

Title IV: A contract bid to work on airshafts on the North Jones permit was reviewed. Clean-up of old equipment at the old wash plant is planned at the Usibelli mine.

Title V: Approval of a road permit at the Usibelli mine was being reviewed. The jumbo dome permit was expected to raise the total output of the Usibelli mine to three million tons a year.

Arizona (Navajo):

Title V: An EIS or EA was recommended for the Black Mesa mine due to a possible NEPA oversight. Both the NPDES and Air Quality permits were rescinded to the EPA.

Title IV: Not present.

Arizona (Hopi):

Not Present.

Colorado:

Title V: A new director was expected to be hired soon as well as a possible new staff person. A new permit has been proposed on private lands.

Title IV: NEPA evaluation completed on ERA projects. An EA has been done on the Grass Valley thermal event. Maps have been downloaded into the brass cap system.

Montana:

Title V: A new Bureau Chief will be hired soon. Two new employees are being hired (engineer and hydrologist). They are planning a late February launch of their brass cap system. MT has three pending permit approvals. MT held a meeting in Colstrip with the companies regarding post-mining topography.

Montana (Crow):

Title V: Crow Mining and Reclamation may be hiring four new people. The Westmoreland Company is now officially mining on Crow land.

Title IV: One AML site being reclaimed. One site is still being evaluated: Old Pryor tunnel. Some uranium sites are planned to be reclaimed.

New Mexico:

Title IV: The AML staff added a new engineer. A grant was awarded to cover AML sites on BLM lands.

Title V: The title V program is dealing with EPA changes on the San Juan Mine.

North Dakota:

Title V: Several revisions are being processed along with a new permit application. Bond releases have been completed. GIS modifications are taking place.

Title IV: 2010 grant applications are being reviewed. Three "authorization to proceed" have been submitted to OSM Casper Field Office for approval. One site has 10,000 feet of highwall to take care of. A member of title V transferred to the title IV program.

Utah:

Title IV and V: All data is being organized and prioritized. All 4th grade classes in UT get an AML curriculum.

Wyoming:

Title V: The state of WY has sage grouse issues. The sage grouse is not yet listed as an endangered species. Everyone will know if it will be listed by February 26th, 2010. The School Creek permit will not proceed until a decision on the Sage Grouse issue is reached.

Casper Field Office:

A "wish list" was sent out in regards to remote sensing needs for each state and tribe.

Program Support Division/Albuquerque Area Office/Farmington Area Office:

Not present

Denver Field Division/ Olympia Area Office:

The John Henry mine in the state of Washington is expected to start the process of reclamation.

TIPS:

The Memorandum's of Agreement are still in the process of being sent to each state and tribe's director's for signature.

General Discussion

Any topics of interest from our OSM offices, states and tribes are to be brought up at this time.

Comment: Applied Science reviews are due by February 26th, 2010! This means that each state's comments will need to be in to Dave Clark at least a week prior to that date.

**Next Call:
Tentatively: February 22nd, 2010
(Dale Herbort)**