

WRTT Conference Call

Title IV

April 17th, 2012

Tuesday 11:00 AM Mountain Standard Time

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TIPS, Technology Transfer, Training and General Information:

- Please check out the updated **NTTT** website for recent updates! These are located at: <http://www.techtransfer.osmre.gov>
- Please check out the updated **TIPS** website for recent updates! These are located in the “What’s New?” section of the page **Please check the site frequently:** <http://www.tips.osmre.gov>
- Check out the newly designed **OSMRE** website at: <http://www.osmre.gov>
- Check out the newly designed **OSMRE-WR** website at: <http://www.wrcc.osmre.gov>
- Please review the *new* **WRTT** *SharePoint* site at: <https://nttt.osmre.gov/TechTransfer/default.aspx>
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- Sharefile: <https://osmtips.sharefile.com/>

Discussion Topic:

Upon review of our OSMRE Technology Transfer website, I noticed no section mentioning abandoned mine land reclamation (AML). Do you have any suggestions on how we might make our website better in regards to promoting federal/state/local AML programs?

Alaska started off the conversation by stating that our success stories are a great way to convey AML information. There have been many projects completed by states and tribes that would be great to display on a website. He suggested that a rotating banner on the page with pictures may be a good idea also. Pictures are also great. OSMRE suggested posting existing videos that have already been produced by other federal agencies, states and tribes. Alaska suggested that the addition of an AML button would be a nice thing to have on the OSM tech transfer page. Information such as OSMRE shared equipment would be a nice addition to that page. TIPS suggested a “how to “for taking pictures and video would be a great addition to the page also. He noted that this exists for one of our GPS enabled camera on our e-learning site presently. UT stated that the video idea is a great idea. They suggested their existing “Stay out stay alive” video. This DVD also contains classroom materials for teachers. ND suggested that “sidebar” on the OSM tech transfer site would be an excellent idea and that tech transfer leads to better reclamation. They are currently using a GPS enabled camera and video taken with that camera was

recently posted to YouTube for the public to view. NM stated that, at the very least, link to their existing page as it already has some great information on their AML program.

WRTT Member Reports/Information

Alaska:

A 4.3 million dollar bridge project will be taking place later this year in the Healy valley. The purpose will be to reach old hydraulically mined pits. BLM wants to help them to inventory their high priority AML sites. Work at the Jonesville site should be completed this summer.

Arizona (Navajo):

Not present.

Arizona (Hopi):

Not present.

Colorado:

Not present.

Montana:

MT-AML has the following work going on.

Red Lodge:

Conduct a survey of subsidence in the area. There are 7 historic mine levels in coal seams under the Red Lodge.

Sheridan County:

70 acres of grazing acreage is subsiding effectively rendering the acreage useless. A contract is being let to address this subsidence.

Cascade County:

The Belt historic Anaconda Mine waste in the floodplain and treatment wetlands waste will be removed and placed in a repository. Total estimate of waste is 95,000 cubic yards.

Clogged streams resulting from AMD precipitates in Stockett, Tracy and Sand Coulee areas causes significant flooding in these areas. Plans to remove these wastes and haul to a repository is underway.

Custer County:

MT-AML is finishing up extinguishing coal seam fires in the area near Miles City.

Other work includes:

On-going reclamation of the McClaren tailings site and finishing the Bald Butte project.

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Montana (Crow):

Not present.

New Mexico:

NM has one major project taking place this summer in Raton. The project has run into a snag as electrical transport lines are causing problems with the reclamation planning.

North Dakota:

ND still has contracts open from last year. They have sinkholes and surface reclamation to address. Exploratory drilling in Scranton has led to the discovery of mine voids. Bids are taking place for upcoming surface and sinkhole jobs. A cultural resource project is starting in Columbus. It will be an interpretive site.

Utah:

An oral history of the San Rafael uranium mining district is being finalized. Construction projects and grants processing is ongoing.

Wyoming:

Not present.

Casper Field Office:

This year's grants are being processed. A big project near Yellowstone National Park is beginning- The McLaren site. Red lodge subsidence is being addressed. Archeological sites on Indian lands will now require a "cultural monitor". The National Park Service will be offering a 300 hour archeological field school just for this purpose.

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

Nothing to report.

Denver Field Division/ Olympia Area Office:

Grant applications are being processed. An emergency project (subsidence) in King County WA is being addressed. High priority projects are being identified.

TIPS:

The TIPS steering committee will be taking place in Denver, CO the week of May 7th, 2012.

Additional questions/comments?

Next Call: May 22nd, 2012