

## PRB ICC Topics for Discussion (July 10)

1. Funding
  - a. pilot office
  - b. industry
2. Priority (Workload/personnel)
3. Compiling, analyzing, & reporting monitoring results
4. air quality monitoring
5. Dam stability monitoring
6. Coordination state-fed, mixed surface/mineral ownership for sage-grouse
7. Sub-surface drip irrigation impacts
8. Redistribution of effort; identify successes & needs
9. ICC role & meeting frequency

### Funding

PRB & MT Oil & Gas EISs were among the first to incorporate adaptive mgmt. We have since learned to work funding into other efforts. Cannot go back to require industry financing, which would need to be voluntary. COE able to require fee from applicant if can demonstrate a benefit to applicant. Pilot offices are likely to expand but funding is unlikely to increase. Monitoring is a lower priority for the pilot office funds. Cost recovery from APD fees are not a source.

**Recommendation - Match IWG goals/requests to administration priorities.**

Typical annual funding approximately \$2.6 million

### Task Group shortfalls

Air \$450,000 (nearly all to setup 2 new stations) (\$50,000 annually)

Aquatics \$80,000 FY08

Water \$300,000 annually (MT)

Wildlife \$50,000 FY08

**\$900,000 FY08**

### Annual Operating Costs

~\$600,000 annually for task group monitoring

~\$100,000 IWG coordinator (less if not only responsibility)

\$700,000 total

data analysis, storage, & reporting likely to require additional funding

WGFD funding is increasing for sensitive species, ~\$500,000 for monitoring

Much of funding limited in its application – within state only, resource specific, etc.

Understand shifting trend in financial needs. With increasing development in MT, will monitoring emphasis shift north?

## **Proposal**

Spreadsheet –committed funds by agency, shortfalls, limitations end of July  
distribute to ICC

ICC will evaluate

- matching fund opportunities?
- Marketing to industry
- how is IWG monitoring beneficial to you

Don- recognize our accomplishments

Funding priority 1 – other items come from there

## **Air**

update monitoring assessment

Linda – coal mine related monitoring, basin wide includes air

fugitive dust – better or worse than predicted? look at dust control mitigation

## **ICC**

Any needs from ICC not being met?

- accounting function – focal point for funding to flow through/distribution, 1 yr versus multi-yr funds.
- agreements in place so when funding received it can quickly flow to ground.
- meet more frequently to keep IWG in ‘mind’ – annual spring meeting to meet budgeting timelines (April/May)
- public education/outreach – demonstrate what we’ve done
- participation (those not present)
- performance metrics? – are we doing what we proposed? do we still have this need? re-examine mission.
- annual action plan for ICC

Compare realized impacts against ROD – meeting predictions or not? need for continued monitoring or not?

Re-organize ICC, task groups, & IWG as emphases change

## **Prioritization/workload**

BFO needs assistance, workload is here, but without help greater emphasis on IWG takes from other programs.

- mutually fund an IWG facilitator
- identify resources for a permanent staff – investigate other models
- pilot office – 2 foci: permitting & inspection/enforcement – inspection/enforcement is interpreted broadly to include monitoring
- public education/outreach – demonstrate what we’ve done – need to sell it

## **Task Groups**

If ICC is more active it will help re-vitalize task groups

task groups are to decide their own chairs and chair term (i.e. 2 years)

co-chair (Backup) for task groups

old chairs will mentor the new chairs

BLM responsible to chair?

- pilot office position blurs lines/responsibilities
- group decision – who has skills/experience regardless of agency

Group composition & work priorities/recommendations from task groups to ICC

Compare against RODs and task group charters

ICC composition – air & water original hot issues therefore DEQ, EPA

## **July 11**

### **Task Groups**

BFO revise group lists send to past chairs

Past chairs host a transition meeting – elect new chairs & vice

- recommend lead & vice/co-chair
- revise task group list
- review/revise/recommend task group charters
- expectations for next year –
- identify results/products from past, next year, beyond
- review ROD – process check – overall recommendation for group duration – what can ICC expect to see in future
- recommended budget
- identify needs from ICC

## **Identify membership for all levels**

### **MT BLM**

ICC – Gene Terland

Level II – Elaine Raper

Task Groups

Air – Jim A?

Aquatics- Dale Tribby

Water – Andy Bobst (transition)

Wildlife – Dale Tribby

### **WY BLM**

ICC – Bob Bennett

Level II – Chris Hanson

Task Groups

Air – Dennis Korycinski

Aquatics – Bill Ostheimer

Water – Mike McKinley

Wildlife – Jenny Morton?

**WY DEQ**

ICC – John Corra  
Level II – Bill DiRienzo  
Task Group -

**MT DEQ**

ICC – Richard Opper  
Level II - ?  
Task

**EPA**

ICC – Carroll Campbell  
Level II -  
Task Groups

**FWS**

Level II – Brian Kelly, Mark Wilson  
Aquatics – Scott Covington, George Jordan  
Wildlife – Brad Rogers, Lou Hanebury

**Med Bow**

Level II – Bob Sprentall  
aquatics  
water – Dave Gloss  
wildlife – Tim Byer

Custer ?

**Army Corps**

Level II – Alan Steinle (MT) Tom Johnson (WY)

**WY SEO**

Level II – Pat Tyrrell  
Task Groups – water –Harry LaBonde

**USGS MT**

Level II  
Task Groups

**USGS WY**

Level II  
Task Groups

**MT FWP**

Level II –  
Aquatics – Windy Davis  
Wildlife – Jon Ensign

WGFD  
Level II – John Emmerich  
Aquatics – Bud Stewart  
Wildlife – Heather O’Brien / Bud Stewart

Level II Contacts for Task Groups  
BLM Field Managers – Chris (WY), Elaine (MT)

Request ICC – what do they see was required in RODs  
ICC should drive – re-evaluate overall charter, task group recommendations