



## **I-70 Mountain Corridor CSS SWEEP Working Group Meeting**

Attendees: Bill Andree/CDOW  
Kevin Bayer/USFS  
Shane Briggs/CDOW  
Carl Chambers/USFS  
Mike Crouse/Clear Creek Consultants  
Lynne Deibel/USFS  
Paula Durkin/CDOT  
Jon Ewert/CDOW  
Gary Frey/Colorado Trout Unlimited  
David Fulton/Eagle River Watershed Council  
Christine Hirsch/USFS  
Bill Janowsky/USFS  
Julia Kintsch/SREP  
Peter Kozinski/CDOT  
Carol Kruse/USFS  
Alison Michael/USWFS  
Matt Montgomery/USACE  
Pat Noyes/Pat Noyes & Associates  
Jim Pals/Clear Creek County Resident  
Monica Pavlik/FHWA  
Rebecca Pierce/CDOT  
Victor Quinonez/Xcel Energy  
Ed Rapp/CCWF  
Kendall Ross/CDOW  
Chad Salli/Town of Vail  
Dan Scaife/USFS  
Dehn Solomon/JF Sato  
Jo Ann Sorensen/Clear Creek County  
Chuck Stearns/Town of Georgetown/UCCWA  
Dylan Taylor/SREP  
Tim Tetherow/JF Sato  
Mark Weinhold/USFS  
Paul Winkle/CDOW

DATE: July 17, 2008  
LOCATION: Silverthorne Pavilion

### **Introduction**

Peter Kozinski welcomed the group and explained the main focus of the meeting was to discuss the drafting of the MOU.

### **Revised Goals, Outcomes and Actions**

The group reviewed the revised Goals, Outcomes and Actions. There were no additional comments.

## **SWEEP MOU Discussion**

The group agreed that a SWEEP MOU should not be a subset of the ALIVE MOU. The ALIVE MOU does not address all aquatic resources. In addition, the ALIVE MOU has already been signed and it would be very difficult to amend it.

The group was asked to identify the MOU intent and to indicate if they would be a party to the MOU and what their commitment would be.

<b>Agency/Group</b>	<b>MOU Intent</b>	<b>Party to MOU</b>	<b>What kind of commitment?</b>
CDOT  Peter Kozinski	Gain better understanding of project improvements  Solve problem collectively  Pool resources	Yes	Funding as appropriate  Facilitate MOU development  Define and facilitate subcommittees
US Forest Service  Carol Kruse	Identify parties and how they work together  What the ultimate commitment will be  Specify aquatic resources  Incorporation in Tier 2 documents	Yes	Applicable data and expertise  Knowledge of area  Participate in planning and design
CO Division of Wildlife  Bill Andree	Identify who will do the work and the processes	Yes; on the same level as ALIVE	Historic fisheries data
Corp of Engineers  Matt Montgomery		Observer only	Will review MOU
FHWA  Monica Pavlik	Outline the process for Tier 2 documents for specific mitigation  Identify who is consulted  Things to be considered	Yes	Enforcement  Federal aid on mitigation

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Clear Creek County  JoAnn Sorensen	Develop menu of mitigation  Identify specific issues to address	Yes	Facilitate network of organizations  Land use and planning, site use regulations  Road building practices
US Fish & Wildlife  Alison Michael	Identify parties and how they work together  What the ultimate commitment will be  Specify aquatic resources  Incorporation in Tier 2 documents	Yes	Expertise  Implementation funding
Upper Clear Creek Watershed Association  Chuck Stearns	Protect water quality and riparian areas along I-70  Mitigation strategies for both past and future	Yes	Historic water quality data and field data  Volunteers
Clear Creek Watershed Foundation  Ed Rapp	Foundation for 404 permits and problem solving on I-70  Support delisting waterways  Identify realistic opportunities for specific issues	Yes	Clean up activities on Clear Creek  Assist with identifying critical locations
Xcel Energy  Victor Quinonez	Future growth considerations	Uncertain	Technical and planning expertise

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Colorado Trout Unlimited  Gary Frey	Create a system for management and mitigations over the life of the project  Develop consensus among groups  Standards and processes for Tier 2 documents	Yes	Expertise in stream restoration  Fund raising
SREP  Julia Kintsch	Outline process for collaboration and defining specific strategies for avoidance and mitigation	Yes	Research and data expertise on aquatic connectivity and mitigation and avoidance measures

A Task Force subcommittee was set up to draft the MOU. The committee includes:

Peter Kozinski/CDOT  
Carol Kruse/USFS  
Gary Frey/Colorado Trout Unlimited  
Shane Briggs/Division of Wildlife  
Monica Pavlik/FHWA

**Clear Creek County will determine who the representative will be and let Peter know. Peter will also check with Tom Fresques from the Bureau of Land Management to see if they want to be involved.**

**Because agencies have different legal requirements, Monica Pavlik asked the groups who intend to sign the MOU to send appropriate language for their roles and responsibilities to Peter as soon as possible.**

It was also suggested that prior research and principles for mitigation developed previously for SWEEP may be of use to the group.

### **Southern Rockies Ecosystem Project Update**

Julia Kintsch said that they are ready to start their field work as soon as they receive CDOT Transportation Commission approval. She would like the group to use their data to make decisions relative to the MOU.

## **Meeting Schedule**

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Silverthorne Pavilion from 1:00 – 3:00.

There will be presentations at the next meeting on the restoration of Cutthroat Trout by Trout Unlimited and Water Quality Monitoring Activities and Georgetown Mitigation efforts by Mike Crouse.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:00 pm.