



I-70 Mountain Corridor CSS

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I-70 Mountain Corridor CSS SWEEP Working Group Meeting

Attendees: Kevin Bayer/USFS
Gary Frey/Colorado Trout Unlimited
Julia Kintsch/ECO-resolutions
Peter Kozinski/CDOT
Carol Kruse/USFS
Melissa Macdonald/ Eagle River Watershed Council
Allison Michael/US Fish & Wildlife Service
Pat Noyes/Pat Noyes & Associates
Rebecca Pierce/CDOT
Ed Rapp/Clear Creek Watershed Foundation
John Snyder/Strategic Studies, Inc
Jo Ann Sorensen/Clear Creek County
Mary Jo Vobejda/CH2M HILL

DATE: July 24, 2009
LOCATION: Silverthorne Pavilion

Introduction

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

SWEEP Draft MOU Discussion

The group was in agreement that the original objectives for the SWEEP MOU have been adequately addressed.

Jo Ann Sorensen submitted draft language for Clear Creek County and will ask for formal confirmation from the County Commissioners at their next meeting in August.

Melissa Macdonald said that Eagle River Watershed Council is interested in being a party to the MOU. She will submit their portion for inclusion in the next round of reviews.

The group agreed that it is very important to have all parties who will be signing the MOU clearly defined for each Parties legal department review.

Issues of Concern

The group agreed that it should be noted that SCAPs should be consistent with the ALIVE MOU to avoid conflicts. Therefore, ALIVE should be referenced in the Background section.

There was concern that a project PLT would not know where to find mitigation strategies and standards. The new CSS Guidance website will have lists of strategies and links directly to resource information. Mary Jo Vobejda said the website would also be an excellent place to capture “lessons learned” on projects.

The group agreed that the MOU should clearly state that recommendations will not conflict with the recovery or protection of special status species.

Since the MOU uses the CSS Life Cycle Phases, it should be included in the MOU Appendix.

Peter Kozinski will check back with the original list of agencies and counties to confirm if they want to be a Party to the MOU.

Implementation Matrix Review

Under Wetlands Protection, it was suggested that confirmation of the Wetlands Location Inventory should be an input in all Life Cycle Phases. They would also like to see Species Habitat Inventory included as an input in all phases Under Aquatic Species with Special Status Designation Under State and Federal Rule.

Next Steps

The MOU and Implementation Matrix will be revised with the comments received today and sent out for agency review in about two weeks. The MOU and Implementation Matrix will be formatted with line numbers for ease in commenting. A comment tracking form will be included and any requested changes and justification for the change need to be documented on the form.

The next meeting for final review of the MOU will be held in mid-October. At that meeting the MOU and Implementation Matrix will be reviewed line by line to make sure the comments have been addressed to everyone’s satisfaction.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:00 am.