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Monthly Status Report – March 2008

Board meeting summary:

There was no board meeting this month.

Legacy Management monthly site inspection summary:

March activities at the site included:

- Ground water sampling for the 2nd Quarter FY08 was completed.
- Five new movement monuments were installed on terminal pond dam B-5 to address ground movement that was recorded during the 2007 Annual Inspection. The monuments will be surveyed quarterly to further characterize movement in the dam B-5 structure.
- Routine weekly erosion control surveys in Preble's Meadow Jumping Mouse habitat were conducted.
- Air monitoring cartridges along Indiana Street were changed out and all air monitors were verified as functioning normally.
- New telemetry equipment (used to remotely relay data to the DOE office) was installed at terminal ponds A-4 and B-5, Point of Compliance GS08, and at air sampler S-136 along Indiana Street.
- Several roads were repaired.
- Sparsely vegetated areas in the DOE-retained land were re-seeded. In addition, willow stakes were placed at the bottom of the 991 slump area where it meets the Functional Channel 4 wetland. The willows will stabilize the slope.
- Additional erosion controls were installed on the repaired 991 slump hillside.
- The groundwater well that was destroyed when the 991 hillside slumped was replaced.
- Core samples were taken and an inclinometer (slope measurement device) was installed at the Original Landfill (OLF). The samples and inclinometer will help determine whether additional remedial actions are necessary at the OLF to help prevent future slumping and subsidence.

Natural Resource Damages Fund:

On March 10th the Stewardship Council held a working group meeting to begin discussing projects that might qualify for funding under the Natural Resource Damage Fund. \$4.5 million remains in the Fund. Six governments and three organizations presented initial ideas. Ideas included:

1. Acquiring additional lands surrounding Rocky Flats
2. Developing and/or improving wildlife crossings at Highway 93, Highway 128, and Indiana Street
3. Restoring habitat
4. Protecting State Land Board (Section 16) from development
5. Preserving Lindsey Ranch

The challenge the Natural Resource Trustees have put to the Stewardship Council and community members is two-fold. First, identify a project or projects that both fit within the funding parameters of the NRD Fund and that are broadly supported by governments and community organizations. Second, identify additional monies that can be combined with the NRD Fund to finance restoration projects. Those additional funds, as the Board discussed at its February 2008 meeting, could include local government contributions, GOCO grants, and/or federal funds.

The Board will continue discussing these proposals at a special meeting on April 7th and again at its regular meeting scheduled for May 5th.

Congressional update:

On March 25th, Senator Salazar, Representative Perlmutter, and Representative Udall (represented by staff) met with the Stewardship Council to discuss government cooperation in protecting open space resources adjacent to Rocky Flats. “Adjacent” was not defined but was instead left up to the meeting participants to determine based upon the plans, goals and values of each government. The Senator and Representatives’ goal in looking beyond the fences is to support and not preempt local land-use planning. Some of the issues meeting participants explored included trail connectivity, mountain backdrop preservation and wildlife corridors.

Meeting participants expressed support for preserving lands around Rocky Flats, but some questioned the role the federal government could play other than providing funding for the Rocky Flats National Wildlife Refuge and in using the NRD Fund (discussed above). At Senator Salazar’s request meeting participants committed to meet again in May or June to continue discussing government partnerships and to identify ways Congress could help support regional preservation and acquisition efforts.

Agency update:

None at this time.

Site document update:

None at this time.

Stewardship Council update:

On March 25th the Stewardship Council received a letter from the Director of the CU Archives, Bruce Montgomery, expressing support for acquiring the Rocky Flats-related documents that were previously housed at the Front Range Community Library in Westminster. The letter outlines the Archives’ expertise in managing documents, the value of maintaining these

documents in Colorado, the need for paper documents versus relying solely on electronic copies, and other issues. This letter comes in response to DOE's decision to destroy these documents. For copies of the letter please email info@rockyflatssc.org

Upcoming meetings are scheduled for:

May 5, 2008

August 4, 2008