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Monthly Status Report – April 2008

Special meeting – NRD Funds:

The Board held a special meeting to continue discussing projects that might qualify for funding under the NRD Fund. \$4.5 million remains in the Fund.

As discussed in the March Status Report, eight proposals were offered. A few consistent themes include:

1. Acquire additional lands surrounding Rocky Flats.
2. Develop and/or improve wildlife crossings at Highway 93, Highway 128, and Indiana Street.
3. Restore habitat
4. Protect State Land Board (Section 16) from development.

Proposals also include restoring lands neighboring the Lindsey Ranch (in the northwest portion of the Rocky Flats National Wildlife Refuge) and acquiring additional minerals from willing sellers.

The Board will continue discussing the use of this Fund at its May 5th meeting.

Legacy Management monthly site inspection summary:

April activities at the site included:

- The annual site inspection was completed by field and office staff from the Rocky Flats LM office. No new issues were observed.
- Several acres of sparsely vegetated areas in the DOE-retained lands were re-seeded using the ATV-mounted broadcast seeder.
- Several potential areas that may require weed control this year were evaluated.
- Bare-root plant stocks (coyote willow, peach-leaf willow, chokecherry, and American plum) received from the Colorado State Forest Service were planted at the Functional Channels 1, 2, and 4 wetlands.
- The Original Landfill (OLF) geotechnical investigation borehole drilling and inclinometer installation was completed. Final borehole core samples were sent to the laboratory for logging and mechanical testing. Piezometer and inclinometer monitoring devices were successfully installed. In addition re-vegetation efforts were completed and several berms were rebuilt.
- The monthly OLF landfill inspection was completed with no significant changes to report.

- The replacement sentinel well was installed in 991 slump area.

Congressional update:

On April 16th Representatives Udall and Perlmutter wrote Mike Owen, DOE's Director of the Office of Legacy Management, expressing concern about DOE's plan to destroy Rocky Flats-related documents that were once housed at Front Range Community College in Westminster. In their letter, the Representatives reiterated the CU Archives' belief that these documents are vital links to understanding Rocky Flats, noting "some of these documents are the only known copies in DOE's collection, so in destroying them DOE would permanently delete that information from the public record." They concluded by stating "We urge you to reconsider this decision and to work with us to ensure the documents remain public while ensuring private information is appropriately protected."

Front Range Community College Library also sent a letter in support of maintaining these documents. See "Stewardship Council Update" below for information about that letter.

Agency update:

None at this time.

Site document update:

None at this time.

Stewardship Council update:

On April 3rd, the Stewardship Council received a letter from the Front Range Community College Library librarian, Gary Morell, expressing support for preserving the Rocky Flats-related documents that were previously housed at the Front Range Community Library in Westminster. The letter, which follows the CU Archives' March 2008 letter, provides important insight into the collection, noting some of the documents in the collection are the only known copies within DOE. The letter also addresses the critical question of the scope of personal information that might be found in the collection. Morrell, who previously managed the collection for DOE, believes personal information is limited and can be easily separated from the rest of the documents. For copies of the letter please email info@rockyflatssc.org

Upcoming meetings are scheduled for:

- August 4, 2008
- October 6, 2008
- November 3, 2008