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**UTAH OGM COAL PROGRAM MEETING NOTES**

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**Date:** March 28, 2007  
**Time:** 2:00 – 4:00 PM  
**Location:** DNR Room A

**To:** Internal File, Horse Canyon, C/007/0013, Task ID #2741

**From:** Jerriann Ernstsens 

**Attendees:** Jerriann Ernstsens, OGM  
Pamela Grubaugh-Littig, OGM  
Wayne Hedberg, OGM  
Jim Allen, OGM  
Steve Falk, PFO BLM  
Blaine Miller, PFO BLM  
Gregg Hudson, SLO BLM  
Julie Howard, SLO BLM  
Matthew Seddon, SHPO  
Lori Hunsaker, PLPCO  
Foster Kirby, OSM

**Purpose:** To review the comments that we have received to date. This meeting is not a signing party!

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**MEETING SUMMARY:****Tribal:**

- Jerriann briefed the group on the recent communication with the Eastern Shoshone. The Eastern Shoshone have requested a field visit.
- All agencies agreed that this request was late, given that ES had been contacted through certified mail Jan 9, 2006; Mar 7, 2006; and called Feb 7, 2006; April 12, 2006. Jerriann explained to Julie H and Gregg H that the process included
  - First/Second request letters to consulting parties (tribes, counties, SUWA, UEI): Initial information seeking request letters and follow-up calls in 2006. These requests did not include the latest survey results or PA/MOA.
  - Third request letters to consulting parties (tribes, counties, SUWA, UEI): DOGM's decision memo (findings), PA, MOA, SHPO's response letter, and follow-up calls in 2007. This request was following the survey results (2006 by Montgomery).
- All agencies agreed that
  - DOGM would inform UEI of the request and let them decide whether they would like to host and pay for the ES visit.
  - DOGM would inform ES of UEI's answer.

- DOGM would let ES know that they are more than welcome to visit anytime on their own accord.
- BLM notified us
  - They may have to conduct another tribal consultation during the ARPA process (without review of the NA record we might need to complete additional NA consultation – Jerriann thought that the present consultation would be adequate to meet BLM’s needs, given that the MOA was sent to the tribes)
  - DOGM should follow-up with the Utes (Betsy Chapoose especially since they are a local Tribe.
  - Blaine Miller said that ES have shown interest and have visited the Price area in the past. In fact, it was Floyd Osborn (the same elder that Jerriann has been talking with) that made a recent visit to one of BLM’s projects.
  - It is unusual that a Tribe would only be interested in visiting the rock shelter. (The point being they would probably want to see the project area). Peculiar that a tribe is interested in visiting for just one shelter.

PA:

- UEI’s comments: The agencies agreed that the comments, in general, were difficult to edit/add/subtract in the time available during the conference call. It was agreed that all the agencies would review UEI’s comments on their own and provide Jerriann with any comments that the agencies believe are ACCEPTABLE by April 2, 2007 5:00 PM. ALL AGENCIES UNDERSTAND THAT ANY SIGNIFICANT CHANGES TO THE CURRENT PA WOULD MOST LIKELY NEED TO BE RESENT OUT TO THE CONSULTING PARTIES FOR ADDITIONAL REVIEW.
- SUWA’s numbered comments:
  - 1. All agencies agreed that they did not see any obvious benefit added to the PA by them serving as a signatory. The regs do not require that consulting parties serve as a signatory. DOGM will keep them informed of the progression of the PA.
  - 2. All agencies agreed that they did not see any obvious need to conduct a Class III survey.
  - 3. Matt Seddon thought that we should provide SUWA with an explanation of what we meant by “effects could not be fully determined”.
  - 4 and 5. Some thought that we should consider these requests. It was agreed that we would provide Jerriann responses by April 2, 2007 5:00 PM.

**ACTION ITEMS: (Include item, timeline, and responsible person.)**

- DOGM will contact UEI to let them know about the ES request.
- Jerriann will continue to try to follow-up with the Utes.
- Jerriann will let ES know of UEI’s response and of BLM’s plans (?).
- Agencies will provide Jerriann responses to UEI’s and SUWA’s comments by April 2, 2007 5:00 PM.

- If needed, Jerriann will coordinate another meeting to go over the agencies responses.
- DOGM will respond to SUWA
  - Provide responses number-by-number
  - Inform them of the progression of the PA.
  - Provide SUWA with an explanation of what we meant by “effects could not be fully determined”.
- DOGM will respond to UEI in general terms. Jim Allen (and Steve A) will help draft.

**ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: (This section is intended to provide attendees the opportunity to contribute additional and significant information concerning the meeting content that may not have been mentioned during the meeting.)**

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