



May 10th, 2022

The meeting occurred at Meadows Valley Community Center from 7:00pm to 9:00pm with a total of 14 attendees. Captured minutes are from group discussions.

Participants

Online

Cal Low

Darren Parker

Erin Peterson

Lynn Oliver

Stacy LaFay

Dean Dryden

Gary Thompson

Johanna Stangland

Keisha Miller

Randy Fox

Rebecca Levandowski

Sandy Dryden

Wes Keller

In Person

Al Becker

Al Becker mentioned a potential project on Osborn land installing center pivot irrigation. They cost tens of thousands of dollars and may need help with funding. This could be worth learning more about the project and what the collaborative can learn from it.

Group Discussion - Individuals were asked—Based on what we have seen learned and considered, what are your top priorities?

- Simplify purpose statement
- Draft implementation strategies for watershed management plans - follow up with Al Becker for clarification
- Secure ongoing watershed monitoring
- Seek out educational opportunities for the public
- Obtain updated water quality data
- Learn more about the impacts of Magnesium chloride
- Support more riparian plantings
- Build trust and identify common goals
- Connect landowners with agency resources
- Establish shared truths

Ongoing Questions:

- What will be done with information gathered and how will it impact family ranches?
- What is the product, and what will we have to show that taxpayer money is being well spent?

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- How will we come up with a list of specific actions or outcomes that will benefit the water quality most?
- Could the Forest Service share the water right they currently have for trout at Brundage Reservoir for instream flows? Are there any aesthetic water rights at Brundage?

Open Discussion:

- Genetically modified salmon adapted for warmer temperatures
 - o Dworshak hatchery transferring primary production to the Nez Perce Tribe mid-June
- Federal 30 by 30 rule AKA America the Beautiful Plan
 - o International goal to have 30% of plant land mass designated as conservation area by 2030.
- Pivot irrigation at the end of gravity flow systems
- Riparian fencing and vegetation planting to reduce sediment loads
- Impacts of magnesium chloride on downstream agriculture land
 - o Are there certain plants more resistant to negative effects?
 - o Beet juice alternative
- Possibility of releasing a flush of cold, high elevation water in the summer for the Chinook salmon

Field Trips Ideas:

- Osborn Ranch
- Rapid River Hatchery
- Lick Creek
- Mud Creek

Action Items:

- Example of a story map – Keisha
- Forest Service drawdown – Keisha
- Effects of magnesium chloride – Randy

Next Meeting **June 7th, 2022, 11:00am – 3:00pm MST** at the Meadows Valley Community Center.