Meeting Agenda

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Project Title: Stibnite Gold Project
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Purpose of Meeting: ESA Informal Consultation Meeting, Fish **Date:** July 10, 2019
Meeting Location: BC Boise **Time:** 9 a.m.
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Represented Organizations[1]: USFS, USFWS, NOAA, OER, IDFG, Midas Gold, AECOM, Ecosystem Sciences, Brown and Caldwell, BioAnalysts

Consultation Meeting Goals and Objectives

To work collaboratively as a group to develop a sound and defensible biological assessment, based on best scientifically and commercially available data, that meets the needs of the U.S. Forest Service, the NOAA Fisheries, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to timely complete the formal Endangered Species Act (ESA) Section 7 consultation process for the Stibnite Gold Project.

1. *Clarify which Endangered Species Act listed, proposed, and candidate species and designated or proposed critical habitats are in an agreed-upon action area (Completed);*
2. *Determine what effect the federal action may have on these species or critical habitats and explore and agree upon the analysis necessary to support the development of the biological assessment;*
3. *Explore ways to modify the action to reduce or remove adverse effects to the species or critical habitats;*
4. *Explore the design or modification of an action to benefit the species and coordinate on their inclusion in the biological assessment; and*
5. *Discuss and seek concurrence on the content and organization of the biological assessment.*

Proposed Agenda

1. **Fishway Operations and Management Plan (FOMP) Review and Discussion (90 min.) – Objectives 2-4**
   Intent: To provide an overview of the FOMP and discuss preliminary comments with the group.
   - Identify sections needing further clarification
   - Get input on management measures
   - Participants to provide additional comments in writing by date TBD

[1] Actual attendees from each organization will be captured in meeting minutes.

2. **Fish Protection Measures for EFSFSR Tunnel Diversion and YPP Pit Dewatering (60 min.) – Objectives 3-4**
   Intent: To review and discuss the draft TM and seek input for finalizing it as an element to be added to the FMP and considered in the BA
   - Describe facilities and process of diverting the flow into the Diversion Tunnel
   - Present and discuss sequence for dewatering segments of the EFSFSR and draining the Yellow Pine Pit
   - Measures for avoidance and minimization of impacts to ESA-listed fish species
   - Present and discuss the proposed procedures and timing of diversion, YPP draining and fish salvage
   - Request additional comments in writing by date TBD

3. **Comments and Discussion on Fish Passage Barriers TM (60 min.) – Objective 2-4**
   Intent: To discuss the barriers presented in the TM and address questions or comments on the TM
   - Review the TM objectives and fish passage barrier definitions
   - Discuss barriers identified with the project area

4. **Final Review and Comment on BA Annotated Outline (60 min) – Objective 5**
   Intent: To discuss comments provided on the draft annotated outline so that a final working version can be finalized
   - Present a summary of comments and responses/changes to the outline
   - Discuss and remaining questions or clarifications on the outline and resolve in the meeting

5. **Review revisions to the Effects Analysis Approach and PBFs/WCI Crosswalk Matrix (60 min) – Objectives 2 and 5**
   Intent: To review revisions to the draft documents sent the IC team on June 19th and get additional feedback
   - Present the draft Effects Analysis Approach and PBF Matrix documents
   - Discuss questions or edits to each for bull trout, Chinook salmon, and steelhead

6. **Group Discussion of Next Meeting Objectives and Draft Agenda (15 min)**
   Intent: To define important topics for the next IC meeting agenda

7. **Review Past and Current Action Items (15 min)**
   Intent: To get status of actions by each group and discuss if any changes needed to each action item