

Issue Action Group: E6 Threatened, Endangered and Sensitive Species

Revision 9/30/2002

Meeting Notes - January 15, 2002 Conference Call

Warrior and Coosa Projects Combined

Meeting Attendees:

IAG Members:

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Other Attendees:

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Action Items

- Forest Service to assist in “fine-tuning” records in the TE&S Species database.
Sara Chubb & Jason Moak: Due - January 25, 2002
- TE&S Species database development to continue throughout the relicensing process.
All IAG Members – Jason Moak manages revisions: Due - Ongoing
- Jason Moak to manage the distribution of the TE&S Species database.
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- Prepare a test run of the database based on Smith and Weiss Lake locales.
Jason Moak: Due - January 25, 2002
- Add a TE&S Species database description into the E6 Closure Form.
Henry Mealing: Due - January 25, 2002
- Mail a CD of the database to Carl Couret.
Jason Moak: Due - January 25, 2002
- Present Final Recommendations to the EcoRat.
Jim Crew & Jason Moak: Due - January 29, 2002

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These notes summarize the major items discussed during the meeting and are not intended to be a transcript or analysis of the meeting.

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TE&S Species Database – In response to comments provided by IAG members at the last E6 meeting, the TE&S Species database was updated with the US Forest Service’s sensitive species information and species habitat preference data was added. The Coosa, Warrior and Alabama Basin TE&S Species database currently contains over 300 species, including detailed species and habitat information for many of these species, and all known recovery plans.

After reviewing the advantages of this database, the IAG expressed an immediate desire to make the information available to other groups within the relicensing process and to continually update records as species information changes. Jason Moak will serve as the database manager, making updates and distributing it to other parties as necessary. In order to best manage the sensitive information in this database individuals or groups can request a copy at any time and will either be given a full copy (including locational data) or a partial copy of the database based on their specific needs.

Closure Form & Final Recommendations- A “Closure Form”, based on the IAG’s work plan, was created to serve as a report to the EcoRat and WCRT. The Closure Form presents the group’s tasks, meetings dates, work products, and accomplishments. The IAG members discussed the draft Closure Form and recommended that more detailed information describing the TE&S Species database is added to the “Description” section. This description will be included in the final Closure Form presented to the EcoRat and WCRT on January 29, 2002. The members agreed to suspend the E6 IAG for now until other IAGs need technical assistance or proposed PM&E measures need to be evaluated.

Conclusion

The E6 TE&S Species IAG will present a final Closure Form at the next EcoRAT and WCRT meeting (to be held January 29, 2002 at APC’s Headquarters in Birmingham, Alabama). After presenting its recommendations, the E6 IAG will suspend activities until recalled by an IAG, the EcoRAT or the WCRT.

E6 IAG - TE&S Species documents and materials are posted on the Internet at www.southerncompany.com/alpower/hydro.