Draft Meeting Summary

R-Project Discussion December 9, 2021

2:00-4:00 CDT/1:00-3:00 MDT

Teams meeting – Calendar Invite

Attendees:

NPPD: Jim Jenniges, Paul Brune, Bonnie Hostetler

POWER Engineers: Ben Bainbridge

Holland and Hart: Sandi Snodgrass

USFWS: Jeff Runge, Angela Burgess

NGPC: Melissa Marinovich

Review meeting summary from November 18, 2021

* No changes

HCP Updates

* Permit Area will remain the same.
  + Appropriate to discuss habitat differences in different portions of the permit area.
* NPPD has the most updated ABB dataset that has been subject to QA/QC. NPPD will update Sections 3.1 and 5.4 of the HCP based on new NPPD-collected data but will not update the larger range-wide population estimate.
* NPPD will use the conservative density estimate of 0.13 ABB/acre used in the original HCP to calculate take but will compare it against more recent data.

Third-Party Contractor Scope of Work

* **Action:** USFWS to provide NPPD a final scope of work to be included in an RFP.
* **Action:** Jim will provide a potential bidders list that is similar to the list used for the original FEIS. USFWS can expand that list.

Agenda for call with solicitor

* The solicitor assisting with this project is Kate Williams-Shuck ([kate.williams-shuck@sol.doi.gov](mailto:kate.williams-shuck@sol.doi.gov)). USFWS is hoping for to have an initial meeting with Kate and NPPD on February 3, which appears to work for her calendar. USFWS’s understanding is that she would be permanently assigned to this project.
* **Action:** Angela will provide contact information (Complete).

Whooping cranes

* Matt Rabbe has accepted the meeting invites for 1/6 and 1/20. Joe Skorupa has accepted the meeting invite for 1/20.

Additional questions/topics USFWS would like to discuss

* General discussion on the increasing public awareness and the need to keep all parties informed of any public input or public-relations activities.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

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| **Action** | **Responsibility** | **Status** |
| Schedule call and topics for discussion with Field Office, USFWS Solicitor, NPPD to discuss SEIS Scope and the judge’s decision. February 3 meeting. | Mark Porath | Initiated  10-28-21;  Completed  12-9-2021 |
| Check if there is a more recent update to the range-wide ABB data.  NPPD has current dataset that has been subject to QA/QC. | Jeff Runge | Initiated  11-18-2021;  Completed  12-9-2021 |
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| Ben/Jim to analyze NPPD’s project-specific dataset with the same method used on the 2014 dataset for the original 0.13 density. | Ben Bainbridge/Jim Jenniges | Initiated  11-18-2021 |
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| USFWS to return final scope of work to NPPD. | Mark Porath | Initiated  11-18-2021;  Completed 12-14-2021 |
| Coordinate whooping crane discussion in January with Matt Rabbe and Joe Skorupa.  Technical meetings scheduled for Jan. 6 and 20. | Mark Porath/Jeff Runge | Completed  12-8-2021 |
| Provide contact information for Kate Williams-Shuck ([kate.williams-shuck@sol.doi.gov](mailto:kate.williams-shuck@sol.doi.gov)) | Angela Burgess | Completed  12-9-2021 |
| Cancel meeting on December 23. | Ben Bainbridge | Completed  12-9-2021 |
| Provide list of potential third =-party contractor bidders | Jim Jenniges | Initiated  12-9-2021;  Completed 12-16-2021 |