

November 1, 2018 Meeting at US Forest Service, Cleveland National forest, Trabuco Ranger District, Corona, CA

LEAPS Outreach Meeting Report

Attending

Attitude to LEAPS

Darrell Vance, District Ranger, USFS
Jake Rodriguez, District Recreation and Lands Officer, USFS
Jeff Heys, Forest Planner, USFS
Linda
Steve – by phone
Joe Raffaele, Forest Recreation Program Manager, USFS – by phone
Tristan Leong, R5 Hydroelectric Coordinator, USFS – by phone
Rex Wait, Nevada Hydro
David Kates, Nevada Hydro
Greg Kahlen, The Kahlen Group
Michelle Mayorga, The Kahlen Group
Joe Kukikowski, Genterra Consultants
Soma Balachandran, Genterra Consultants

- I. Special Use Permit (SUP)
 - A. Handbook for SUP screening
 1. §12.11a contents reviewed by Jake Rodriguez
 - a) Once FEIS is issued, 4e takes place of SUP
 - b) Nevada Hydro's application for SUP has been submitted
 - c) Application will not be accepted until after the EIS has been published.
 2. NHC to review March letter from the Forest Service to be sure they have everything to move the application through 1st and 2nd level screening.
 - B. Roadless Area
 1. NHC contended that the Wildhorse Roadless Area (WRA) allows road construction, but USFS says that is not part of the roadless rule
 2. USFS requested a description of NHC activities to construct the upper reservoir in the WRA while not building roads.
 3. USFS to provide description of what road construction is. Implementing Guidelines to be provide by USFS Road Manager and Transportation Manager.
 4. USFS confirmed that trail construction is allowed in the roadless area
- II. Memorandum of Understanding regarding USFS as a cooperating agency
 - A. Need guidance from FERC
 - B. Also need Program direction from USFS in Washington DC

- III. Cost recovery agreement
 - A. USFS stated that ground disturbing activities requiring a SUP may be subject to cost recovery
 - B. May be an option for letter of nominal effects for resources and staff use
 - 1. This applies to most FERC studies
 - 2. Measure is ground disturbance
 - 3. Geotech likely needs SUP
 - 4. Cultural already has OK

- IV. Transmission Line Alignments
 - A. Location of southern substation confirmed
 - 1. NHC to provide link to location to Tristan
 - B. NHC provided update regarding potential substation sites at Alberhill and Corona Lake

- V. Geotech and USFS letter
 - A. Genterra stated that topographic 3d analysis to be done at a later date
 - B. USFS asked about when studies requested will be completed as it is needed for input for conditioning for project
 - C. Genterra offered that non-destructive portion of work plan can go ahead
 - D. Issue to be resolved:
 - 1. USFS needs information for 4e and can't get it until we do studies

- VI. Sept 29, 2017 milestones in Traditional Licensing Process review from Fargo. We should review

- VII. Fire Study. See USFS March 2018 letter on issues they are concerned about

- VIII. Recreation study as if NEPA standard, spectrum of recreation, anything related
 - A. Hang gliders
 - B. Morgan trail and wildness area
 - C. San Mateo Wilderness
 - D. Decker Canyon residents
 - E. What type of recreation is occurring and how will LEAPS impact
 - F. USFS to provide additional items to assess

- IX. Visual
 - A. Screening has to be consistent with the land management plan
 - B. USFS to get a landscape architect from LA to help

- X. Deliveries to NHC from USFS
 - A. Road construction definition
 - B. Shape Files
 - C. Fire extent from Holy fire and past fires
 - D. Process flow chart from Tristan

- E. Recreation study items they would like included
 - F. Contact with SCE fire guy
- XI. Deliveries from NHC to USFS. Send copies of important documents to Darrell.
Piecemeal now ok
- A. Dr. Anderson reports
 - B. Northerly Alignment report (Study 34)
 - C. Send Tristan FLA Exhibit A and Facilities Plan
 - D. Bio study
 - E. Fire study
 - F. Settlement agreement
 - G. Description of construction w/o road construction following our receipt of definition
 - H. Rachael to contact Darrell re: cultural resources

Next Meeting December 12, 2018 at 10:00am (Tentative)