

AGENDA

Gunnison Basin/Grand Valley Selenium Task Force

September 10, 2008: 10am to 3pm

USDA Service Center, NRCS Conference Room, 690 Industrial Blvd, Delta
(Conference Line #1-970-874-5726)

Please note: Sorry, only two call in lines available

I. Status of Gunnison River Programmatic Biological Opinion and the Aspinnall Unit Operations EIS (10am to 11am)

Update on recent selenium news and information coming out of informal consultations taking place as part of the draft EIS on the Aspinnall Unit Operations and its effect on the recovery of listed endangered fish species.

II. Selenium Task Force-Water Quality Monitoring Subgroup (11am to 11:30am)

Coordinator seeking guidance on purpose, goals, and tasks for the subgroup. **We will discuss some monitoring issues (proposed trend analysis) as part of the PBO/EIS agenda item.**

III. Coordinator Updates (11:30am to 12pm)

A. Loutzenhizer Piping Project

1. Project Implementation Plan (PIP)
2. WQ Monitoring
3. Selenium & Salinity "Canned" Presentation

B. Pilot Bioreactor

1. Interest in Tour

C. Lower Gunnison River Watershed Plan Update

1. Partnering w/Co State University Cooperative Extension on *Center Pivot Irrigation Brochure & Center Pivot Sprinkler Comeback*
2. September 15th Semi-annual reporting

LUNCH ON YOUR OWN (12pm to 1pm)

IV. TMDL Subgroup Update (1pm to 1:30pm) (Dave Kanzer, CRWCD)

- A. Status of draft Lower Gunnison River TMDL release date
- B. TMDL Subgroup Meeting Update w/WQCD Staff (July)

V. Bureau of Land Management & Selenium Loading Concerns (1:30pm to 2:45pm)

- Comments on draft letter to BLM addressing selenium/salinity loading concerns.
- Discussion with BLM staff (Barbara Sharrow, Uncompahgre Field Office Manager & Dennis Murphy, BLM Hydrologist):
 - 1.) Education on the BLM Land Exchange Program procedures in general and as it relates to selenium and salinity water-quality concerns;
 - 2.) Selenium and salinity in other BLM projects;
 - 3.) Opportunities to improve communication between the Task Force and the BLM;
 - 4.) Opportunities for public comment on potential land exchanges and notification procedures;
 - 5.) Opportunities to provide input on selenium and salinity issues as the BLM begins to address the update to their Resource Management Plan; and
 - 6.) Opportunities for partnering.

VI. Agenda Items for the Next Meeting (Meeting Date: _____ ? _____)

MEETING ADJOURNED: _____