

**Coeur d'Alene Lake Tributaries
Watershed Advisory Group
February 8, 2012 1:00 – 3:00
Idaho Fish and Game Conference Room
Meeting Notes**

Meeting attendees: Kristin Keith, Bob Steed, Bob Clark, Miles Benker, Bill Rust, Steve Wilson, Laura Laumatila, Rusty Sheppard, David Fortier, Bob Flagor, Sandy Schlepp, Gordon Sanders, Janet and Steve Funk, Glen Rothrock, Jake Watkins, Becki Witherow.

The discussion in today's WAG meeting was focused on implementation, specifically within private property of the Wolf Lodge Creek watershed. Local landowners Janet and Steve Funk and Steve Wilson provided a lot of good history of implementation efforts in the Wolf Lodge Creek watershed, which included a lot of work in the 1980s under a contractor - Geomax. Many landowners at the time were involved and/or supportive of the efforts and multiple agencies were on board. At the same time the Wolf Lodge Creek Protective Association was formed by a number of landowners. After agencies didn't follow through with monitoring that was promised to be done after the restoration work was done, many of the landowners were discouraged and momentum was lost.

There was discussion about what monitoring has been done on Wolf Lodge Creek, which included early monitoring by the University of Idaho, an erosion evaluation by Kootenai-Shoshone Soil and Water Conservation District and the NRCS, and recent water quality monitoring by DEQ.

There was much discussion about how to approach any restoration work in the watershed. The group agreed a larger-scale approach would be best; however, it was acknowledged funding for a detailed, technical watershed assessment would be difficult to obtain. The group identified action items to be completed before the next WAG meeting:

- Locate Geomax report – Miles Benker
- Contact Rob Sampson, NRCS to see if he'd be willing to come up and give us some expert opinion on how to approach implementation work – Bob Flagor
- Example Watershed Assessments
 Pine Creek – Kristin Keith Granite and/or Grouse Creek – Bob Steed
- Review Erosion Inventory done by the Conservation District and NRCS – Kristin Keith
- Preliminary conceptual outline for a watershed assessment – David Fortier
- Conservation Innovation Grant opportunities? Diane Partridge
- Field Day taking pictures during runoff – Sandy Schlepp, Gordon Sanders, Kristin Keith
- Identify problem areas on aerial photos – Diane, Janet, and Kristin
- Look at complaint logs – Bob Steed
- Review meeting notes from January and talk to the Forest Service about commitments.

The next WAG meeting:

Wednesday March 21st from 2-4, at US Forest Service Coeur d'Alene Ranger District Fernan Office, 2502 East Sherman Ave Conference Room B..