

**Upper Snake Basin Advisory Group**  
**DRAFT**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**July 16, 2015**

Idaho Department of Environmental Quality  
444 Hospital Way #300  
Pocatello, ID 83201

Attendees

David Anderson – DEQ-Twin Falls Regional Office  
Chris Banks – Conservation Basics  
Jay Barlogi – Twin Falls Canal Company  
Pauline Bassett – Caribou SCD  
Katy Bergholm – BAG, Mining  
Roger Blew – BAG, Representative at large  
Jennifer Cornell – DEQ-Pocatello Regional Office  
Chris Guedes - Agrium  
Alan Haslam - Agrium  
Greg Mladenka – DEQ-Pocatello Regional Office  
Brian Olmstead – BAG, Irrigated Ag  
Richard Savage – BAG, Livestock  
Lynn Van Every – DEQ-Pocatello Regional Office  
Matt Woodard – BAG-Environmental, Chairman

Welcome and introductions

All the attendees met at the DEQ Pocatello Regional Office at 8:15 a.m. where locations and directions were given to the sites that would be visited on the tour throughout the day.

Tour

The group traveled to Upper Lanes Creek to view the 319 project there. This project included off-site water troughs, fencing on approximately 6000 feet of Lane Creek and rehabilitating and revegetating the stream. Off-site watering trough water sources included stream intakes with gravitational delivery and wells with solar powered pumps. Cutthroat trout have been observed in the creek as well as spawning redds. Before and after pictures were given to the attendee and are included with these minutes.

At Sheep Creek the group observed the remediation efforts from the road where cutthroat trout spawning has increased. Then they looked at an off-site watering trough with a solar-powered pump on Slug Creek

The group then travelled to Dike Lake campground where lunch was served and staff from Agrium gave a presentation on several phosphate mine activities in Rasmussen Valley.

After lunch the group continued to Pebble Creek. They observed the results of a 319 project that spanned two years. Erosion has stopped and the vegetation has recovered following

fencing of the stream. Water for livestock has been provided by a well with conventional power supplying 3 water troughs.

Bag business

- A motion was made to approve the minutes for the April 1, 2015 meeting. It was seconded and the minutes were approved as written.
- The next meeting will be the 319 Ranking Meeting. It is scheduled for October 7, 2015, in Twin Falls. (This conflicts with what was set up at the last meeting. It was later clarified that the meeting will be in Idaho Falls.)

Adjourn

The group travelled back to the DEQ office in Pocatello and the meeting was adjourned from there.

*Matt Woodard*

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**Chairman**

*10/7/2015*

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**Date of Approval**