MEETING SUMMARY
PROJECT COORDINATING COMMITTEE
GRASSY MOUNTAIN MINE PROJECT

February 12, 2020
1:00 pm (Mountain Time)
Teleconference/Public Access at the Four Rivers Cultural Center

Attendance
Committee Members
• Sarah Lewis, Oregon Department of Geology and Mineral Industries (DOGAMI)
• Andrea Bowen, Bureau of Land Management (BLM)
• Calla Hagle, Burns Paiute Tribe
• Diane Teeman, Burns Paiute Tribe
• Dennis Griffin, Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD) State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO; joined late)
• Bill Goss, Oregon Health Authority (OHA)
• Don Hodge, Malheur County
• Jackie Cupples, US Fish & Wildlife Service (USFWS)
• Phil Marcy, Oregon Water Resources Department (WRD)
• Randy Jones, Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)
• Trevor Watson, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW)

Others
• Jennifer Theisen, BLM
• Jon Westfall, BLM
• Steven Flock, BLM
• Todd Bowen, BLM
• Eric Evans, Malheur County
• Becky Johnson, DOGAMI
• Ian Madin, DOGAMI
• Bob Brinkmann, DOGAMI
• Jesse Ratcliff, Oregon Department of Justice (DOJ)
• Tom Segal, ODFW
• Andy Bentz, Bentz Solutions LLC
• Larry Meyer, Argus Observer
• Carlo Buffone, Paramount Nevada Gold Corp.
• Nancy Wolverson, Calico Resources
• Adam Bonin, Cardno
• Adele Pozzuto, Cardno
• Christine Whittaker, Henningson, Durham and Richardson, Inc. (HDR)
• Mike Murray, HDR
• Siera Watson, Senate District 30
• Charles Gray
• Rick Esplin
• Kevin Zemmer

Meeting Summary
The Project Coordinating Committee (PCC) met to receive an update on the Consolidated Permitting Process for the Grassy Mountain Project. During the meeting, a Public Hearing was conducted on application completeness. The meeting was chaired by Sarah Lewis (DOGAMI) with assistance from Adam Bonin (Cardno). Per requirements, the meeting was recorded to maintain a record under the Oregon Public Meetings Law. Materials shared at the meeting were accessible via AT&T web meeting. Public access was provided at the Four Rivers Cultural Center in Ontario. Topics covered during the meeting included:
• Overview of Consolidated Permitting for Chemical Process Mining in Oregon
• Calico/Grassy Mountain Project Update
• Coordination of State and Federal Permitting Requirements
• Public Hearing on Grassy Mountain Application Completeness
• Solicitation of Topics of Interest to the PCC
• Action items and next steps.

A summary of these topics is provided below.

Opening

• Introduction of PCC members and the role of the PCC in this project.
• Introduction of non-PCC members.
• Request for proposed changes to the agenda (no changes).

Overview of Consolidated Permitting for Chemical Process Mining in Oregon (Sarah Lewis)

Sarah Lewis provided an overview of the consolidated permit process – (State Consolidated Permitting Process handout; for a diagram of the steps described, see: https://www.oregongeology.org/mlrr/noi/Calico/DOGAMI_Process_Diagram_20180927.pdf).

• We are currently within the 90-day Consolidated Permit Application (CPA) completeness review period.
• A completeness determination is made at the end of the 90-day period:
  o Approval initiates the permitting process with a Notice to Proceed (NTP).
  o A determination of “not complete” results in DOGAMI providing comments to the applicant regarding what additional information is required for a complete CPA.
• Submission of additional information by the applicant initiates a new 90-day completeness review period.
  o A public hearing is required for the first completeness review period, but not for subsequent completeness review periods.
• Draft permits must be prepared within 225 days of an NTP.
• The State’s Environmental Evaluation and Socioeconomic Analysis will also be completed during that time, with opportunity for public comment.
• Draft permit issuance initiates a 60-day review phase.
• Final Permits must be issued or denied within 1 year of an NTP.

An opportunity to ask questions was provided. No questions were asked by PCC members about the Consolidated Permitting Process.

Calico Grassy Mountain Mine Project Update (Adam Bonin)

CPA was submitted to DOGAMI on November 15, 2019.
• 19 Baseline Data Reports (BDRs) were approved prior to the CPA submittal, and four remained to be approved (Geochemistry, Groundwater, Wildlife, and Cultural Resources):
  o On January 14, 2020, three Technical Review Team (TRT) Subcommittee meetings were held to discuss review of the three BDRs (Geochemistry, Groundwater, and Wildlife):
    o The Cultural Resources BDR review and approval is coordinated by SHPO and the BLM, and had not been completed at the time of the meetings.
- Motions were brought forward to the TRT meeting on January 16, 2020 that each of the remaining BDRs was lacking some information and was not recommended for approval.
- Completeness determination is due to the applicant on February 19, 2020:
  - All TRT-agency comments on completeness have been received
  - All public comments are due in writing by the end of today.

Comments and questions from each PCC member were requested by DOGAMI:

- **Malheur County:**
  - Question posed on the difference between the CPA completeness review and the permit drafting process.
  - Comment on timeline of the project, and what a minimum timeframe would be.
- **DEQ:**
  - Reiterated the purpose of the PCC and that this is a new, un-tried regulatory process.
- **BLM:**
  - Question on how cultural review processes factor into the 225-day timeframe.
  - SHPO is responsible for reviewing the Cultural Resources BDR.
  - Determination of effect on cultural resources is done under the Section 106 process.
- **Burns Paiute Tribe:**
  - Reminded the PCC that the tribe considers ecological resources to be cultural resources.
- **ODFW:**
  - No comments.
- **OHA:**
  - No comments.
- **WRD:**
  - No comments.
- **USFWS:**
  - No comments.
- **Not in attendance:**
  - City of Nyssa
  - City of Vale
  - Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD)
  - US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
  - Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA)
  - Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA)
  - Department of State Lands (DSL)

- There was one question from a non-PCC member regarding how many permits would be issued:
  - One consolidated permit from DOGAMI with concurrence from cooperating agencies.

### Coordination of State and Federal Permitting Requirements

- Purpose of coordination is to ensure there are not contradictory conclusions in the Environmental Evaluation (state) and Environmental Impact Statement (federal).
- Opportunities were identified for coordination, including:
  - Scoping, public meetings, identification of alternatives, collaboration by subject matter experts from BLM, the State, and their contractors.
• BLM expects 30-day completeness review period of the revised Plan of Operations to be completed by the end of March:
  o If deemed not complete, then no timeframe for Calico Resources to respond.
• Joint-bonding for reclamation with DOGAMI and BLM:
  o The bond allows reclamation to still occur even if a project is abandoned by the permittee.
  o BLM is drafting a joint bonding Memorandum of Understanding (MOU).
• BLM and DOGAMI have a signed MOU for coordinating on the Grassy Mountain Project, with DOGAMI identified as a cooperating agency in BLM’s National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process.
• BLM has developed a robust timeline for the process once a Notice of Intent (NOI) is published in the Federal Register.

Topics of Importance to the PCC identified during the meeting:
• State/federal coordination:
  o Minimize duplication of efforts.
  o Coordination of long-term monitoring plans.
  o Joint bonding.
  o Threatened and endangered (T&E) species.
• Cultural resources.
• Land use:
  o Malheur County reviewed the 62-acre patented claim.
  o How will state-wide land use goals apply to a project that exists on federal lands?
• Best, Available, Practicable, and Necessary Technology.
• Meeting frequency:
  o Currently set to meet during key milestones - no changes suggested.
  o There was a suggestion for the creation of an Alternatives Subcommittee, especially since some of the alternatives would be located on BLM land.
• There was a question regarding PCC membership and selection process:
  o DOGAMI invited local governments, stakeholders, tribes, and agencies to participate in the PCC. Each accepting entity then selected a representative.

Public Hearing
• Charles Gray oral comment:
  o Sage grouse: What are the impacts of transporting ore from additional claims?
  o Rehabilitation of the site: What will reclamation look like when the project is complete? Can this be clarified?
• Baker County Commission/Bill Harvey:
  o Submitted by email and read aloud by Sarah Lewis.
• Andy Bentz comment, also submitted in writing:
  o Section 3 – Was the applicant advised on what was required?
  o Section 2 – Information provided is what was required in the work plans and is compete.
  o Section 4 – Closure is detailed and consistent with other projects.
  o Appendix R, Land Use Compatibility Statement (LUCS) – the LUCS and Conditional Use Permit issued by Malheur County is a significant step in the CPA process, and should be accepted as complete.
• Public hearing was concluded once all who signed up to comment were heard:
Written public comment period remained open until 5 pm Pacific Time on February 12, 2020.

Meeting Conclusion and Final Remarks

- Next action is a TRT meeting scheduled on February 14, 2020.
- Next PCC meeting will be convened when the next milestone has been reached, enough coordination has been completed, enough information has been received, or a PCC member requests a meeting.

Action Items

1. DOGAMI to re-solicit local governments, stakeholders, and agencies who may desire to engage as a member of the PCC.