

**Oregon Consolidated Application and Permitting Process – Chemical Process Mine
Calico Resources USA**

TECHNICAL REVIEW TEAM – Wildlife Subcommittee Meeting Notes

Date: February 1, 2021; 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM PT

Location: MS Teams teleconference, with public access by phone or online

Purpose: Wildlife Subcommittee to reach a consensus recommendation on completeness of the October 2020 revised Wildlife Baseline Data Report (BDR) and prepare a recommendation for the full Technical Review Team as to whether to approve the BDR.

<i>Attendees</i>	<i>Agency or Affiliation</i>
Sarah Lewis	Oregon Department of Geology and Mineral Industries (DOGAMI)
Ian Madin	DOGAMI
Becky Johnson	DOGAMI
John Westfall	Bureau of Land Management (BLM)
Megan McGuire	BLM
Ron Doughten	Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)
Randy Jones	DEQ
Tom Segal	Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW)
Nigel Seidel	ODFW
Philip Milburn	ODFW
Joy Vaughn	ODFW
Jackie Cupples	United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS)
John Pouley	Oregon State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO)
Jon Jinings	Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD)
Jesse Ratcliffe	Oregon Department of Justice (DOJ)
Adam Bonin	Cardno
Adele Pozzuto	Cardno
Cameron Curtis	Cardno
Heather Bartlett	SLR
Jennifer Tobey	SLR
Kris Kyper	EM Strategies
Vicki Thill	EM Strategies

Agenda:

Time	Agenda Topic
1:00 pm	Welcome & Introductions
1:15 pm	Changes and Revisions to the Agenda
1:30 pm	Wildlife BDR Status Updates
1:45 pm	ODFW Summarize Review Findings
2:00 pm	Discussion of completeness and accuracy of the BDR and conformance to workplan
2:45 pm	Subcommittee Recommendation to the full TRT at its February 2, 2021 meeting
2:50 pm	Next Steps and Schedule
2:55 pm	Meeting Conclusion and Final Remarks
3:00 pm	A D J O U R N

Notes:

1. Introduction

- Meeting intro by Sarah Lewis, DOGAMI, and Adam Bonin, Cardno
- Call in details provided if attendees lose online connection, notice given that meeting was being recorded.

2. Agenda

- Reviewed by committee members; no changes or additions requested.

3. Status update – Sarah Lewis, DOGAMI

- Overview of state activities conducted since last Wildlife Technical Review Team (TRT) Subcommittee meeting in January 2020, and state request additional information from the applicant in February 2020
- Randy Jones, DEQ – reiterates review and approval of BDR is a condition of the CPA

4. Wildlife BDR

- Summary of ODFW Review - Tom Segal, ODFW
 - In previous review (January 2020) three main issues required applicant revision
 - Accessibility - provide files and references in one submittal
 - Include sage-grouse survey track logs in BDR
 - Removal of statements that sage-grouse do not use the habitat within the survey area because no evidence of use was observed during surveys

- Previous edits – additional language that more survey may be warranted due to results of groundwater study
- Randy Jones, DEQ question – does the BDR include most recent winter range big game conditions?
 - Tom responded in the affirmative

5. Collective Review Discussion – All Agencies

- Conformance to 2017 workplan, revisions to address agency comments
 - BLM – Megan McGuire
 - Update to include most recent BLM data/documents – yes, were included in the revision
 - Updating baseline data about raptor surveys, access road buffers – yes, were included in the revision
 - Acres of habitat included within permit boundary but should also be noted within the 2-mile buffer of the wildlife study area. The information was not included in the October BDR but will be included in the EIS
 - DEQ – Randy Jones
 - Asking Megan McGuire for clarification for need of 2-mile buffer habitat type info in BDR. Megan confirmed that it is acceptable to not include the information in the BDR, as it will be included in the EIS
 - DOGAMI – no comments
 - ODFW – see above summary from Tom Segal
 - USFWS – Jackie Cupples
 - Comments were thoroughly addressed, and comment response table appreciated
 - Section 4.2.4.1 – report summary section not updated to reflect more recent 2020 eagle surveys, but the data is available in the report, so not a major concern
 - DOGAMI – Sarah Lewis
 - Conditional approval of the BDR is not an option. It must be either accepted or not
 - If there are substantive issues requiring revisions, it would not be accepted
 - If all information is present, then accept report
 - If the group decides there is enough substantive information, but there are minor clarification needed, could package up requested edits as a “request for information” which, if submitted, would be posted for public comment (confirmed by Jesse Ratcliffe, DOJ)
- Discussion on need for the 2-mile buffer habitat data to be included in BDR or elsewhere
- ODFW will be receiving Mitigation Plan, could request the buffer info be included in that instead of the BDR. Also noted it could be a supplement to the Vegetation BDR instead
- BLM does not think it is necessary, as long as BDR is not the only piece of information being used to develop the environmental baseline. BLM is not requesting field-verification of the information contained within this data set, as it is all publicly available
- USFWS – defer to BLM/ODFW on this issue
- There is always the opportunity for the state to request additional information
- DEQ – confirmed the workplan does not contain anything specific to mapping habitat types

6. Recommendation

- *Motion presented:* The Wildlife Subcommittee agrees that the October 2020 revised Wildlife Baseline Data Report is complete, accurate and conforms to the 2017 work plan, and should be approved by the full TRT.
 - Second received by DEQ

- No objections, unanimous consent to adopt motion

7. Next Steps and Updates

- Motion will be presented at TRT meeting tomorrow 2 pm – 4 pm PT (February 2) by Tom Segal, ODFW on behalf of the Wildlife Subcommittee
- General discussion
 - Nigel Seidel, ODFW – ODFW is having bi-monthly meetings with the Applicant, updates using habitat quantification tool and minimization measures ongoing, there is still opportunity for them to minimize impacts within 5-km indirect impact area buffer (threat-based assessment based on habitat quality). Offered to help with 2-mile buffer habitat development. The project footprint was updated to reflect the project more accurately (was too big before)
 - DEQ is engaged with applicant on land use , status updates will be discussed at tomorrow's TRT meeting
 - DOGAMI has regular meeting with Calico. Geochemistry and alternatives analysis discussions have been occurring

8. Final Remarks

- DOGAMI will be preparing notes and meeting summary to be posted on the project website