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Upland Committee  
Hanford Natural Resource Trustee Council  
Draft Meeting Minutes  
May 15, 1995

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The Upland Committee defined the following purpose:

To track terrestrial biological and habitat-level impacts on the Hanford Site and make recommendations, and to establish NRTC protocol in order to provide guidance to DOE regarding ways to address those impacts.

The following projects were identified as being important to track:

- ▶ ERDF Mitigation Action Plan
- ▶ Surrogate Sites
- ▶ 1100 Area Issues
  - ALE/Horn Rapids Landfill/Jannell's Project
- ▶ 100 Area Terrestrial Issues
- ▶ North Slope - Monitoring and Continued Restoration
- ▶ 240 Access Road
- ▶ Cross Site Transfer Line/New Tanks
- ▶ Other Expedited Response Actions
  - Sodium Dichromate Site, Pickling Acid Cribs, Pipeline Outfall, Riverland, 316-5 Process Trenches

Other issues that were discussed as important to the Upland Committee included:

- ▶ Mitigation in general - including project-specific issues and other special topics like reintroduction of special status species
- ▶ Restoration
  - Implementation and research
- ▶ Research
- ▶ Coordination and outreach with other groups, such as Audobon Society, Nature Conservancy, Washington Native Plant Society, etc.
- ▶ Becoming informed of upcoming issues and integrating NRTC coordination early in the process
- ▶ Project Tracking: keeping track of the acreage and habitat value of all projects, including the very small projects, so when it comes time to address site-wide counting, the information is available

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- ▶ Terrestrial Land Based Issues
  - Landscape planning: Defining and tracking high quality habitat for possible land banking
  - Land Use - Defining and understanding priorities (i.e., Site Infrastructure, Future Site Uses Working Group) in order to facilitate upland habitat protection
- ▶ Biodiversity
- ▶ HEP, GAP analysis
- ▶ Native species nursery, plant salvage and seed collection

The Upland Committee came up with the following categories to summarize the issues:

- ▶ Mitigation; define process and expectations
- ▶ Restoration; protocol
- ▶ Coordination; both on the site and with other natural resource groups, (TCN, WPNS, etc.)
- ▶ Habitat landscape issues; including land transfer and site planning
- ▶ Project tracking

The Upland Committee came up with the following recommendation:

The Upland Committee should define an overall NRTC policy regarding restoration and mitigation options for terrestrial habitat, and after full NRTC approval, submit the policy to DOE. This policy would include the NRTC's vision of mitigation, restoration, and implementation, and the definition of coordination: how and where the NRTC would like to be brought into the DOE processes.

**ACTION:** Kathy Leonard will draft a strawperson policy statement on mitigation and circulate it to the Upland Committee by May 19 for review.

**ACTION:** Janet Ebaugh will draft a strawperson policy statement on restoration and circulate it to the Upland Committee by May 19 for review.

**ACTION:** The following people will research and report the status of the following projects by May 25 in preparation for a follow-up telephone call on June 1 at 10:30 a.m.

- ERDF Mitigation Action Plan, Kathy Leonard
- ERDF Surrogate sites, Janet Ebaugh
- 1100 Area Issues: ALE/Horn Rapids Landfill/Jannel's Project/Other disturbed areas, Jake Jakobosky, Kathy Leonard
- 100 Area Terrestrial Issues, Janet Ebaugh
- 240 Access Road, Jay McConnaughey
- North Slope - Monitoring and Continued Restoration, Liz Block
- Cross Site Transfer Line/New Tanks, Jay McConnaughey, Liz Block
- Other Expedited Response Actions: Sodium Dichromate Site, Pickling Acid Cribs, Pipeline Outfall, Riverland, 316-5 Process Trenches, Kathy Leonard