

**Clark Fork Settlement Agreement
Management Committee Meeting Notes
March 11, 2025, 9:00 a.m. (PST)
Heartwood Center, Sandpoint, ID**

Welcome, Purpose and Introductions (Roll Call)

Monica Ott welcomed those in attendance to the 62nd meeting. The purpose of today's meeting is to review and approve the 2024 Annual Report budget sheet and 2025 Annual Implementation Plans (AIPs).

Management Committee Representatives in Attendance

Avista – Monica Ott
Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes – Les Everts (conference line)
Cabinet Resource Group – Kim Matthew
Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (Idaho DEQ) – Bob Steed
Idaho Department of Fish and Game (IDFG) – Carson Watkins
Lake Pend Oreille Idaho Club – Carter Sandhal
Montana Department of Environmental Quality – Keenan Storrar (conference line)
Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation – Valerie Kurth (conference line)
Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks (MFWP) – Amber Steed
Panhandle Chapter Trout Unlimited – Chip Corsi
Rock Creek Alliance – Diane Williams
United States Forest Service, Cabinet Ranger District (USFS) – Michael Feiger
United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) – Ben Conard

Other Attendees

Avista – Shana Bernall, Heide Evans, Jillian Caires, Lauren Huckaba, Paul Kusnierz, Sean Moran, Eric Oldenburg, Arthur Potts, Will Bass, Ben Birdsall, Davina Brown, Dylan Gollen, and Lisa Johnson
Avista Grant Writer – Susan Drumheller
Cabinet Resource Group – Colleen Hinds
Idaho Department of Fish and Game – Andy Dux, and Ryan Hardy
Kaniksu Land Trust – Regan Plumb
Lake Pend Oreille Idaho Club – Christine Sandhal
Lower Clark Fork Watershed Group – Sarah Poiesz
Montana Fish Wildlife and Parks – Travis Rehm, Jason Blakney, and Mike Hensler
North Idaho Sportfishing Association (NISA) – Chad Landrum
U.S. Fish Wildlife Services – Carter Fredenberg

Recognition of Quorum and Housekeeping

A quorum (Seven Parties including the two federal agencies and at least one agency from the states of Idaho and Montana, and Avista) was recognized. Ott reviewed housekeeping items.

Ott relayed that as required under the Clark Fork Settlement Agreement (CFSA), parties are to designate their representatives to the Management Committee (MC) or Water Resources Technical Advisory Committee (WRTAC) or Terrestrial Resources Technical Advisory Committee (TRTAC) annually in writing so please do so and initial your current information on the sign-in sheet. Avista will follow-up with individual emails to clarify each entity's designation for committee memberships.

Ott explained the meeting etiquette, formal decision-making process, caucus if needed, and the 30-minute rule. The MC will be approving several Annual Implementation Plans (AIPs) and the group strives to seek consensus approval. Ott outlined the approval process if a vote is needed. The language

for the approval of AIPs will be displayed on the screen for all MC members to view prior to and during decision making.

Ott reviewed Meeting information and materials as it went out in two emails, the first on Feb 7th with the Draft Agenda, Draft 2024 Annual Report, and Draft 2025 AIPs. The second on Feb 27th with the final meeting agenda, grants summary report, draft Appendix B stream gage monitoring project plan, and September 2024 MC meeting record.

Final Agenda Review and Approval

Ott reviewed the meeting agenda and reminded members that 2 Consent Mails were approved between last fall and this meeting. There were no additions or changes to the meeting agenda.

FERC Action Summary

Ott explained that the CFSA requires Avista to keep the MC informed of license compliance items. Avista submitted four notifications to Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) since the September 2024 meeting.

- October 25, 2024 – Avista submitted a Notification of the Cabinet Gorge Dam Fish Passage Facility Shutdown on September 20, 2024
- October 3, 2024 – Avista submitted a Report on Condition 20 of the Biological Opinion regarding three Bull Trout mortalities from September 5 through September 26 of 2024.
- October 29, 2024 – Avista submitted a Report on Condition 20 of the Biological Opinion regarding one Bull Trout mortalities on October 1, 2024.
- November 26, 2024 – Avista submitted a Report on Condition 20 of the Biological Opinion regarding two Bull Trout mortalities on October 31, 2024.

Consent Mail Package Update

Monica Ott described the purpose of consent mailings. They are a business process utilized to seek approval of various items between formal MC meetings. There have been two consent mails since the September 2024 meeting:

- The Appendix K – Peterson Conservation Easement
- The Appendix B – Land Use of Lower Bull River Site Request

Grant Writer Update

Susan Drumheller provided an update and reviewed the grant status report. A total of \$14.6 million in grant funds have been acquired since the beginning of CFSA implementation to support projects. Ott reminded the group that the private grant dollars provided do not take away from Avista's obligation under the CFSA and are a good opportunity to bring in additional resources.

Kaniksu Land Trust Update

Regan Plum provided an update on the Kaniksu Land Trust activities.

- Peterson conservation easement of 92 acres complete.
- Sled Hill purchased (48 acres); ORFAC grant received.
- Kootenai Elementary Rewild complete.
- Sand Creek visioning nearly complete.
- Two NRCS ag land easements funded in Boundary County.
- Six community housing units are nearly complete.

Draft 2024 Clark Fork Project Annual Report

Ott reminded MC members that today was the last day to comment on the 2024 Annual Report. Ott presented the 2024 annual report budget sheet and asked if there were any questions.

Ott requested consensus approval of Section 12.1 annual budget report as presented.

The 2024 Annual Report Section 12.1 Budget Sheet was approved by consensus as presented.

2025 Annual Implementation Plans

Cultural Resources Management Group Update

Appendix R: Clark Fork Heritage Resource Program

Lisa Johnson provided background information on the Cultural Resources Management Group (CRMG) that was formed in support of CFSA Appendix R (Clark Fork Heritage Resource Program) and corresponds to FERC License Article 427 for Clark Fork Project.

The CRMG consists of representatives from the Kootenai Tribe of Idaho, Confederated Salish, Kootenai Tribes of Flathead Reservation, Coeur d'Alene Tribe, Kalispel Tribe, USFS, Idaho and Montana State Historic Preservation Offices, and Avista.

Johnson gave an update on Appendix R and noted that the CRMG meeting was held on February 27, 2025. During this meeting the CRMG reviewed 25 of the 2025 aquatic and terrestrial resources project plans that have planned ground and/or vegetation disturbance or the potential to effect cultural/historic resources.

Johnson also reviewed the 2025 Appendix R budget and asked if there were any questions.

Ott requested consensus approval of the 2025 Appendix R AIP as presented.

The 2025 Appendix R AIP was approved by consensus as presented.

Water Resources Technical Advisory Committee Update

Eric Oldenburg provided an update on the WRTAC meeting held on January 22, 2025, and the fall meeting date is August 26, 2025.

Appendix A: Idaho Tributary Habitat Acquisition and Fishery Enhancement Program

Oldenburg explained that in Ken Bowen's absence Paul Kusnierz has been the PM&E coordinator and stated the purpose of this PM&E measure.

Kusnierz relayed there are eight project plans under Appendix A, and that he would be touching on one with changes for 2025.

Tributary Habitat Acquisition and Enhancement

1. Rattle Creek Habitat Enhancement Project
 - Implementation of the enhancement project occurred in 2024. This is the first year of post-implementation monitoring. In addition to sampling one year after project implementation, there will also be sampling after three, five, and potentially 10 years. Previously the project plan had sampling occur at one, two, and three years post-implementation.

Kusnierz provided an overview of the 2025 Appendix A *Tributary Habitat Acquisition and Enhancement Fund* budget and asked if there were any questions.

Fishery Resource Monitoring, Enhancement, and Management

2. Fish Resource Monitoring, Enhancement, and Management Plan
 - Kusnierz presented a slide of Fishery Resource Monitoring, Enhancement, and Management Plan and reminded attendees that starting last year a new sampling framework was implemented for this plan that involves the collection of fish abundance data from what are called priority reaches every year and then other rotational reaches are sampled every five years. This helps to provide information that can be viewed year to year as well as at a broad scale.

Kusnierz provided an overview of the 2025 Appendix A *Fishery Resource Monitoring, Enhancement, and Management Fund* budget.

Ott requested consensus approval of the 2025 Appendix A AIP as presented.

The 2025 Appendix A AIP was approved by consensus as presented.

Appendix B: Montana Tributary Habitat Acquisition and Recreational Fishery Enhancement Program
Oldenburg introduced PM&E Coordinator Travis Rehm, MFWP, and stated the purpose of this PM&E measure.

Travis relayed there are 19 project plans, but that he would be touching on four that are new or have meaningful changes proposed.

Tributary Habitat Acquisition and Enhancement

1. Stream Gage Monitoring
 - Forest Service will continue implementing project.
2. Habitat Restoration, Property Acquisition, and Conservation Easement Contingency Allocation
 - Potential Graves Creek Land trade
 - Potential Stimson CE
3. Lower Clark Fork Bull Trout Life History Evaluation
 - Genetics parenting, monitoring, Redd counts
4. Monitoring Effectiveness of the Vermilion River Restoration
 - Sarah Eldridge is project contact. Continue data collection. Implement phase 3

Rehm provided an overview of the 2025 App B *Tributary Habitat Acquisition and Enhancement Fund* budget and asked if there were any questions.

Recreational Fishery Enhancement

5. Cabinet Gorge Reservoir Bathymetry Update]
 - A slide showing the bathymetry of Noxon Reservoir was provided along with an explanation of the project.

Rehm provided an overview of the 2025 Appendix B *Recreational Fishery Enhancement Fund* budget and asked if there were any questions.

Ott requested consensus approval of the 2025 Appendix B Annual Implementation Plan including the addition of the “Stream Gage Monitoring” project plan and respective budget increases for the Tributary Habitat Acquisition and Enhancement fund of Appendix B and the Annual Operations fund of Appendix C.

The 2025 Appendix B AIP was approved by consensus as presented

Travis Rehm provided a technical presentation on the Evaluation of Experimental Westslope Cutthroat Trap and Transport in the Lower Clark Fork River

Appendix C: Fish Passage/Native Salmonid Restoration Plan

Oldenburg introduced PM&E Coordinator Shana Bernall, and stated the purpose of this PM&E measure.

Bernall introduced Appendix C and stated there are six projects proposed under Annual Operations this year and she would be providing an update on two of the project plans with updates or changes being proposed for 2025.

Annual Operations

1. Upstream Fish Passage Program
 - There are a few changes being proposed for 2025:
 - Starting August 15, 2025, all BLT captures in the Cabinet Gorge Fish Passage Facility (CGFPF) will be transported upstream including BLT genetically assigned to Idaho tributaries.
 - No size limit for WCT transports captured in CGFPF.
 - Plan to fabricate a new stop log system to reduce flows for a longer period of time in the Hatchery Ladder Trap to improve functionality.
 - Funding to purchase/replace vehicle.
2. Native Salmonid Restoration Plan Five-Year Plan
 - The MC review draft of the plan got delayed in internal review last summer, which has resulted in a shift from MC approval timing from this spring to the fall.

Bernall provided an overview of the 2025 Appendix C *Annual Operations Fund* budget and asked if there were any questions.

Facilities

- No projects proposed for 2025

Bernall provided an overview of the 2025 Appendix C *Facilities Fund* budget and asked if there were any questions

Cabinet Minor Modifications

3. Cabinet Gorge Fish Passage Facility Minor Modifications
 - Bernall provided an update on CGFPF subgroup approval of funds for projects at the CGFPF including the purchase of three new underwater cameras, construction of an air bubbler system to move fish out of the vee trap area and improvements to the stop log/vee trap lifting system. The CGFPF subgroup is also contemplating constructing a chiller system to provide cold water to the vee trap area in an effort to attract Bull Trout into the holding pool during periods when river water temperatures are high.

Bernall provided an overview of the 2025 Appendix C *Minor Modifications Fund* budget and asked if there were any questions.

Ott requested consensus approval of the 2025 Appendix C Annual Implementation Plan as presented, noting the budget revision in the Annual Operations fund for Stream Gage Monitoring.

The 2025 Appendix C AIP was approved by consensus as presented.

Dylan Gollen provided a presentation on the Development of a Fish Retention Device for Con-entrance Traps: Implications for Bull Trout Capture

Appendix D: Bull Trout Protection and Public Education Project

Oldenburg introduced PM&E Coordinator Sean Moran, and stated the purpose of this PM&E measure.

Moran introduced Appendix D and stated he would be providing an update on two of the project plans with updates or changes being proposed for 2025.

1. Idaho Bull Trout Protection and Education Officer Support
 - Warden Dakota Smith will be replacing Travis Johnson
2. Trout Unlimited Bull Trout Education Outreach
 - Amy Anderson is looking to expand to a Kootenai Water Festival in 2026

Moran provided an overview of the 2025 Appendix D *Bull Trout Protection Project* budget and asked if there were any questions.

Ott requested consensus approval of the 2025 Appendix D AIP as presented.

The 2025 Appendix D AIP was approved by consensus as presented.

Appendix E: Watershed Councils Program

Oldenburg introduced PM&E Coordinator Sean Moran, and stated the purpose of this PM&E measure.

Moran presented the two Appendix E project plans and relayed that as there were no major changes proposed he wasn't planning on discussing them but could if there were any questions.

1. Pack River Watershed Council, Bonner Soil and Water Conservation District
2. Lower Clark Fork Watershed Council Projects

Moran provided an overview of the 2025 Appendix E *Watershed Councils Program* budget and asked if there were any questions.

Ott requested consensus approval of the 2025 Appendix E AIP as presented.

The 2025 Appendix E AIP was approved by consensus as presented.

Appendix F1: Clark Fork River Water Quality Monitoring Program

Oldenburg introduced PM&E Coordinator Paul Kusnierz, and stated the purpose of this PM&E measure.

Kusnierz presented the Clark Fork River Water Quality Monitoring Program Plan and stated it'd be business as usual with Avista collecting water quality samples below Thompson Falls, Noxon Rapids, and Cabinet Gorge dams.

Kusnierz provided an overview of the 2025 Appendix F1 budget and asked if there were any questions.

Ott requested consensus approval of the 2025 Appendix F1 AIP as presented.

The 2025 Appendix F1 AIP was approved by consensus as presented.

Appendix F2 commitment has been fully met and closed out in association with the 2024 Annual Report, so that PM&E measure will no longer be included in the AIP process.

Appendix F3: Aquatic Organism Tissue Analysis

Kusnierz stated the purpose of this PM&E measure.

Kusnierz relayed the Noxon and Cabinet Gorge Reservoirs Fish Mercury Study is currently in progress, and we expect the Comprehensive Project Report and the updated fish consumption guidelines by the end of the year.

Kusnierz provided an overview of the 2025 Appendix F3 budget and asked if there were any questions.

Ott requested consensus approval of the 2025 Appendix F3 AIP as presented.

The 2025 Appendix F3 AIP was approved by consensus as presented.

Appendix F4: Water Quality Protection and Monitoring Plan for Maintenance, Construction, and Emergency Activities

Kusnierz stated the purpose of this PM&E measure. Nothing new is proposed for 2025. Kusnierz is to annually update the designated contacts for the Plan, as needed.

Kusnierz provided an overview of the 2025 Appendix F4 budget and asked if there were any questions.

Ott requested consensus approval of the 2025 Appendix F4 AIP as presented.

The 2025 Appendix F4 AIP was approved by consensus as presented.

Appendix F5: Dissolved Gas Supersaturation Control, Mitigation, and Monitoring

Kusnierz stated the purpose of this PM&E measure.

Kusnierz then described that the TDG Mitigation and Monitoring Program has 19 Project Plans and that he will touch on three.

TDG Mitigation and Monitoring Program

1. Analysis of Gas Bubble Disease Monitoring Data
 - New sampling added if spill is sufficient, extending sampling downstream below the fish holding and handling facility to below the Twin Creek confluence. Lake Pend Oreille Lake Trout Netting Program
 - There is an anticipated reduction to the BPA cost share contributions in 2026

2. Lake Pend Oreille Lake Trout Netting Program
 - There is a reduced BPA cost share contribution in 2026. This is largely the product of inflation outpacing that commitment and the dollar not going as far as it used to. As a result, the ask of the CFSA will likely be increased at least in the near future.
3. Lake Pend Oreille Nearshore Index Netting
 - Occurs every 3 years

Kusnierz provided an overview of the 2025 Appendix F5 Mitigation and Monitoring Fund budget including transfers of 3.1 funds.

Bob Steed (IDEQ) requested a 10 min caucus with IDFG Carson Watkins, Andy Dux, and Ryan Hardy.

Bob Steed (IDEQ) - concerned with overall effects of TDG extending downstream into Lake Pend Oreille and would like a thorough report with findings on GBD. The group would like to see the results of the project as proposed. IDEQ and IDFG would like to comment on those results. Paul Kusnierz is willing to discuss this at the fall meeting.

Ott requested consensus approval of the 2025 Appendix F5 AIP with the addition of a fifth task in the project plan describing that the Gas Supersaturation Subcommittee will be provided with the opportunity to review the shallow water versus deepwater adjacent GBD sampling Project Completion Report and associated data before finalization.

The 2025 Appendix F5 AIP was approved by consensus as presented.

Appendix T: Project Operations Package

Oldenburg stated the purpose of this PM&E measure.

Oldenburg provided an overview of the 2025 Appendix T budget and asked if there were any questions.

Ott requested consensus approval of the 2025 Appendix T AIP as presented.

The 2025 Appendix T AIP was approved by consensus as presented.

Shana Bernall provided a presentation on the Cabinet Gorge Fish Passage Facility M&E Plan – Bull Trout

Terrestrial Resources Technical Advisory Committee Update

Arthur Potts provided an update on the TRTAC meeting that was held on January 21, 2025, and that the fall meeting date is set for August 27, 2025.

Appendix G: Implementation of the Land Use Management Plan (LUMP)

Potts stated the purpose of the PM&E measure.

Potts described that Appendix G includes four project plans and he would be discussing two of them.

1. Administration of the LUMP.
 - Commercial Use Subgroup met in October 2024; Next meeting to be determined
 - Inland Forest Management (IFM) is conducting a risk assessment on all lands associated with Clark Fork Project Area.
 - IFM completion date is end of May.

2. Enforcement Associated with the LUMP.
 - Feiger provided an update on hunting restrictions on USFS land surrounding Avista property near Noxon Rapids HED and company housing. Implementing a 150m buffer.

Potts provided an overview of the Appendix G 2025 budget and asked if there were any questions.

Ott requested consensus approval of the 2025 Appendix G AIP as presented.

The 2025 Appendix G AIP was approved by consensus as presented.

Appendix H: Implementation of the Recreation Resource Management Plan (RRMP)

Potts stated the purpose of this PM&E measure. Of the eight project plans in Appendix H, Potts provided an update on five of them.

Management Fund

1. Operation and Maintenance
 - Property taxes were moved from the Administration and Resource Integration project plan to the Operations and Maintenance project plan since the MC mailout.

Potts provided an overview of the 2025 Appendix H *Management Fund* budget and asked if there were any questions.

Facility Fund

2. North Shore Expansion Acquisition
 - Potts described that the Conceptual Master Plan for Expansion of North Shore has been completed.
 - Future project plan to hire an engineering design firm.
3. Thompson Falls State Park Group Use Shelter
 - Construction to be completed mid to late October.
4. Flat Iron Boat Ramp Extension Survey, Design, and Permitting
 - Cost estimates for design are about \$40,000. Engineering to be completed by fall 2025.
5. Supplemental Projects (Tier 2)
 - Potts showed a table of 7 sites with projects that will be completed if budgets, resources, and time allows.
 - Potts proposed a budget decrease from \$100,000 to \$75,000.
 - New snowplow installed in December of 2024

Potts provided an overview of the 2025 Appendix H *Facility Fund* budget and asked if there were any questions.

Ott requested consensus approval of 2025 Appendix H AIP as presented including presented budget change revisions.

The 2025 Appendix H AIP was approved by consensus as presented including budget revisions.

Appendix I: Implementation of the Aesthetics Management Plan

Potts stated the purpose of this PM&E measure.

- AMP will be updated with 2023 re-inventory along with LUMP and RRMP.

Potts provided an overview of the 2025 Appendix I budget and asked if there were any questions.

Ott requested consensus approval of the 2025 Appendix I AIP as presented.

The 2025 Appendix I AIP was approved by consensus as presented.

Appendix J: Implementation of the Wildlife, Botanical and Wetland Management Plan

Potts stated the purpose of this PM&E measure.

There are no formal project plans associated with Appendix J. There are three tasks associated with this PM&E measure:

1. Utilize Wildlife, Botanical and Wetland Management Plan to help guide enhancement programs.
2. Continue to update the habitat protection spreadsheet.
3. Incidental observations of bald eagles, peregrine falcons, and common loons.

Potts provided an overview of the 2025 Appendix J budget and asked if there were any questions.

Ott requested consensus approval of the 2025 Appendix J AIP as presented.

The 2025 Appendix J AIP was approved by consensus as presented.

Appendix K: Wildlife Habitat Acquisition, Enhancement and Management Program

Potts stated the purpose of this PM&E measure. There are three project plans in Appendix K and Potts discussed two of them.

1. Operation and Maintenance of Acquired Property and Contingency Fund
 - Twin Creek
 - Acquired in 2016, Management plan has not been developed but the plan is to hire a contractor or agency to support this work.
2. Wood Duck Re-vegetation Maintenance
 - Wood Duck revegetation work continues, and a draft revegetation plan is anticipated for review by TRTAC this fall.

Potts provided an overview of the 2025 Appendix K budget and asked if there were any questions.

Ott requested consensus approval of the 2025 Appendix K AIP as presented.

The 2025 Appendix K AIP was approved by consensus as presented.

Appendix L: Back Cottonwood Habitat Protection and Enhancement

Potts stated the purpose of this PM&E measure.

There is one project plan with two tasks:

1. Continue to protect black cottonwood stands through implementation of the LUMP.
2. Continue to monitor and maintain exclosures at the Hereford Slough.

Potts provided an overview of the 2025 Appendix L budget and asked if there were any questions.

Ott requested consensus approval of the 2025 Appendix L AIP as presented.

The 2025 Appendix L AIP was approved by consensus as presented.

Appendix M: Wetland Protection and Enhancement Program

Potts stated the purpose of the PM&E measure.

There is one project plan and one task associated with Appendix M:

1. Continue to explore wetland enhancement for Twin Creek parcel acquired in 2016.
 - Potts proposed to remove this from Appendix M and cover under the comprehensive Management Plan for Twin Creek required in Appendix K.
2. Monitor enhancements previously completed at the Hereford Slough, McKay Creek, Finley Flats, and Blacktail Bay/Islands.

Potts provided an overview of the 2025 Appendix M budget and asked if there were any questions.

Ott requested consensus approval of the 2025 Appendix M AIP as presented, including the removal of the Twin Creek wetland management plan requirement.

The 2025 Appendix M AIP was approved by consensus as presented including the removal of the Twin Creek wetland management plan.

Appendix P: Forest Habitat Protection and Enhancement

Potts reviewed the purpose of this PM&E measure. There are three project plans in Appendix P and Potts will touch on all of them.

1. South Fork Block Management Area Spotted Knapweed Treatment
 - Year 2 of 3 treatment completed to monitor and assess efficacy. May not spray 3rd year if treatment is not needed.
2. Tuscor Block Management Area Road Development.
 - Develop a road system that would be specifically available to hunters with a PTHFV issued by MFWP. Hoping to be completed prior to hunting season in 2025.
3. Honey Flats Revegetation
 - Work with CMRG, Land Use Subgroup, and Lower Clark Fork Watershed Group to develop a site revegetation plan.
 - Work with Avista Grant writer to obtain additional funding to support this project.

Potts provided an overview of the 2025 Appendix P budget and asked if there were any questions.

Ott requested consensus approval of the 2025 Appendix P AIP as presented.

The 2025 Appendix P AIP was approved by consensus as presented.

Appendix Q: Reservoir Islands Protection

Potts reviewed the purpose of this PM&E measure.

There are no formal project plans under App Q; however, there is one task:

1. Ensure restrictions developed for the protection of these areas continue, utilizing land use classifications described in the LUMP.

Potts provided an overview of the 2025 Appendix Q budget and asked if there were any questions.

Ott requested consensus approval of the 2025 Appendix Q AIP as presented.

The 2025 Appendix Q AIP was approved by consensus as presented.

Appendix S: Erosion Fund and Shoreline Stabilization Guidelines Program

Potts stated the purpose of this PM&E measure.

In 2025, work efforts will focus on addressing any erosion concerns identified by the CRMG; and utilize engineering assistance to help evaluate erosion control proposals received by Avista from adjacent landowners.

- Kirby Gulch erosion project completed in December 2024.
- Possible project following CRMG site visits this spring.

Potts provided an overview of the 2025 Appendix S budget and asked if there were any questions.

Ott requested consensus approval of the 2025 Appendix S AIP as presented.

The 2025 Appendix S AIP was approved by consensus as presented.

Other:

Federal news and updates: Mike Feiger (USFS) provided an update and information on reinstatements. Ben Conard (UFWS) provided an update on their status being impacted.

Chad Landrum, with North Idaho Sport-fishing Association, requested membership on the MC:

- Ott outlined the process of submitting an application which Avissta would then forward to MC for review and placed on agenda for fall MC meeting.
- Monica asked Chad as to why previous 2019 proposal was denied and
- Carson explained primary goals to Chad and that he questions Chad's intentions and whether he can collaborate with CFSA and group. Chip Corsi has his concerns as well, as documented in the 2019 request. Chad Landrum respectfully understood.

Chip Corsi requested to have hard copies of both Draft and Final versions of Annual Report and Implementation plans.

Carson Watkins suggested that during Fall MC tours, to implement mini workshops and have more discussion on the CFSA process.

Ott thanked all the stakeholders and implementers for their continued efforts on projects.

Select Fall Meeting Date:

September 23, 24, 2025-Location in Trout Creek, MT.

Adjourn Meeting:

Meeting was adjourned at 3:56 p.m. (PST)