



Notes Water Resources HCP Steering Committee Meeting

10am-1pm CDT, February 6, 2008 at Cumberland Mountain State Park
Crossville, TN

Attendees:

SC members: Karina Bynum, Dennis George, Dennis Gregg, Robby Baker TDEC, Doug Little, Mike Monroe, Chuck Burgess, Ralph Seeh, Clark Annis, Tim Higgs, Mark Thurman, Steve Bakaletz, Mayor JH Graham, Everett Bolin

DT members: Alex Wyss, Trisha Johnson, Emily Woodle

USFWS: Geoff Call

What has happened since Oct 2007 when we last met:

- Morgan County and the City of Wartburg officially joined the HCP development process by passing formal resolutions in support of developing a HCP in the County Commission and City Council;
- We formed a Technical Team to begin the HCP development process and held the first Tech Team meeting;
- Science Advisory Committee analyzed more than 80 species and selected recommendations for coverage under the HCP;
- We formed a Legal Advisory Team and met with staff from the Etowah HCP
- Continued positive work with Fentress and Scott counties

Recommended covered species

Robby moved to approve the process decision chart to determine species list and Mayor Graham added to approve the potential 23 covered species handed out and Dennis George seconded. No one objected and we reached consensus.

The group agreed the decision flowchart for determining potential covered activities is a good process.

This process is continual and adaptive. Documentation is extremely important for our process. Benefits of a longer list verses shorter list of species. Want to cover as many as possible to cover the permit applicants for future listed species.

Recommended activities for HCP coverage

Landuse activities occurring in the HCP project area identified as sources of stress/threats to the list of potential covered species.

The DT, SAC and TT will recommend covered activities, but the SC will make a final decision of which activities will be covered.

The covered activities must be controlled by the local authority, who will be the permit applicant. Water supply impoundments on streams will likely not be covered due to existing federal review process and lack of proposed project.

Next Steps: The Steering Committee and Development Team will have an email exchange on potential covered activities.