

Notes for 3/15/21 Sweetwater Leadership Mtg.

- Restarting long term planning.

- Current schedule was based on anticipated Nov. GAOA FY23 and beyond update

Email trading with Greg last week now looks like mid-July instead

Don't see a path to having significant decisions by then.

May just want to continue placeholder?

Potentially reduces # of years to last 2 in 5 years of bill funding.

Secondary concern was for having alternatives to go into NEPA.

GAOA funding available to spend for FY21 timeline? Is that now?

Would likely be similar date for FY22?

Have contract ready to advertise when funds available?

- In initial input from specialists top issues:

Heritage—had call with Tom, Rebekah and SHPO last Tuesday.

Updated them on removal of buildings prior to FS acquisition.

Are concerned we address keeping significance if we remove more buildings.

Will need to do site survey ahead of removing buildings or monitor while being removed and full site survey as a part of long-term planning.

Tom and Rebekah work on mitigation proposals.

Wetlands—had a site visit with Justin Anderson and Ryan Sparhawk last Friday.

Great discussion, Ryan's background.

May need to look at some offsetting, but goal to keep minimal and to low value areas if need at all.

May need to fund more detailed site analysis.

Great opportunities to improve high quality areas.

Wildlife—got FP standards from Jen, but have not had a conversation yet.

Bald Eagle, and especially Osprey, are limiting to the point it likely goes against the recreation purpose for the acquisition.

May be looking at need for site specific FP amendment. Have done for ski area projects, but may be a first for FS project.

Very quick early look at written direction and will work directly with Jen on her thoughts.

May need some funding for contracting the larger heritage survey and wetlands delineation and typing.

-Will be putting together a list of recommendations for program and development goals for this group's review/approval. Hopefully, can get to group for discussion next call.

Need to set more detailed goals and start looking at numbers for something to design and analyze

-Nothing new since last call from CPW.

-Clark has done first review on EVLT agreement.

Need to start putting detail into a 5 year operating plan.

Initially, that is mostly going to have to be short term actions and help with long-term planning once we agree to what those are.

Primary authority is under PLC and in legislation to be focused on education/interpretation.

Same authority for HL and Maroon agreements and has flexibility but has to address the educational component as a primary purpose.

Tremendous opportunity for interp/ed. at Sweetwater-natural, managerial and cultural.

Will include ideas in program and development goals discussion.