

PINEDALE ANTICLINE TRANSPORTATION TASK GROUP ANNUAL REPORT

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SCOPE AND INTRODUCTION

HISTORY:

- The Pinedale Anticline Transportation Task Group (TTG) originated in 2004.

PURPOSE:

- The purpose of the TTG is to make recommendations to the PAWG in regards to transportation issues involving roadways, vehicular traffic, pipelines and electrical lines that directly affect the Pinedale Anticline. The TTG is primarily concerned with the approximate 200,000 acres of the Pinedale Anticline but also in regards to surrounding areas that impact the incline.

SCOPE:

The general scope of the TTG is primarily focused on:

- Roadways and vehicular traffic that is associated with the Pinedale Anticline both internally and externally.
- Service pipelines that carry liquids (produced water and condensate) and materials both internally and externally within the Pinedale Anticline.
- Electrical lines and cables that may be associated with the Pinedale Anticline.

Membership:

Current members of the Pinedale Anticline Transportation Task Group are as follows:

Bob Maxam-WYDOT, Chairman
Jimmy Druce-Pipeline Industry, Recorder
Bill Wadsworth-BLM, Liaison
James Duran-O&G Operators
Therese Hartman-WGF
Mary Hogarty-Town of Pinedale
Richard Kail-Public at Large
Chris Nelson-Rocky Mountain Power
Butch Penton-Sublette County
Cheyenne Scharf-O&G Operators
Colin Barney-NRCS

Participation:

- Participation levels at the meetings have been excellent with a majority of the membership in attendance as well as other interested parties.

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SUMMARY OF PAST YEAR'S MEETINGS

Meeting Date: March 24, 2009

- Due to the fact that the TTG had several new members, the organization, history, process and the Charter of the PAWG was summarized. The TTG developed the principle focus of the group as follows:
 - Area
 - Roadways
 - Pipelines
 - Electrical Power Lines and Substations
 - Mapping
 - Transportation Plan

Meeting Date: April 28, 2009

- The focus of this meeting was to address the Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Paradise 230 kV Transmission Project and make recommendations to the PAWG. Two (2) recommendations were made involving the pole type (3 types considered) and power line routing (3 alternatives considered):
 1. The pole type is recommended to be Corten Steel
 - Based on the fact that the brownish rusty color blends well with the surrounding landscape.
 - The Corten Steel does not require surface treatment or additional maintenance.
 - Any required maintenance of other pole types would require outages in addition to safety issues.
 2. Route Selection
 - Alternative's 1-3 were all acceptable with the exception of different segments within each alternative.
 - Alternative 3 of Segment 1 which includes segment 1B was recommended.
 - Alternative 1 of Segment 2 was recommended.
 - Alternative 3 of Segments 3-5 was recommended.
 - Alternative 1 of Segment 6 was recommended; with a dissenting vote regarding a route along the backbone of the anticline.
 - Segment 7 was recommended.

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Summary of Past Year's Recommendations

Recommendation	Date Recommended to PAWG	Current Status
Selection of Corten Steel Poles for the Paradise 230 kV Transmission Project	May 7, 2009	Approved by PAWG Forwarded to DFO
Segment 1/Alternative 3 for the Paradise 230 kV Transmission Project	May 7, 2009	Approved by PAWG Forwarded to DFO
Segment 2/Alternative 1 for the Paradise 230 kV Transmission Project	May 7, 2009	Approved by PAWG Forwarded to DFO
Segment 3-5/Alternative 3 for the Paradise 230 kV Transmission Project	May 7, 2009	Approved by PAWG Forwarded to DFO
Segment 6/Alternative 1 for the Paradise 230 kV Transmission Project	May 7, 2009	Approved by PAWG Forwarded to DFO
Segment 7 for the Paradise 230 kV Transmission Project	May 7, 2009	Approved by PAWG Forwarded to DFO

Ongoing and New Monitoring

Purpose and Need	Monitoring Method	Cooperators	Funding
Roadway Traffic	Radar	BLM/O&G Operators	PAPA Operators
Roadway Traffic	Road Signage	BLM/O&G Operators	PAPA Operators
Transportation Plan	Recommendations		

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Discussion of Monitoring Results and Effectiveness

- Continued monitoring of the focus area of the Pinedale Anticline
- Installation of road signs, directional signage and vehicle use and traffic counts are being monitored on a continuous basis
- Focus on consistency of survey data to create one overall map has been partially successful.
- Additional electrical lines have been evaluated and recommendations submitted
- Continuous review of the Transportation Plan in the Record of Decision
- Installation of radar system at the intersection of the North Anticline and Paradise Roads has been completed, however collection of data has been a major issue that needs to be addressed with additional funding and participation.

New Recommendations

- Coordination of the installed radar system with the PAPO (Pinedale Anticline Project Office)
- Making all collected data available for other entities to help justify improvements.
- Maintain/Replace damaged roadway signs.

Plan for Coming Year

- The TTG plan for the future is to continue to focus on the goals that were established by the group earlier this year which includes:
 - Area
 - Roadways
 - Pipelines
 - Electrical Power Lines and Substations
 - Mapping
 - Transportation Plan
- Address additional concerns that may come up in the future that are related to the management of transportation issues.