

## **NDOW's Ruby Pipeline Project Involvement Summary**

### **2008 Activity**

- 2/25-26, 3/4 Ruby held the initial public scoping meetings in Elko, Winnemucca and Reno. NDOW biologists attend the Elko and Winnemucca sessions where initial routing and project details are provided. NDOW made first contact with Ruby's consultants hired for the biological survey inventories relative to the project and discussed survey protocols and data needs.
- April- First requests for species data received from Ruby consults. Affected species list provided to Ecology and Environment (Ruby consultant). NDOW staff gathers impact information relative to public scoping letter and provides to Ruby.
- 4/30 NDOW provided initial comments to (Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) relative to public scoping for the Ruby Pipeline Project.
- 10/6 NDOW provided additional written comments to FERC regarding review of environmental documents.
- 10/23 and 12/2 Additional agency meetings held relative to impact assessment and routing of proposed pipeline. Initial discussions of biological data collection need are held with Ruby consultants.
- 12/3 NDOW provides letter to FERC identifying issues on routing of pipeline through priority wildlife habitat in order to reduce the need for mitigation.

### **2009 Activity**

- 3/18 Meeting Ruby Consultant Staff to discuss project issues @NDOW
- 5/11 developed Administrative Draft EIS comments for FERC document
- 5/20,21 Biologists Workshop to discuss : mitigation plans, habitat mapping, conservation agreements, T & E species, sage grouse and pygmy rabbits, migratory birds
- 5/22 provided a list of local contacts for additional sources of data for Ruby
- 5/28 provided input to Ruby on habitat classification and value systems developed by Ruby
- 6/3 provided Ruby with examples of other project Construction Operation and Maintenance Plans to ease their documentation process
- 6/4 discussed bird nesting data w/Ruby, provided Geographic Information System database information and trend lek data
- 8/19 discussed a data-sharing agreement w/Ruby Consultants
- Met w/Steve Robinson to discuss project issues to help ensure project compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act
- 9/4 Provided Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners Mitigation Policy to Ruby
- 9/10 reviewed the Department of Interior comments on the Administrative Draft EIS, discussed less impacting routing alternatives which should decrease project mitigation costs
- 9/11 Nevada Bio-team meeting to review mitigation measures
- 9/14 developed a wish list of mitigation projects at Ruby's request

- 9/23,24 Interagency meeting to discuss: agency information sharing and ranking of mitigation projects
- 9/30- 10/1 Interstate project meeting in Salt Lake to provide feedback on the conservation agreements and mitigation to Ruby project team
- 10/7 Reviewed the Plan of Development (POD)
- 10/8 Supplied comments to the USFWS on the POD
- 10/22 Made contact w/FERC regarding routing alternatives
- 11/10 attended meeting in Winnemucca re: Sage Grouse and other habitat conservation plans
- 11/16 NDOW worked on the easement across the Wildlife Management Area
- 11/23 Conference call to discuss the Conservation Agreements suggested by Ruby
- 12/16,17 Meeting in Winnemucca to discuss the POD
- 12/18 Requested Law Enforcement support from Ruby to assist in project compliance

### **2010 Activity**

- 1/19 Meeting in Winnemucca with project team to discuss the Marching Chart and issues with limited operating times due to sensitive species, compliance for sage grouse, pygmy rabbit migratory birds and mule deer
- 1/21 provided a review of the draft seeding requirements for reclamation to provide feedback to Ruby and ensure reclamation success
- 1/24 interagency conference call to discuss seeding requirements and species applicability to ensure reclamation success
- 1/25 meeting in Winnemucca to present marching chart alternatives to allow Ruby to stay compliant w/limited operating periods
- 2/19 discussion regarding marching chart alternatives and possible mitigation offset to enable Ruby to meet schedule needs
- 3/26 discussed application of the conservation agreements w/USFWS regarding mitigation funds
- 4/19 made contact w/Washoe County Community Development regarding issues with the Vya Labor Camp
- 4/20 Pygmy Rabbit Mitigation Project Conference Call