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SUMMARY OF TELECONFERENCE MEETING #1
TRANSPORTATION AND LAND USE (TLU) ISSUES
TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP (TWG)
September 6, 2006, 10:00 am to 11:30 am

Attendance:

1. TWG Members:
 - Gary Perry, Senate District 35
 - John Prinkki, Carbon County Commission
 - Matt Elsaesser, S.A.V.E.
 - Mike Kress, City of Missoula – Planning
 - Candi Beaudry, City of Billings – Planning
 - Sandra Straehle, MDT Transportation Planning
 - Paul Ferry, MDT Engineering Division
 - Jim Evanoff, Yellowstone National Park
 - Garrett Budds, National Wildlife Federation
 - Wayne Freeman, CTA LandWorks

2. MT Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ):
 - Jim Boyer
 - Cyra Cain
 - Lisa Peterson
 - Lynda Saul

3. Center for Climate Strategies (CCS):
 - Lewison Lem, TWG Co-Facilitator
 - Will Schrooer, TWG Co-Facilitator

4. Other Attendees, including members of Public:
 - None

Background documents:

http://www.mtclimatechange.us/Transportation_Land_Use.cfm

- ☉ Meeting Notice and Agenda
- ☉ CCS, Powerpoint Presentation to the TLU TWG
 - CCS, Catalog of State GHG Reduction Options

Discussion items and key issues:

This was the first~~first~~ conference call of the TLU TWG.

1. ~~CCS~~Lewison Lem called the meeting to order, completed the roll call and reviewed the agenda and plans for the call.
2. ~~CCS~~Lem provided an initial overview of the process, roles, and responsibilities of the CCAC and the TLU TWG. The TLU TWG will discuss and develop recommendations that will focus on the Transportation and Land Use Sectors. The TLU TWG will be primarily examining the options provided in the draft “catalog” for this meeting.

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3. Inventory and Forecast: CCS provided an overview of the draft GHG inventory and forecast noting that this work is helpful for assessing GHG emissions and trends, but it is not intended to be a compliance baseline. Some TWG members noted concerns with growth assumptions for vehicle miles of travel and that the use of regional growth assumptions may not be applicable to MT.

~~4. Draft Catalog of State-Level GHG Reduction Policy Options (Handout): CCS provided the TWG with a catalog of CC policy options that have been reviewed and/or undertaken in other states regarding GHG emissions inventories and forecasting, reporting, registries, public education and outreach, adaptation, GHG reduction goals and targets, and states’ own GHG emissions. The catalog is a starting place that the CC TWG can add to, modify, or delete from as it deliberates policy options most appropriate for MT. Colburn provided a brief overview of each option. It was noted that the catalog should focus on the policy options to be considered by the TWG, and a separate “design options template” will be developed to help the TWG define the attributes of individual policy options. The following provides a brief summary of items noted as Colburn explained the options:~~

~~5. Timing and coordination for analysis of policy options: Timing for analysis of policy options in the catalog was briefly discussed. The TWG could proceed with analyzing the options either sequentially or in parallel. Some members of the TWG indicated a preference for the entire TWG to work on developing each option rather than breaking into sub-groups.~~

~~6. Call to the Public: There were no public participants.~~

~~7.4. Announcements: Lisa Peterson relayed a message from Richard Opper (MT DEQ) thanking the TWG members for their participation.~~