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Friday, November 14, 2008 4:21 PM

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Subject:

FW: Meeting to Discuss Guide Rock Gage

Attachments: SF-299\_2006 (2).pdf

This time with attachment.

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(james.williams@nebraska.gov); Guy Lindeman **Subject:** Meeting to Discuss Guide Rock Gage

I have set a meeting for 1:30 pm Monday December 1 to discuss Guide Rock gage options. We did not receive any engineering firms respond to our request for engineering services by yesterday's deadline and we will need to discuss how to proceed on that effort. In addition we have received an application form from Reclamation for transportation and utility systems and facilities on federal lands (attached). Brad, will try to call ahead of time and make sure we can have you call in. Hopefully this won't last the full hour I have scheduled.

Steve

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From:

Michael Kube [mkube@gp.usbr.gov]

Sent:

Thursday, November 20, 2008 9:21 AM

To: Cc:

Angell, Jean; Gaul, Steve Edgerton, Brad; Lindeman, Guy

Subject:

Guide Rock GagingApplication for Transportation and Utiliity

Systems and Facilities on

Federal Lands

Good Morning Steve and Jean,

DNR can proceed with your inspectiona and assessment of the site. Once you determine what work you will need to do, you can complete the application. We will then proceed to issue you a 25 yr license to use the Federal Lands. We will have the license address both the construction upgrade/improvements and your long term needs to access the site. Call if you have any questions.

Mike

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I appreciated receiving the application form you sent for transportation and utility systems and facilities on federal lands. We have a few questions on how to make sure that we fill it out in a way that will fully address what we intend to do at the Guide Rock gage site. Since I will be out of the office the next two weeks, would it be possible for you to call Jean Angell on our legal staff? Jean's number is 402-471-3931. My understanding of what we need to do at the site is:

1) have an outside engineer inspect the current USGS facilities on Reclamation's land, 2) have them tell us what it would take to bring them up to the standards we need to use the site for, 3) provide a report to USGS, 4) make needed upgrades/have them inspected and 5) be sure we and the engineer are legal and have proper access to the land while we are doing it. Ideally, we might be able to get the types of permissions needed for the inspection and construction both via this form or else via this form with a subsequent amendment. If Jean can talk with you she can probably work with Brad Edgerton of our Cambridge staff to start getting the needed material. Thanks for any help you can give.

Have a great Thanksgiving.

Steve



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DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

September 15, 2008

Brian Dunnigan Department of Natural Resources PO Box 94676 Lincoln, NE 68509-4676

Dear Mr. Dunnigan:

This is in reference to the Nebraska Department of Natural Resources (NDNR) request to take over the old Republican River near Guide Rock (06853000) streamgaging station about 0.2 mi downstream of the Courtland diversion dam. As I am sure you are aware, the gage has been inactive for a number of years. The U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) was planning to dismantle the facilities at the site because of safety concerns—the stilling well is considered a confined space, and the cableway and car no longer meet USGS standards and are considered unusable in their current condition. There is also a concern about the lack of good access to the site. However, the NDNR is welcome to take the gage over as long as it is understood that they assume responsibility for the gage facilities in an "as is" condition.

Enclosed are two copies of Agreement for Gage Transfer No. 8-8626-06853000. The agreement includes a list of deficiencies in the facilities and a list of USGS safety policies regarding the gage. A requirement of the agreement is that a qualified non-USGS engineer examines the gage and prepares a report that evaluates whether it is suitable for use, with a copy provided to the USGS. Please sign both copies of the agreement and return one copy, along with a copy of the engineer's inspection report, to this office.

As a required safety measure some time ago, we replaced the standard-keyed USGS padlocks with non-standard ones. The non-standard keys will be needed to gain full access.

Sincerely

Robert B. Swanson, Director

USGS Nebraska Water Science Center

2 Enclosures