

WAC Committee Update for KVRI

September 16, 2013

National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) Grant:

- We have applied for and been approved for a one year extension on the grant. The grant now expires November 1, 2014. This alleviates some of the pressure and allows us to focus on getting the best outcomes on the ground.
- Robyn has reviewed the committee's work plan and wildlife detection system proposal from Sloan Security with NFWF. They have approved the work plan. They recognize the risks involved with the wildlife detection system but are excited about the potential solution that the new technology brings to the problem. TNC has their approval in writing.

Match Funding:

- TNC's grant applications to the Equinox Foundation (\$30K) and to the Idaho Fish and Wildlife Foundation (\$5K) were both rejected. TNC has submitted a grant application to TransCanada for \$10K and will keep you posted.
- TNC is partnering with AT&T across Idaho on a "Skip the Bag" promotion. The WAC project is the project that TNC chose for Idaho. With this program, which runs from August through January, AT&T will donate 10 cents to the Nature Conservancy for each check out bag its customers choose to forego. In Idaho, all proceeds to TNC will be put towards our project. We anticipate that this effort will raise approximately \$15-20K.

Variable Message Signs:

- Kennon has requested updated quotes from the sign company and will order the signs in the next couple weeks. Given some of the challenges we have had raising cash match for the grant, we could consider purchasing two signs now and one later. The quotes will outline the costs for both scenarios – purchase all 3 now or a phased purchase.

Wildlife Detection System:

- TNC and Sloan Security are very close to signing a contract for ~\$76K for the development, testing, installation, and monitoring of the animal detection system. The contract is being reviewed by attorneys and should be in place by the end of the week.
- Sloan Security did complete the initial tests in Salt Lake City on the technology and it performed very well. Sloan Security will have the system deployed in Boundary County by November 15th. More details are available if the committee is interested.