

**Senate Energy and Natural Resource Committee Staff Visit  
Clearwater Basin Collaborative  
August 25-28, 2009**

**Overview of Clearwater Basin Collaborative**

Management of Idaho's forests has long been contentious among government agencies, conservation groups, timber companies, and local communities creating an environment where few interests feel they are achieving their goals. Under the encouragement of Senator Crapo, the Clearwater Collaborative effort has been launched to address the natural resource needs of the invaluable Clearwater Basin. Our cooperative vision is to enhance the ecological and economic health of our forests and our communities.

The time was right to bring diverse interests together, to protect the best landscapes, preserve our rural economies, and restore healthy forest ecosystems. The hope is to build on past efforts to create tangible and lasting results to serve the needs of a wide range of public perspectives. In addition to administrative and legislative solutions, we will work to create a framework of public collaboration to seek solutions for existing and future natural resource challenges.

**Clearwater Basin Collaborative Purpose**

The purpose of the Collaborative is to provide recommendations for actions concerning the use and management of Clearwater and Nez Perce National Forests within the Clearwater Basin in Idaho.

**Clearwater Basin Collaborative Vision**

Our vision is to enhance and protect the ecological and economic health of our forests, rivers, and communities within the Clearwater Basin by working collaboratively across a diversity of interests.

**Our Objective in Hosting Congressional Staff Visit**

While the Clearwater Basin is extensive and complex from a resource and public needs standpoint, our objective is to provide an overview to our guests. Our hope is to visit enough places and engage in enough discussion to illustrate the challenges and opportunities we have in the Basin. We will demonstrate how formerly divisive relationships have begun to evolve into collaborative working groups who share passion for the land how it is managed over time. Finally, we look forward to discussions and perspectives from Congressional staff that might help us move forward

## **General Information and Guidelines**

**Contacts:** Mitch Silvers-Director of Intergovernmental Affairs and Environment (208-791-7769), Dale Harris-Co-chair CBC (406-240-2809), Alex Irby-Co-chair CBC (208-476-4597), Joyce Dearstyne Tour Coordinator (208-842-2939)

### **Lodging:**

**Tuesday, Orofino:** Konkolville Motel, 2000 Konkolville Rd. (208-476-5584);

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**Thursday, Grangeville:** Super 8 at 801 West South 1<sup>st</sup> Street (208-983-1002)

### **Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner Arrangements:**

**Tuesday Dinner, Orofino:** Dining on the Edge, 625 Main Street, (208) 476-7805 Price Range: \$15-\$30; **Wednesday Breakfast, Orofino:** Ponderosa Restaurant & Brass Rail, 220 Michigan Ave, (208) 476-4818 Normal Price Range; **Wednesday Lunch,** sack lunch by Dining on the Edge Price \$11.00 includes tax and gratuity, (needs to be prepaid);

**Wednesday Dinner, Orofino:** High Country Inn, 4232 Old Ahsahka Grade, (208) 476-7570 Price: \$25.00 includes tax and gratuity, beer and wine available;

**Thursday Breakfast, Orofino:** Ponderosa Restaurant & Brass Rail, 220 Michigan Ave, (208) 476-4818 Normal Price Range; **Thursday Lunch, Elk City:** Wildlife

Management Area lunch by Elk Creek Station & Café Price: \$11.00 includes tax and gratuity, (needs to be prepaid);

**Thursday Dinner, Grangeville:** Ernie's Steakhouse, 622 W. Main, (208) 983-2220 Price Range: \$11-\$30;

**Friday Breakfast, Grangeville:** The Gallery, 107 W. North Street, (208) 983-2595 Price: \$10.00 includes tax and gratuity, (needs to be prepaid).

**Transportation:** Ground transportation provided by CBC Participants and Forest Service for all events including meals.

**Appropriate Attire:** Please dress casually. Expect the weather to be warm with possible rain and thunderstorms. Mid 80's-90's. Light jacket/coat, hat, and hiking type shoes recommended.

**Emergency Preparations:** There may be times during this trip that participants will not have immediate access to their luggage. They should carry any medications and other critical items with them at all times.

**Dietary Needs:** Please let know us know if you have any special dietary needs, contact Joyce Dearstyne, email [joyce@framingourcommunity.org](mailto:joyce@framingourcommunity.org), telephone (208) 842-2939 or (208) 842-2322.

## Tour Participants

**Ron Aldrich**-Citizen at Large  
**Ree Brannon**-Clearwater RC&D  
**Brad Brooks**-The Wilderness Society  
**Dave Cadwallader** – Idaho Fish & Game  
**Serena Carlson**-Intermountain Forest Association  
**Kara Chadwick**-USFS Deputy Supervisor  
**Tim Christopherson**-Assoc. Logging Con. of ID  
**Jane Cottrell**-Acting Regional Forester, R1, USFS  
**Orville Daniels**-Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation  
**Joyce Dearstyne**-Framing our Community  
**Randy Doman**-Idaho County Commissioner Rep.  
**Don Ebert**-Clearwater County Commissioner  
**Holly Endersby**-Backcountry Hunters and Anglers  
**Bruce Fox** – Region 1, USFS  
**Dean Ferguson**-Congressman Walt Minnick  
**Christine Frei**-CEDA  
**David Galantuomini**-P.L.A.Y  
**Eric Geisler** – BLM, Cottonwood District  
**Frank Gladics** – U.S. Senate  
**Mike Hanna**-US Senator Jim Risch  
**Clyde Hanson** – Clearwater RC&D  
**Dale Harris**-Great Burn Study Group  
**Bill Higgins**-ID Forest Group

**Alex Irby**-P.L.A.Y  
**Larry Jakub**-Citizen at Large  
**Cindy Lane**-Forest Service Veg Staff  
**Heather Leach**-Idaho Job Service  
**Misty McGowen** – US Senator Mike Crapo  
**Aaron Miles**-Nez Perce Tribe  
**Robyn Miller**-The Nature Conservancy  
**Congressman Minnick** –US Representative  
**Bill Mullins** – CBC Photographer  
**Elayne Murphy**-Clearwater National Forest  
**Terry Nevius**- Red River District Ranger  
**Mike Oliver**-Legislative Affairs, R1, USFS  
**Barb Opdahl**-Outfitters and Guides  
**Jonathan Oppenheimer**-ID Conservation League  
**Ralph Rau**-USFS Acting Forest Supervisor  
**Mitch Silvers**-US Senator Mike Crapo  
**Laura Smith**-Nez Perce National Forest  
**Tenly Snow** – CBC Tour Staff  
**Paul Spitler** – The Wilderness Society  
**Peter Stegner** – US Senator Mike Crapo  
**Scott Stouder**-Trout Unlimited  
**Luke Tomanelli** – US Senator Mike Crapo  
**Craig Trulock** – Clearwater National Forest

### **Tuesday, August 25**

Accommodations in Orofino, ID  
 Konkolville Motel, 2000 Konkolville Rd, (208) 476-5584  
 High Country Inn, 4232 Old Ahsahka Grade, (208) 476-7570  
 Dinner at Dining on the Edge, 625 Main Street, Orofino, ID (208) 476-7805

5:30pm-7:30pm

*Dinner - Dining on The Edge in Orofino (\$15-30), 625 Main Street (208) 476-7805. Welcome, introductions and overview of tour by Alex Irby and Dale Harris (Co-Chairs)*

## Wednesday, August 26

Accommodations in Orofino, ID

Konkolville Motel, 2000 Konkolville Rd, (208) 476-5584

High Country Inn, 4232 Old Ahsahka Grade, (208) 476-7570

Dinner at High Country Inn, 4232 Old Ahsahka Grade, Orofino, ID (208) 476-7570

7:00am-8:00am	<i>Breakfast - Ponderosa Restaurant &amp; Brass Rail in Orofino, 220 Michigan Ave. (208) 476-4818. Welcome, introductions and overview of day by Alex Irby. Introduction of Jane Cottrell, Acting Regional Forester. Forest Service perspective of CBC by Jane Cottrell.</i>
8:30am-9:15am	<i>Leave Orofino for Pierce and tour of Historical Museum</i>
9:15am-10:00am	<i>Tour Historical Museum</i>
10:10am-10:55am	<i>Leave Pierce for Musselshell</i>
10:55am-11:55am	<i>Musselshell Work Center and Meadows for Tribal History</i>
11:55am-12:30pm	<i>Lunch at Musselshell – sack lunch by Dining on The Edge (\$11.00), Welcoming remarks by District Ranger Craig Trulock.</i>
12:30pm-1:05pm	<i><u>Option 1:</u> Travel to Beaver Dam Saddle for discussion of the past and future of Lolo Creek and the Canyon Junction Fire</i>
1:05pm-2:15pm	<i>Depart tour for Orofino by way of Weippe. Visit Commissioner Don Ebert's store.</i>
2:15pm-3:30pm	<i><u>Option 2:</u> Depart Musselshell for Orofino via Lolo Creek, Kamiah</i>
12:30pm-3:00pm	<i><u>Option 3:</u> Depart Musselshell for Orofino and visit Commissioner Don Ebert's store along the way.</i>
12:30pm-2:00pm	
6:30pm-8:30pm	<i>Dinner - High Country Inn in Orofino (\$25.00 includes tax and gratuity), 4232 Old Ahsahka Grade, (208) 476-7570. Welcome, introductions and discussion of accomplishments and tentative agreements achieved to date by Alex Irby and Dale Harris, Co-Chairs</i>

## Thursday, August 27

Accommodations in Grangeville, ID

Super 8 Motel, 801 West South 1<sup>st</sup> Street, (208) 983-1002

Dinner at Ernie's Steakhouse, 622 W. Main, Grangeville, ID (208) 983-2220

7:00am-8:00am	<i>Breakfast - Ponderosa Restaurant &amp; Brass Rail in Orofino (\$ normal price range), 220 Michigan Ave, (208) 476-4818. Joyce Dearstyne provides an overview of the day.</i>
8:00am-8:45am	<i>Travel to Heart of the Monster Interpretative Site</i>
8:45am-9:30am	<i>Welcome and opening remarks by Sam Penny, Chairman of Nez Perce Tribal Executive Committee. Nez Perce Tribe Creation Story presented by Aaron Miles.</i>
9:45am-10:15am	<i>Donuts and Coffee with Skip Brandt, Idaho County Commissioner, at Stites Hardware Store</i>
10:15am-11:30am	<i>Travel to Elk City, Red River Wildlife Management Area</i>
11:30am-1:00pm	<i>Lunch – Hot Taco Salad Lunch by Elk Creek Station &amp; Café (\$11.00), Idaho Fish &amp; Game Wildlife Management Area, Red River Road. Welcome by Dave Cadwallader, Idaho Fish and Game, and Ralph Rau, Nez Perce Forest. Short presentation by Idaho Fish and Game. Vegetative restoration needs discussion by District Ranger Terry Nevius.</i>
1:00pm-3:00pm	<i><u>Option 1:</u> Travel to Crooked River Stewardship, timber, restoration &amp; habitat with short talk by Bill Higgins, Resource Manager for Idaho Forest Group</i>
1:00pm-3:00pm	<i><u>Option 2:</u> Tour FOC small business incubator, value-added startup businesses; tour public drinking water project and view South Fork Clearwater River water monitoring training (Framing Our Community, Nez Perce Tribe, Palouse Clearwater Environmental Institute and Nez Perce Forest). Short talk by Joyce Dearstyne, Framing Our Community</i>
1:00pm-2:30pm	<i><u>Option 3:</u> Depart tour, travel to Grangeville, check in to Super 8</i>
6:30pm-8:30pm	<i>Dinner - Ernie's Steakhouse in Grangeville (\$11-30), 622 W. Main, (208) 983-2220. Discussion of potential economic assistance needs and the work of the rural economies subcommittee facilitated by Heather Leach.</i>

**Friday, August 28th**

8:00am-9:30am	<i>Breakfast – The Gallery in Grangeville (\$10.00), 107 W. North Street, (208) 983-2595. Working breakfast, tour summary and acknowledgements.</i>
9:30am-10:00am	<i>Short PowerPoint presentation by Bill Higgins, Idaho Forest Group</i>
10:00am-12:00pm	<i>Grangeville Idaho Forest Group mill tour</i>
12:00pm	<i>Final comments, wrap-up with Alex Irby (Co-Chair). Safe travels!</i>