



Okanogan County VSP Meeting Minutes

1 A regular meeting of the Okanogan County VSP Workgroup was held on May 3rd , 2018 at 6:30
2 p.m. in the Natural Resource Conference Room, 123 5th Avenue North, Okanogan,
3 Washington.

4 **OKANOGAN COUNTY STAFF** Director of Planning Perry Huston, Natural Resource Planner
5 Angie Hubbard, Administrative Secretary Rocky King

6 **VOULUNTARY STEWARDSHIP MEMBERS:** Jerry Barnes, Dick Ewing, Les Kinney, Megan
7 Kernan, Nicole Kuchenbuch,

8 **OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:** Amy Martin, Craig Nelson, Mindy Widell, Lynda Hofmann
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10 **Approve Agenda:** Megan motioned, Nicole seconded, all approved
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12 **Approve Minutes:** Les corrected the spelling of aerial on line 22. Les motioned to approve as
13 amended, Jerry seconded, all approved.
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15 The group went through the draft VSP plan page by page and made amendments as follows:
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17 **Pg. 6:** Jerry suggested adding HCA, NDVI and NAIP to the list of abbreviations.
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19 **Pg. 7:** the group would like to add affiliations to the list of workgroup participants and a credit
20 section.
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22 **Introduction:** Nicole would like to add the foundations and principles section from the Stevens
23 County plan and a resolution section. Dick suggested adding the resolutions that were adopted
24 by the BOCC. Amy will add the outreach plan.

25 Nicole motioned to adopt section IV from the Stevens County Plan and amend it reflect
26 Okanogan County. Jerry seconded, all approved.
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28 Megan mentioned that she has not seen that the Colville Tribe had been invited and would like
29 to add a language stating that had been done.
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31 **Pg. 11:** Craig would like to insert “a portion of” after “with” on line 7. Les mentioned that he
32 doesn’t feel that Okanogan County has deep soil that is mentioned on line 25. Craig said that
33 the information was from the soil survey done by USDA.
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35 **Pg. 14:** Megan would like the temps on the table to reflect a snapshot of the actual temps.
36 The group discussed the best way to represent the temps. They agreed to use a snapshot of
37 seasonal averages. Megan asked if mining is really a top land use activity as mentioned in
38 section 2.1.3. Amy will check the data. Les pointed out that on line 21 the percentage should

39 be 59%. Dick said that line 20 is redundant to line 6 on page 11. The group agreed to delete
40 line 6 on page 11 and add square miles in parenthesis after acres on line 20.

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42 **Pg. 15:** Nicole would like to add “plant and animal” after invasive species on line 14.

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44 **Pg. 16:** Les would like to change “for grain” to “for feed” on line 5. Dick would like the commas
45 removed before the word “but” on lines 14 and 16. Nicole would like hemp and cannabis
46 removed from table 2-3. Jerry suggested that pigs go in the irrigated section of the table.

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48 **Pg. 17:** On line 1, Nicole suggested striking “helps support” and replace it with “vital too”. Jerry
49 would like the number of acres owned by the Bureau of Reclamation checked. On line 7, Les
50 would like the number of acres checked and add the word “potentially”. Megan would like the
51 sentence on line 16 restructured.

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53 **Pg. 18:** Les wants to add FW to HCA.

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55 **Pg. 20:** The group discussed various human and natural causes that effect water quality.

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57 **Pg. 21:** Les would like to add soil temperature and characteristics to line 3. Craig suggested
58 adding vegetation cover. On line 26, Craig suggested adding “or snow on frozen ground after
59 snow pack”.

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61 **Pg. 24:** Jerry wants to strike line 21. Megan suggested deleting line 28 due to redundancy.

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63 **Pg. 26:** Under the 3 bullets on line 4-6, Dick suggested adding the VSP is not intended to
64 restore critical areas to pre-development conditions. However, it’s intended goal is to maintain
65 the functions and values that existed as of July 2011.

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67 **Pg. 32:** Jerry pointed out that the word “wells” is in the sentence two times and the first one will
68 need to be deleted from the box.

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70 **Pg. 33:** in the second to last line the word “have” needs to be removed. In the box, Craig
71 pointed out the grammatical errors of risk, hazard, and hazard.

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73 **Pg. 34 and 35:** Angie suggested adding CMZ to the list of acronyms. Jerry pointed out that the
74 table numbers need to be updated in the paragraphs. The facts on line 4 need to be checked.

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76 **Pg. 36 and 37:** needs table designations.

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79 **Next Meeting:**

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82 **Adjourn:**

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85 Rocky King

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