Mystic Lake Hydroelectric Project
Whitewater Resource Group
Conference Call – Annual Consultation
June 8, 2018

Participating via conference line:

Andy Welch	NWE
Brent Mabbott	NWE
Deb Mullowney	NWE
Jeremy Butcher	NWE
Jordan Tollefson	NWE
Jake Stagnoli	NWE
Jeff Gildehaus	USFS
Mary Broache	DNRC
Ken Frazer	FWP
Jason Garber	DEQ
Kevin Colburn	American Whitewater
Jeff Frost	REC Resources
Bruce Bugbee	American Lands

The conference call began at 10:00 AM. Andy Welch confirmed participants on the conference line and reviewed the agenda.

Jeff Frost reviewed 2017 whitewater conditions. Spill from Mystic Lake dam began June 21st and flow in the boated reach of West Rosebud Cr. peaked at 10,000 cfs. Flow gradually, then rapidly diminished allowing a one-day Saturday release on July 29th. There were 7 registered paddlers at the release.

Deb Mullowney reviewed the Mystic reservoir elevations and runoff forecasts:

- Today's lake elevation is 7665.7 ft. (about 8 feet below full pool, ~3.5 feet below start of spill). Spill may start next Monday. Lake elevation can be viewed at: mysticlakeproject.com/whitewater.php
  NRCS June and July Volume Runoff forecast is 58 KAF, 134% of normal
  Daily Average Inflows: 480 cfs

Jeff Frost reviewed the whitewater release protocol; nothing has changed from 2017. The protocol can be found at:
mysticlakeproject.com/pdf_2015/Mystic-whitewater-protocol-NWE.pdf

Kevin Colburn mentioned a video that provides guidance to paddlers about controlling aquatic invasive species. The video is available at:
https://vimeo.com/261123578

Jeff Gildehaus (USFS) discussed the road condition and restrictions. Road is down to one lane wide due to a bog. USFS plans to fix the bog section beginning in the next week or so.

With no additional information, questions, or comments from the group, the conference call ended at 10:30 AM.