

## **Pot Creek Memorandum of Understanding**

Vernal, Utah

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Colorado Representatives: Ken Knox, Bob Plaska, and Erin Light

Utah Representatives: Lee Sim, Bob Leake, and Andrew Dutson

### Action Items

Meeting kicked off by Lee Sim providing maps and pictures of the Pot Creek Drainage Basin to assist Ken Knox in orientation with the drainage.

Ken Knox opened with discussion of potential objectives concerning the potential update of the Pot Creek Memorandum of Understanding (1958):

- Recognize both states administer water in accordance with the Doctrine of Prior Appropriation – therefore there is value in constructing a single priority list
- Need to have and share a mutual understanding of water administration needs and issues
- Work toward constructing a mutually acceptable water administration practice in Pot Creek
- Update the 1958 Pot Creek MOU to reflect current priorities and water administrative practices
- Work in a collegial environment toward a MOU, not a formal compact and make every attempt to forego litigation.

### Decision Items

- ◆ Both states concurred with the objectives and preference to gain a mutual understanding of the historic development, priorities, and water administration in Pot Creek.
- ◆ Work toward an updated Memorandum of Understanding.
- ◆ Will conduct work and investigations as a technical committee and defer consultation on legal matters until we had a working draft copy of an updated MOU.
- ◆ Each state will provide a copy of a priority list and copies of all decrees and exchange them between each other by January 31, 2004.
- ◆ The state will review the priority lists and decrees and establish a joint priority list by February 29, 2004
- ◆ Each state will define and share water administration issues by March 31, 2004

### Scheduled Meetings

- ◆ Annual meeting for Pot Creek is February 10, 2004 at 11:00 a.m. in Vernal, Utah
- ◆ Conduct Pot Creek field trip by May 15, 2004, weather permitting. This may be a two-day meeting. One day to discuss the issues identified by each state and a second day for the field trip

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