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To: Cole, William (DNR)
Cc: Brookover, Thomas E (DFG)
Subject: FW: Pebble Site Visit
Bill- Per your request, below is an email that summarized our visit to Pebble last fall.

Hope this helps, Joe

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Tom/Matt-

Following is a summary of our Sept 19-20 site visit to the Pebble mine.

Jason Kent, Adam Lewis, Jason Mouw and myself participated in a visit of the mine area and ongoing instream flow study. We were able to visit all areas where the study was being performed as well as see the core mine area and proposed impoundment.

Overall, we gained an increased understanding of the instream flow study design and rationale for site selections. We discussed general information needs we would like to see such as detailed descriptions of habitat mapping results, fish data (distribution, habitat utilization, and timing), hydrologic data (summary of hydrologic metrics and time series data for all water bodies under investigation). We also mentioned that information on fish species/life stage utilization of over wintering habitats (in main stem & off channel habitats) would be good data to collect. The instream flow team has some investigations scheduled to this winter to try and address this issue.

We also learned that the instream flow team had submitted a more detailed 2006 study plan last winter than what we have received. They were surprised to learn we had just recently received the study plans and acknowledged this was not conducive to collaborative information exchange.

NDM staff were very accommodating and provided flight arrangements, lodging and meals for our visit.

Joe