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REPLY TO
ATTN OF: KECN-4

SUBJECT: Supplement Analysis for the Watershed Management Program EIS (DOE/EIS-0265/SA-28)

TO: John Baugher - KEWN-4
Fish and Wildlife Project Manager

Proposed Action: North Fork John Day River Basin Anadromous Fish Habitat Enhancement Project

Project No: 20003100

Budget No: F5532

Watershed Management Techniques or Actions Addressed Under This Supplement Analysis (See App. A of the Watershed Management Program EIS): 1.8 Bank Protection through Vegetation Management; 1.17 Rearing Habitat Enhancements; 2.6 Native Seed Inventories; 2.14 Enhance Large Woody Debris Recruitment; 2.15 Acquisition of Sensitive Riparian Resources; 6.1 Deferred Grazing; 6.10 Access: Fencing; 6.11 Access: Trails/Fords at Stream Crossings; 6.14 Vegetation Stabilization: Critical Area Planting; 6.15 Vegetation Stabilization: Brush/Weed Management

Location: Various locations along Camas and Owens Creeks in the North Fork John Day River Basin, near Ukiah, Oregon.

Proposed by: Bonneville Power Administration (BPA), and the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation (CTUIR).

Description of the Proposed Action: The goal of this project is to protect and enhance habitat for improved natural production of wild spring chinook salmon and summer steelhead on private and public lands in the upper North Fork of the John Day River Basin. The project will attempt to implement passive, natural recovery approaches such as riparian corridor fencing in combination with intensive native revegetation efforts.

Project objectives include identifying habitat impacts, seeking public solutions to detrimental land use practices and integrating headwater protection strategies on public lands. Project monitoring efforts such as pre- and post-project monitoring of summer stream temperatures and fish populations, collection of stream cross-section data, and habitat surveys will measure biological outcomes to determine effects of habitat enhancement efforts.

Analysis: The compliance checklist for this project was completed by the CTUIR and meets the standards and guidelines for the Watershed Management Program Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and Record of Decision (ROD).

The only known threatened or endangered species present in the project area are Canada lynx, bald eagle, bull trout, and Middle Columbia River steelhead. Biological assessments will be provided by

the CTUIR Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Fisheries – Habitat Enhancement Project and submitted to U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) and National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) to conduct Section 7 ESA consultation proceedings prior to any herbicide use. Contingent upon concurrence by NMFS and USFWS, this proposed action will meet the requirements of NEPA.

The CTUIR Cultural Resources Staff, prior to implementation of any ground-disturbing actions, will provide a report documenting the presence or absence of cultural resources within project areas to the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) and BPA. Contingent upon satisfactory completion of the Cultural Resources Survey, these proposed actions will meet the requirements of NEPA.

Findings: The project is generally consistent with Section 7.6 A, A1, A2, 7.6B, B1-B6, 7.6C, 7.6D, 7.7 & 7.7A, of the Northwest Power Planning Council’s Fish and Wildlife Program. This Supplement Analysis finds 1) that the proposed actions are substantially consistent with the Watershed Management Program EIS (DOE/EIS-0265) and ROD, and; 2) that there are no new circumstances or information relevant to environmental concerns and bearing on the proposed actions or their impacts. Therefore, no further NEPA documentation is required.

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Attachments:
NEPA Compliance Checklist