

United States Government

Department of Energy

Bonneville Power Administration

memorandum

DATE: December 11, 2000

REPLY TO
ATTN OF: KEC-4

SUBJECT: Supplement Analysis for the Watershed Management Program EIS, (DOE/EIS-0265/SA47)

TO: Allyn Meuleman - KEWN-Boise
Fish and Wildlife Project Manager

Proposed Action:

Salmon River Irrigation Diversion Consolidation (S-11-14) Upper Salmon River, Idaho

Project No: 1996-007-00

Work Order No: 00002452

Watershed Management Techniques or Actions Addressed Under This Supplement Analysis (See App. A of the Watershed Management Program EIS):

1.15 Fish Passage Enhancement - Fishways

4.25 Consolidate/Replace Irrigation Diversion Dams

Location: Lemhi County, Idaho

Proposed by: Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) and the Lemhi Soil and Water Conservation District.

Description of the Proposed Action: The S-11 and 12 irrigation diversions and headworks on the Upper Salmon River will be consolidated into one, and the S-13 and 14 irrigation diversions and headworks will also be consolidated into one. The four existing fish screens for these diversions will also be replaced with two updated screens that meet current National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) criteria.

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

Snake River chinook salmon, sockeye, steelhead trout, bull trout, Bald eagle, Gray wolf and Ute ladies' tresses are the potentially affected listed threatened or endangered species in the vicinity of the project. Al Simpson of the Bureau of Reclamation prepared a Biological Evaluation addressing the impacts to these species. He received concurrence on the findings for these species from US Fish and Wildlife Service on November 17, 2000, and also from NMFS on November 17, 2000.

Archaeologists from the Bureau of Land Management and Bureau of Reclamation conducted cultural resources surveys at the sites. No resources were identified.

Findings: The project is generally consistent with 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.

/s/ Nancy H. Weintraub

Nancy H. Weintraub
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CONCUR: /s/ Thomas C. McKinney DATE: 12/11/2000
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Attachments:

NEPA Compliance Checklist

cc: (w/attachment)

Mr. Al Simpson, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation
Lynn Herbst, Lemhi Soil and Water Conservation District