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In reply refer to: KEC-4

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**Re: Project Proposal Amendment Affecting Consultation under Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act for the Grande Ronde - Imnaha Spring Chinook Hatchery Project, Oregon**

Dear Mr. McMaster:

Recent discussions with John Stephenson, USFWS La Grande Field Office, John Johnson, NOAA Fisheries Hydro Division, and Eric Murray, NOAA Fisheries La Grande Field Office, have resulted in the following amendments to the description of the proposed action for the subject project, which is currently in consultation:

Lostine River Hatchery – To facilitate better juvenile fish passage, the fish ladder will consist of no greater than 6-inch steps (drops) between pools. The fish ladder type proposed is vertical slot, but other ladder types may be considered and offered for approval/review by NOAA Fisheries and/or USFWS during final design (John Johnson and/or Jim Stow).

Lostine Adult Collection Facility – To facilitate better juvenile fish passage, the fish ladder will consist of no greater than 6-inch steps (drops) between pools. Fish ladder type proposed is vertical slot, but other ladder types may be considered and offered for approval/review by NOAA Fisheries and/or USFWS during final design (John Johnson and/or Jim Stow). To facilitate better passage of all species and all life stages, the adult fish trap will be located off of the fish ladder per NOAA Fisheries passage guidelines.

John Stephenson of the USFWS La Grande Field Office has been sent a copy of this letter since the project is in that service area. Jim Stow, USFWS Engineer has also been sent a copy for use in coordinating review with John Johnson of NOAA Fisheries.

If you have any other questions or concerns, please contact me at (503) 230-5885 or [macarter@bpa.gov](mailto:macarter@bpa.gov). Thank you for your assistance with this project.

Sincerely,

*/s/ Mickey Carter 9-16-04*

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