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REPLY TO
ATTN OF: KEC-4

SUBJECT: Supplement Analysis for the Wildlife Mitigation Program EIS (DOE/EIS-0246/SA-54)

TO: Sabrina Keen - KEWU-4
Fish and Wildlife Project Manager

Proposed Action: Spokane Tribe of Indians Wildlife Mitigation - Operation and Maintenance Activities

Project No: 1998-003-00

Wildlife Management Techniques or Actions Addressed Under This Supplement Analysis (See App. A of the Wildlife Mitigation Program EIS): 2.1 Transplanting Vegetation, 2.2 Seeding, 2.3 Irrigation, 2.4 Fertilization, 7.1 Herbicides, 7.2 Mechanical Removal, 7.3 Biological Control, 7.4 Hand Pulling, 7.5 Prescribed Burns, 9.1 Integration of Wildlife Habitat and Crop Production, 10.1 Land Use Restrictions, 10.3 Road Maintenance

Location: Spokane Subbasin within the Spokane Indian Reservation, Washington

Proposed by: Bonneville Power Administration (BPA), Spokane Tribe of Indians (STOI)

Description of the Proposed Action: BPA proposes to continue funding routine operation and maintenance activities on mitigation lands acquired and managed as part of the STOI Wildlife Mitigation Program. Operation and maintenance activities will be conducted by the STOI. Operation and maintenance activities covered by this Supplement Analysis include the following work elements: Maintain Vegetation, Remove Debris, Conduct Controlled Burn, Improve/Relocate Road, Install Fence, Plant Vegetation, Remove Vegetation, and Operate and Maintain Habitat/Passage.

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

No impacts to ESA-listed species are expected to result from the routine operation and maintenance activities covered by this Supplement Analysis. Contractors are required to evaluate all activities prior to implementation to verify this determination. In the event that impacts to ESA-listed species are anticipated, BPA Environmental Compliance staff should be contacted prior to work, and ESA Section 7 Consultation will be conducted by BPA and the STOI as necessary.

No impacts to cultural and/or historic resources (items greater than 50 years in age) are expected to result from the routine operation and maintenance activities covered by this Supplement Analysis. Activities covered by this Supplement Analysis will result in little to no new ground disturbance. Contractors are required to evaluate all activities prior to implementation to verify this determination. Existing cultural resource survey reports and management plans should be used to help make this determination.

In the event that impacts to cultural and/or historic resources are anticipated, BPA Environmental Compliance staff should be contacted prior to work. BPA Environmental Compliance staff should also be contacted prior to any new ground disturbing activities associated with operation and maintenance work. Depending on the location, type, and extent of new ground disturbing activities additional cultural resource survey and consultation may be required

Local, state, and federal permits and/or approvals may be required for some of the routine operation and maintenance activities covered by this Supplement Analysis. Contractors are required to evaluate all activities prior to implementation to determine what permits and/or approvals are needed. No work is authorized to begin without proper permits and/or approvals.

Public involvement was required as part of the land acquisition process and is required as part of the management plan development process for all lands acquired under the STOI Wildlife Mitigation Program. Contractors are required to notify any parties affected by proposed operation and maintenance activities prior to implementation.

Findings: The project is generally consistent with the Northwest Power Planning Council's Fish and Wildlife Program, as well as BPA's Wildlife Mitigation Program EIS (DOE/EIS-0246) and ROD. This Supplement Analysis finds that: 1) implementing the proposed action will not result in any substantial changes to the Wildlife Mitigation Program that are relevant to environmental concerns; and 2) there are no significant new circumstances or information relevant to environmental concerns and bearing on the Wildlife Mitigation Program or its impacts. Therefore, no further NEPA documentation is required.

/s/ Douglas F. Corkran

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CONCUR:

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