



FCRPS Cultural Resources Sub-Committee (CRSC) Fall Quarterly Meeting Notes, 2017

Date: September 13 - 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Pacific Time
September 14 - 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., Pacific Time

Place: The Resort at the Mountain
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Introductions & Announcements

USACE has a new archaeologist in the Seattle District, who will be project manager for Chief Joseph Dam. Ashley Dailide, USACE Seattle, will take on project management for Libby Dam. USACE Portland and Walla Walla

anticipate archaeological positions open for application in the near future. The Bureau of Reclamation Federal Preservation Officer has taken a new position. At BPA, it is not yet known if recently vacated positions will be backfilled.

Systemwide Programmatic Agreement (SWPA) Requirements

Meeting participants reviewed the status of fulfillment of the various annual requirements of the SWPA. Agency staff discussed candidates for HPMP update or Project Specific PA for FY18 and update of the TCP study master list. The Walla Walla District HPMP draft covering six reservoirs is nearly complete.

FY17 Program Goals & Measures

1. **Define the Area of Potential Effects (APE) for each Project** - The Corps and BPA continue to work with consulting parties to revise Areas of Potential Effects for nine dams/reservoirs within the Portland and Walla Walla Districts.
2. **Complete Inventory** - After the end of FY17, the majority of accessible federal lands should be surveyed, although Libby requires a few hundred acres further inventory. Survey for less easily accessible land, private land, and other agency land remains to be completed. A more long-term Survey Plan is being established for Grand Coulee. One important issue remains the conduct of survey on private lands. A TCP/HPRCSIT Inventory is supposed to be completed by end of FY18 on Project lands, however, it will more likely be that a baseline for each reservoir will be established with TCP surveys continuing past that date.
3. **Complete Determinations of Eligibility for Top Ten Priority Sites at Each Project** - This long term goal has been exceeded for all 14 projects. The Corps and Reclamation continue to complete eligibility determinations for two to three sites per Project per year with a focus on sites which will likely be treated or mitigated at some time.
4. **Plan One and Implement One Mitigation at Each Project Annually.** This goal includes the five highest priority sites at each of the 14 projects are mitigated or treated by 9/30/2020 – We are on track with these. Mitigation projects include creative mitigation, especially public outreach.
- 5 & 6. **Progressive and Productive Program Products and Relationships** – A research article has been posted on the FCRPS website under Relevant Research. The entire FCRPS website has been revamped to be more visually appealing, interactive, and informative, and to highlight interesting projects/facts and program accomplishments.

FY17 Performance Indicators – Status Update

The following performance indicators justify our funding each year. These are what we report our progress on to the Joint Operating Committee (JOC).

- PI 1. **Corps/BPA Complete DOE and Treatment Plan for one TCP/HPRCSIT or Archaeological Site in each Cooperating Group** – All DOE and Treatment Plan Forms have been drafted and need to be finalized and

prepared for signature by September 30th.

PI 2. **Corps/BPA Program Execution and Planning** - We are on-track with these milestones. All planned FY17 contract documents have been submitted to contracting.

PI 3. **Complete One Mitigation Project at Grand Coulee** – The Treatment Plan Form (TPF) for Cayuse Cove stabilization is drafted and will be targeted for September 1st completion.

PI 4 **Reclamation/BPA Program Execution and Planning** – We are on-track with interim milestones but the final milestone will not be met. FY18 Annual Work Plans have been drafted.

FY18 Performance Indicators

FY18 Performance Indicators mirror those from FY17, with appropriate updates to the deadline dates.

Status of Program Documents/Initiatives

BPA is continuing to work on three different databases to support Program administration and management. The first is a deliverables database to track documents being produced with FCRPS funding. This database would permit generation of reports showing missing and completed deliverables by contract. Another is an Access database tracking site forms, permitting generation of bibliographies as needed. The final tracks BPA/Reclamation budget execution.

In keeping with the obligations under the SWPA to educate the public about the Program, the CRSC has been working to develop an updated website that is more user friendly. The new website is live, and an interactive map is under development.

Agency Roles & Responsibilities

Agency annual responsibilities related to systemwide tasks are rotating as planned on Oct. 1. A change in format of JOC multi-agency meetings may occur, in which case expectations from the Cultural Resources Subcommittee may shift.

Site Information

BPA has introduced an outline of site information to be included in all reports completed by BPA contractors starting FY18. When suggested that it be adopted by all FCRPS agencies, questions were raised about applicability to Corps contracts.

New processes within WISAARD caused the agencies to question how and when contractors can input draft data. It appears that the current process does not allow for agency review and approval prior to contractors inputting draft data. DAHP will be contacted for clarification.

FY 19 Systemwide Meeting

The USACE will be taking the lead on planning for this conference. Planning will start in February 2018 for a possible November 2019 systemwide meeting. Lead agencies' ability to fund a meal for the tribal elders is still

uncertain.

FCRPS Presentation at 2018 NWAC or 2019 SAA Meeting

Presentations about FCRPS work or by FCRPS personnel were encouraged for the March 2018 NWAC conference. Cooperating group members will be approached regarding their level of interest in participating in a symposium.

Training

Ideas were sought for how to best support cultural resources staff training with minimal discretionary budget.

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Project Round Robin

Grand Coulee Dam: Eden Harbor stabilization is complete. Two mitigation projects requiring barge access are in the permitting phase. The EA is out for the Spokane Arm project, and another is in process for the Colville project. Inadvertent discoveries have been extremely low this FY. Two large district level DOEs should be moving forward shortly.

Hungry Horse Dam: Inventory is coming to completion, and monitoring is on schedule. A logging study will be commencing shortly, and a trail study contract is ongoing. The HPMP is nearing completion. Field notes from the 1990s have recently been located, and may become a legacy digitization project.

Albeni Falls Dam: Contracts have largely been awarded. Material analysis is occurring following site vandalism, Forest Service lands are being surveyed through the MIPR, and Carey Creek bank stabilization is being planned.

Payos Kuus Cuukwe: Fires on Bateman Island have been contained, and island access is temporarily closed. Task orders have been awarded for TCP studies and monitoring. Columbia Park stabilization is planned for FY18. The Palus Canyon Determination of Effect is being sent out, and a draft treatment plan has been created. Collection analysis contracts are in the process of completion.

Wana Pa Koot Koot: All FY17 contracts are out. The Plymouth Island restoration project contract will not be awarded in FY17, as previously unaccounted wetlands became visible following water level drop. The cultural resources program is being separated into its own group with a corresponding supervisory position. An elders' tour will occur at the Dalles in October.

Libby Dam: USACE is working toward a new contract with the Salish Kootenai College for collections curation, and has a trail study contract in place with the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes. Ashley Dailide will be the new Corps Project Manager for this group. Blackwell Flats stabilization was completed this year, and the MIPR with the Forest Service has been renewed.

Chief Joseph Dam: Matthew Punke will be the new Corps Project Manager for Chief Joseph Dam. The Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation Veterans' Curation Program is officially closed due to lack of participants. The HPMP is in progress and on track for FY19 completion. Over the past few months, there have been more problems with vandalism and looting in the Project area. The primary ongoing program activity is completion and closing of outstanding contracts.

Local Government Participation in Treatment Planning

Based on recent comments from a county official, agencies discussed the role of county government in the planning process and as cooperating group members. Ultimately, it was determined that it is a legal question and counsel should be sought to determine if and to what degree counties can or should be included in the NEPA planning process.

Annual Report Appendices Template

The agencies decided to remove Table 7 from future versions of the report and streamline the Project Appendices in future FCRPS Annual Reports.

FCRPS Contracts with Tribes

The agencies discussed the number of contracts with tribes which cannot be closed due to outstanding deliverables.