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RE: Draft Tribal Monitoring Guidelines

Mr. Shank:

The Cowlitz Indian Tribe (Tribe) would like to thank you for the opportunity to comment on BPA's Draft Tribal Monitoring Guidelines. We are particularly pleased that BPA recognizes their legal responsibility (per NHPA Section 106 – 30 CFR800.4 (a) (3) and (4), and NEPA) to consult with tribal interests to identify, determine effects, or manage historic or cultural resources in BPA project areas. We further welcome the opportunity to contract with BPA to provide services above and beyond consultation when appropriate. Finally, we concur that a programmatic response will advance the goal of consistent agency-tribal relationships.

At this time, the Tribe does not have any specific comments regarding your Draft Tribal Monitoring Guidelines.

For your future reference, I include a recently prepared map of the Cowlitz Tribe's Area of Interest. This map has been similarly provided to the Washington Department of Transportation (WS DOT) as a guide for identifying where projects require consultation and possible contracting with the Cowlitz Indian Tribe. Please note, the boundaries on the map are not exclusive of the interests of other adjacent tribes – many BPA projects will require simultaneous consultation with multiple tribal organizations.

Regards,

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Cowlitz Indian Tribe's Historical Area of Importance (SW Washington & NW Oregon)



Map was produced by:
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The following outlined areas are of cultural interest to the Cowlitz Indian Tribe is based from extensive historical research. Some places are shared use areas from other Tribal Bands of Indians.

Cowlitz Cultural Interest Area

- Cowlitz_historical
- sc24k arc
- city
- county
- Major Rivers
- WA-SHADE.JPG
- Value
- High : 255
- Low : 0

