

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

Date: September 12, 2018

 $\underline{\text{Time}}$: 9:00 am – 5:00 pm Pacific Time

<u>Place:</u> Double Tree Hotel, Portland, OR

Room: Portland Room

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Introductions & Announcements

All members introduced themselves.

Corps' Northwest Division Archaeologist Gail Celmer is retiring at end of October. Corps Seattle District is planning to hire a GS11/12 Historian. For the Seattle District, the job announcement has closed for a Section

Chief to oversee Cultural Resource and Policy. At BPA, Aaron Naumann is new to the FCRPS Cultural Resource team. Lori Bodi has retired and Peter Cogswell is the acting Vice President for Environment, Fish and Wildlife (EFW). BPA's Joint Operating Committee (JOC) representative Chris Allen is currently on detail to the Corps Northwest Division. Meanwhile, Kim Johnson is on detail as BPA's JOC representative.

Approval of June 20th Meeting Notes & Action Item Review

There are no corrections to the June CRSC Meeting Notes at this time. The group reviewed the list of action items from last meeting.

Systemwide Programmatic Agreement (SWPA) Requirements – Status of Schedules & Milestones

Meeting participants reviewed the status of fulfillment of the annual requirements of the SWPA. See 'Project Round Robin' topic in notes for details on HPMPs and Project Specific PAs that are in-progress. BPA will be organizing a TCP meeting for FY19. Agenda topic ideas should be sent to KC.

Long Term Program Goals & Measures- FY18 Status

- 1. **Define the Area of Potential Effects (APE) for each Project** Eleven of the 14 Projects have completed this goal. The revised APE description for the three Portland District Projects is in the process of being reviewed by BPA's Acting EFW Vice President and will be distributed to consulting parties soon.
- 2. Complete Inventory Goals are on track for all accessible Federal lands to be surveyed for all 14 projects. After the end of FY18, all accessible lands shall be surveyed with the exception of the Libby Dam project and Lake Roosevelt. Libby is expected to be completed by FY19 and Lake Roosevelt in FY20. Other federal, public, and tribal lands are also a priority for inventory but these have not yet been completed. Most other property types require additional research into rights of entry and easements. Multiple tribes have an interest in selecting appropriate parcels for this survey as a next step. This would mean a lot of real estate staff time dedicated to this effort over the coming years and sufficient funding will be necessary to maintain it as an area of focus. A TCP/HPRCSIT Inventory is supposed to be completed by end of FY18, however, it will more likely be that a baseline for each reservoir will be established by then but that the TCP surveys will continue.
- 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. However, a majority of sites now fall within larger Archaeological Districts or Multiple Property Determinations.
- 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. It was recommended that a history of mitigation efforts at each project be developed to document and highlight mitigation that

has been completed to date. See the 'Project Round Robin' notes for specific project mitigations planned.

5 & 6. **Program Products and Relationships** – It is an ongoing goal to provide content for the FCRPS Cultural Resource Program's Relevant Research webpage. In February, an article on net-weights and poster on obsidian sourcing within the Grand Coulee Project area were posted, which met the FY18 goal. An article on logging history at Hungry Horse Reservoir will be completed soon and posted to the webpage. In March, several Program Participants and contractors also presented at the Northwest Anthropological Conference as part of the FCRPS Cultural Resource Program Symposium. Feedback from the upcoming Systemwide Meeting will be a means of better understanding any ways we can improve upon the Program's collaborative relationships.

Performance Indicators

For FY18, timelines have been met for all indicators of performance. For FY19, all performance indicators will remain the same, with slight rewording of some interim milestones for clarity. For the Corps and BPA, an interim milestone was added for the Corp Project Managers to report FY19 funding excesses and needs to their District Program's offices, NWD, and BPA CRSC co-chair no later than May 31, 2019.

Agency Roles & Responsibilities - Rotation of Duties for FY19

This handout has been updated based on the historic rotation of duties and recognizing that GC is retiring. It is recommended that maintenance of a Master Mailing List be added to this sheet/responsibilities as well.

FY19 Systemwide Meeting Update

The meeting location in Whitefish has been chosen and is Whitefish Lodge. They will be providing lodging along with their sister facility The Firebrand Hotel. Speakers are set, with Keynote Speaker Dr. John Welch confirmed. The biographies of presenters are being obtained. Facilitators are still needed. Invitations have been sent out with an RSVP due date of October 12th. DB will facilitate Cooperating Group presentations in the morning, and LO in the afternoon. The Final Program is in progress. Friday will have two technical demonstrations. BPA is coordinating logistics and tracking of the invitational travel process.

Project Round Robin

Chief Joseph: Aaron Naumann is no longer with the Colville Confederated Tribes (CCT); he is now with BPA. CCT Archaeologists Adam Rorabaugh, along with Karen Capuder, will be tribal representatives for the Project. The Seattle District is in the process of revamping how contracts will be done for this Project moving forward. There are plenty of sites to consider as the group moves towards Treatment.

Albeni Falls: Contracts are moving forward with the Kalispel Tribe. A bank stabilization at Carey Creek is planned for construction in FY19. Monitoring continues at Bearpaw Rock since it was vandalized and further guidance is being discussed at tribal caucuses. The Seattle District Corps is moving forward with Cooperating Agreements for all tribes affiliated with the Project. Work on the Project Specific PA is delayed while other

issues are being discussed in the group. The HPMP will be completed in-house.

Libby: An ecosystem restoration project will take place at Blackwell Flats and should be approved soon. Curation and collection ownership discussions are ongoing.

Payos Kuus Cuukwe: The FY18 stabilization project at Columbia Park is becoming increasingly expensive. A number of smaller treatments are in the works. A pictograph site at the McNary Project has been vandalized and camera installation is being considered. The group is considering adding gravel to protect two to three sites from erosion; two of which have already been stabilized in the past.

Wana Pa Koot Koot: Plymouth Island bank stabilization project is out for bid, and will be awarded by the end of FY18. Bob's Point in The Dalles Project is another stabilization that is underway. A wave attenuator will be installed to reduce ongoing erosion. Looters continue to be a problem and tribes have increased their law enforcement patrols. Bags of dirt will be used as a short-term solution, in lieu of excavation, which is not supported by the Tribes. At Bear Paw (John Day Project) they are setting boulders and recently new images have been spotted. For The Dalles Project, a contract will be out by the end of the FY to complete the HPMP.

Hungry Horse: The MPD for the Trails Network will hopefully be completed soon. Accessible lands within the Hungry Horse APE are now 100 percent inventoried. A logging use study of the Hungry Horse reservoir has been finalized. The *Montana Magazine of Western History* will soon be publishing an article on the building of Hungry Horse Dam. This article was written by Hess Roise and Company and was completed with non-FCRPS funds. DB and GA are working on the Hungry Horse Project Specific PA. A Draft is expected by end of FY (delayed due to archeologist not on staff with Forest Service until recently). The Libby PA was used as a template.

Grand Coulee Mainstem: Skolaskin's Church is now done – Phase 3 is complete and the CCT are pleased. The Grand Coulee Long Term Survey Plan is complete and kickoff meetings are scheduled for October to discuss the FY19 fieldwork, with a goal of inventorying all accessible Federal lands by FY20. Marble Beach site stabilization is ready to be processed through Reclamation's contracting. Construction should start in August of FY19. National Park Service continues to be a participant to both Grand Coulee Project cooperating groups but is no longer a contractor.

Grand Coulee Spokane Arm: Work is progressing smoothly. Inventory of accessible lands is wrapping up and some emergency data recovery was conducted this FY. Drawdown areas within the Reservation have seen recreational impacts such as driving within the drawdown with increased frequency. In order to address this issue, the Spokane Tribe of Indians has suggested placement of buck-and-pole fencing at popular access points. In FY18, the Tribe sent letters out to private land owners within the Reservation portion of the APE, with the hopes of gaining access for inventory. They had an approximately 50 percent response rate, and of those, about half granted permission for access.

Systemwide PA Attachment 6 (Documentation, Reporting, Future Maintenance)

The Corps District Archaeologists discussed the processes by which each District was using this Attachment. The PA makes it clear that all decisions must be made by a Cultural Resource specialist. Project Specific PAs and HPMPs will be able to clarify and possibly streamline processes for routine maintenance activities at each project.

DAHP WISAARD Process

Kim Gant with DAHP attended a combined meeting recently with the two Grand Coulee Cooperating Groups. She noted that project timelines do not expire. A rough naming convention was developed for the annual Grand Coulee project reports. It was mentioned that a new more user-friendly interface will be available next year along with a new round of trainings. There appears to be a general lack of funding to fix issues as they arise in WISAARD.

Next FY19 CRSC Meeting

• December 12-13, Seattle, WA