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In reply refer to: KEC-4

TO: FCRPS Cultural Resources Program Participants:

Bonneville Power Administration (BPA), Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation), and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) (Lead Federal Agencies) seek your comments on a newly revised draft Federal Columbia River Power System (FCRPS) Systemwide Programmatic Agreement (draft PA). This newly revised version (1/31/2008 draft PA, enclosed) replaces the draft PA dated 9/10/2007. The 9/10/2007 draft PA was the version provided to you for informal review prior to the recent FCRPS Cultural Resources Program Conference in Worley, Idaho.

The 1/31/2008 draft PA incorporates revisions based on verbal feedback received at the conference. The Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP) reviewed the 9/10/2007 draft PA to reassess how it addressed traditional cultural properties (TCPs). ACHP provided feedback to the Lead Federal Agencies on how the Systemwide PA could better address TCP management. Using information from discussions at the conference and ACHP feedback, the Lead Federal Agencies revised the draft PA to include explicit language concerning TCP management. Please see the newly added Stipulation V, and additions to Stipulation IV, Stipulation VIII, Attachment 2 (Schedule), and Attachment 3 (Glossary). Revisions were also made to Attachment 4 (Treatment Plan Principles) to include documentation of historic structures, and to Stipulation II.A to include curation of FCRPS collections.

A comment/response spreadsheet is enclosed, addressing all written comments received on the 10/4/2006 version of the draft PA. The 10/4/2006 version was the last version of the Systemwide PA circulated for formal review and comment by consulting parties. The comment/response spreadsheet explains how comments received on the 10/4/2006 draft PA were addressed in the 1/31/2008 draft PA.

Please provide written comments on the draft PA dated 1/31/2008 no later than April 11, 2008. If you prefer to submit your comments in track changes mode, please request a Word version of the document. Please submit comments by mail or e-mail to Kimberly St.Hilaire, Bonneville Power Administration, Attn. KEC-4, P.O. Box 3621, Portland, OR 97208, krsthilaire@bpa.gov.

At the recent conference we invited you to contact us if you would like to meet with the Lead Federal Agencies regarding the draft PA. If you wish to meet and have not yet requested a meeting, please do so by February 15, 2008. We will be contacting those who already requested meetings soon to schedule meetings for February and March 2008. To request a meeting, please contact Gail Celmer at 503-808-3850, or gail.c.celmer@usace.army.mil.

BPA, Reclamation, and the Corps sincerely thank you for your interest and contributions during the revision process. Your comments have been invaluable in helping us to shape and improve the Systemwide PA. We look forward to working with you on the newly revised draft PA.

Sincerely,



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Enclosures:

FCRPS 1/31/2008 draft Systemwide PA

FCRPS Comment/Response Spreadsheet on FCRPS 10/4/2006 draft Systemwide PA

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