DATE: June 16, 2005
REPLY TO ATTN OF: KEC-4
SUBJECT: Supplement Analysis for the Watershed Management Program EIS (DOE/EIS-0265/SA-213)

TO: K. Kirkman – KEWU-4
   Fish and Wildlife Project Manager

**Proposed Action:** Lostine Bank Stabilization Project (Phase 2)

**Project No:** 1998-007-02

**Watershed Management Techniques or Actions Addressed Under This Supplement Analysis (See App. A of the Watershed Management Program EIS):** In-Channel Modifications and Habitat Enhancement Techniques: (1.2) Prohibit Further Channelization (through permanent bank armoring with riprap and large woody debris); (1.8) Bank Protection Through Vegetation Management; (1.9) Structural Bank Protection Using Bioengineering Methods (as part of Phase 1 temporary stabilization efforts); and (1.10) Structural Bank Protection Using Engineered Structures.

**Location:** Enterprise, Wallowa County, Oregon

**Proposed by:** Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) and Nez Perce Tribe (NPT).

**Description of the Proposed Action:** BPA proposes to fund the Nez Perce Tribe to stabilize an eroding bank of the Lostine River to protect it from further erosion during the high spring flows. Phase 1 of the project was completed in spring of 2004 by placing trees at one of two eroding areas along the stream bank. The current proposed action is considered Phase 2 of the Lostine bank stabilization project, which will provide permanent bank protection. There are two locations where the stabilization will take place in Phase 2: both are located on river mile 10 on the east bank of the river, approximately five miles south of Lostine, Oregon. Location 1 is 120 feet in length and Location 2 is 20 feet. At Location 1, there will be some excavation to install ecology block and rock along the bank. The bank will be rebuilt using rock, large woody debris, and topsoil with native plantings. At Location 2 no excavation is planned, just bank stabilization using rock, large woody debris, and topsoil with native plantings.

**Analysis:** The compliance checklist for this project was completed by Becky Holloway of HDR/FishPro for Rebecca Johnson (formerly Rebecca Ashe) of the NPT, and meets the standards and guidelines for the Watershed Management Program Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and Record of Decision (ROD).

**Endangered Species Act information:** Listed species potentially present at the site include bull trout and designated bull trout critical habitat, Snake River spring/summer chinook salmon and designated critical habitat, and Snake River steelhead and proposed critical habitat. BPA initiated formal consultation with both the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) and NOAA – National Marine Fisheries Service (NOAA Fisheries) based on a determination of adverse effect to the listed species and critical habitats. USFWS issued a biological opinion on March 16, 2005, and NOAA Fisheries issued one on February 11, 2005.
Cultural resource information. The Nez Perce Tribe Cultural Resources Department completed a survey of the area for the proposed hatchery construction as documented in a report dated July 9, 2002. The State Historic Preservation Office was contacted and concurred on a finding of no effect for the current proposed bank stabilization action on February 25, 2004.

Permit information. Permit applications have been submitted to the Corps of Engineers for a Section 404 permit and to the Oregon Department of State Lands for a General Permit for Bank Stabilization Projects. A Section 404 permit authorization was issued on June 9, 2005, and ODSL authorization was obtained February 11, 2005.

Public involvement information. As part of the permit application process, the ODSL posts the proponent's application on their website and solicits public comment. In addition, all adjoining landowners and local state and federal agencies are contacted and given the opportunity to provide comment. A presentation was given to Wallowa County Natural Resource Advisory Committee and received full support. In order to implement Phase 2 the Wallowa County NRAC will be presented the project and given the opportunity to make comment. During Phase 1 only the Oregon DEQ provided comment which stated that the project would not have any adverse effects.

Findings: The project is generally consistent with the Northwest Power Planning Council’s Fish and Wildlife Program, as well as BPA’s Watershed Management Program EIS (DOE/EIS-0265) and ROD. This Supplement Analysis finds that: 1) implementing the proposed action will not result in any substantial changes to the Watershed Management 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 Watershed Management Program or its impacts. Therefore, no further NEPA documentation is required.

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