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Department of Energy

Bonneville Power Administration

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DATE: August 17, 2005

REPLY TO
ATTN OF: KEC-4

SUBJECT: Supplement Analysis for the Watershed Management Program EIS (DOE/EIS-0265/SA-223)

TO: Jamie Swan
Fish and Wildlife Project Manager, KEW-4

Proposed Action: Lake Roosevelt Habitat Improvement Project – San Poil River Bank Stabilization

Project No: 1990-018-00

Wildlife Management Techniques or Actions Addressed Under This Supplement Analysis
(See App. A of the Wildlife Mitigation Program EIS): 2.1 Transplanting Vegetation, 2.2 Seeding, 7.9 Avoid Construction during Inclement Weather, 9.4 Grazing Management.

Location: Ferry County, Washington

Proposed by: Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) and the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation

Description of the Proposed Action: The Bonneville Power Administration proposes to fund a streambank stabilization project on the San Poil River with the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation. In order to control erosion, protect an existing riparian fence, improve grazing management, and reduce sediment input to the San Poil River, medium and large boulders will be placed along a 300-foot section of the river's west shoreline. After the bank has been stabilized, deciduous trees, cottonwood, willow, and alder will be planted along the bank to reestablish the riparian zone, in order to further stabilize the bank.

Analysis: The compliance checklist for this project was completed by Sheri Sears with the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation's Fish and Wildlife Department (July 5, 2005) and meets the standards and guidelines for the Watershed Management Program Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and Record of Decision (ROD).

The Endangered Species Act (ESA) listed species do not occur in the immediate vicinity of the proposed project. Bald eagle and golden eagle nest on the San Poil River but this occurs several miles from the work site. Canada lynx habitat is located approximately 12 miles from the work site however the site is too low in elevation to be used by lynx. BPA has determined that no impacts to ESA listed plant or animal species will result from this project.

BPA determined that the proposed project activities would have no effect on cultural and/or historic resources and did not recommend that a survey of the site be completed. Access to the site will be from an existing road. No ground disturbance will be required to place the rocks along the bank. Ground disturbance associated with the planting effort will be very minor. The Colville Confederated Tribe's Tribal Historic Preservation Officer concurred with these findings on August 5, 2005. In the unlikely event that archaeological material is encountered during project construction, a qualified archaeologist should be notified and work halted in the vicinity of the finds until they can be inspected and assessed.

Standard water quality protection procedures and Best Management Practices will be followed during the implementation of this project. No construction is authorized to begin until the proponent has obtained all applicable tribal, local, state, and federal permits and approvals.

Public involvement has occurred as part of the San Poil River Bank Stabilization project. The project is being implemented in partnership with the local landowner. Consultation on this project has also taken place the Colville Confederated Tribe's Department of History and Archaeology, Forestry, Fish and Wildlife, Roads, Soils, Vegetation, and Range.

Findings: The project is generally consistent with Section 7.6A.2, 7.6B.3, & 7.8E.1, of the Northwest Power Planning Council's Fish and Wildlife Program. This Supplement Analysis finds 1) that the proposed actions are substantially consistent with the Watershed Management Program EIS (DOE/EIS-0265) and ROD, and, 2) that there are no new circumstances or information relevant to environmental concerns and bearing on the proposed actions or their impacts. Therefore, no further NEPA documentation is required.

/s/ Shannon Stewart 8-17-05
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CONCUR:

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Attachments:
NEPA Compliance Checklist
THPO Concurrence Letter, August 5, 2005

cc: (w/o attachments)
Ms. Sheri Sears – Colville Confederated Tribe's Fish and Wildlife Department