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Bonneville Power Administration

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REPLY TO
ATTN OF: ECN-4

SUBJECT: Supplement Analysis for the Burgdorf Conservation Easement

TO: Allyn Meuleman
Project Manager – EWN

Proposed Action: Acquisition of a conservation easement on approximately 100 acres in the Burgdorf Meadows

Budget No.: F5088

Watershed Management Techniques or Actions Addressed Under This Supplement Analysis (See App. A of the Watershed Management Program EIS):

2.15 Acquisition of sensitive riparian resources.

Location: Idaho County, Idaho.

Proposed by: Bonneville Power Administration (BPA), the Idaho Department of Fish and Game, and the Nez Perce Tribe

Description of the Proposed Action: This action would involve the acquisition of an easement on approximately 100 acres of high mountain meadow habitat. Lake Creek, a tributary to the Secesh River, flows through the property. It supports about 50% of the wild summer chinook salmon that spawn in the Secesh watershed. Without the easement, the area could become a summer home development, which would result in the loss of this important spawning area.

The main management planned for the area is to protect it as is. Some minor streambank stabilization and vegetation planting may take place in the future after a management plan is developed, but the area is in good condition now.

Analysis: The compliance checklist for this project was completed by Don Anderson of the Idaho Department of Fish and Game and meets the standards and guidelines for the Watershed Management Program Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and Record of Decision (ROD).

The actions proposed for Burgdorf Meadows would not adversely affect threatened or endangered species, cultural resources, floodplains or wetlands, or other sensitive environmental resources. Any subsequent management actions undertaken by the Idaho Department of Fish and Game or the Nez Perce Tribe will be subject to all applicable Federal regulations regarding

impacts to these resources, including (but not limited to) regulations under the Endangered Species Act, National Historic Preservation Act, and Clean Water Act.

Findings: The project is generally consistent with Sections 7.1D; 7.6A.2; 7.6C.5; and 7.8E.1 of the Northwest Power Planning Council's Fish and Wildlife Program. This Supplement Analysis finds 1) that the proposed actions are substantively 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.

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Concur:

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Attachments:
NEPA Compliance Checklist

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