

United States Government

Department of Energy
Bonneville Power Administration

memorandum

DATE: October 16, 2003

REPLY TO
ATTN OF: KEC-4

SUBJECT: Supplement Analysis for the Watershed Management Program EIS (DOE/EIS-0265/SA-126)

TO: Jessica Wilcox
Fish and Wildlife Project Manager

Proposed Action: Improvement of Anadromous Fish Habitat And Passage In Omak Creek

Project No: 2000-001-00

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

- 5.11 Hardened Fords for Livestock Crossings of Streams
- 5.13 Alternative Water Sources
- 6.9 Water Supply: Spring Development
- 6.10 Fencing
- 6.11 Trails/Fords at Stream Crossings

Location: Colville Reservation, Omak Creek Watershed, Washington.

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

Description of the Proposed Action: 1. Installation of two rock water points, one of them with a hardened rock crossing. 2. At least four or five livestock/wildlife spring water developments. A fifth is planned if funds are available..Installation of two rock water points and four livestock/wildlife spring water developments.

Analysis: The compliance checklist for this project was completed by Christopher J. Fisher, Colville Confederated Tribes (October 8, 2003), and meets the standards and guidelines for the Watershed Management Program Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and Record of Decision (ROD).

Endangered Species Act information: The Endangered Species Act (ESA) listed species that may occur in the general vicinity of the project is the Upper Columbia River steelhead. Consultation was completed with letter from NOAA Fisheries dated June 10, 2003, stating that the implementation of this project should have insignificant effects to listed fish. The projects will be implemented during low flow conditions (June through September). See attached letter.

In compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, a cultural resources survey and reports of the project sites located in the Omak Creek Watershed were completed by Mark Amara, a Cultural Resource Specialist with the Natural Resources Conservation Service. The cultural resource study covered areas proposed for ground disturbance. No cultural resources were identified during the course of the survey and determinations of no effects to historic properties were made. Consultation with the Tribal Historic Preservation Officer (THPO) was initiated by BPA and concurrence from the THPO

stating, "The Colville THPO concurs with a Finding of No Effect on Historic Properties." (See attached letter of August 15, 2003). Additionally Mr. Amara surveyed another spring development on September 23, 2003, and determined that no effects to historic properties were made.

As part of public involvement activities, all proposed range improvements have been reviewed and approved through a Tribal multi-disciplinary team (PPP). This includes all interested Departments from the Tribe including Range, Fish and Wildlife, Botany. Additionally the Technical Advisory Group meets regularly to coordinate activities and plan future projects. This group includes entities that have a role in developing watershed projects on the reservation, but are not Tribal Departments, such as NRCS.

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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CONCUR:

/s/ Robert Beraud for
Thomas C. McKinney
NEPA Compliance Officer

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Attachments:
NEPA Compliance Checklist
NOAA Fisheries letter of concurrence June 10, 2003
Colville THPO letter of concurrence

cc: (w/ attachments)
Chris Fisher, Colville Confederated Tribe