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# memorandum

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REPLY TO  
ATTN OF: KECN-4

SUBJECT: Supplement Analysis for the Wildlife Mitigation Program EIS, Project No. 95-057-00, SA-03

TO: Allyn Meuleman - EWP/Boise  
Project Manager

**Proposed Action:** Soda Hills (Idaho) Land Acquisition and Wildlife Management

**Budget No.:** F3928

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

1.0 Resource Acquisition Techniques, 2.0 Plant Propagation Techniques, 6.0 Fire Management Techniques, 7.0 Vegetation Management: Enhancement and Control, 9.0 Multiple-Use Techniques, 10.0 Transportation/Access Techniques

**Location:** Soda Springs, Caribou County, Idaho.

**Proposed by:** Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM).

**Description of the Proposed Action:** This action would involve the fee acquisition and subsequent management of 2,563 acres of wildlife habitat by the BLM, funded by BPA. The purpose of the acquisition is to mitigate for wildlife habitat lost as a consequence of the development and operation of the Columbia River hydrosystem. This acquisition would provide mitigation specifically for the construction and operation of Palisades Reservoir on the South Fork Snake River in southeastern Idaho. After the land is acquired, it would be managed by the BLM and the Shoshone-Bannock Tribe for wildlife through a variety of techniques, including plant propagation, fire management, vegetation management, multiple-use, and transportation management.

**Analysis:** The compliance checklist for this project was completed by the BLM and meets the standards and guidelines for the Wildlife Mitigation Program Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and Record of Decision (ROD).

The acquisition of land under this proposal 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 BLM or the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes 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 11.3D.4;11.3D.5;11.3D.7; and 11.3D.8 of the Northwest Power Planning Council's Fish and Wildlife Program. The attached Supplement Analysis finds 1) that the proposed actions are substantially consistent with the Wildlife Mitigation Program EIS (DOE/EIS-0246) 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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