



# FCRPS Cultural Resources Sub-Committee (CRSC)

## Quarterly Meeting

Date: March 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>, 2014

Time: March 12<sup>th</sup> – 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., MST  
 March 13<sup>th</sup> – 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., MST

Place: Snake River Area Office,  
 Bureau of Reclamation 230 Collins Road  
 Boise, ID 83702-4520

FY2014 Meeting Schedule
March 12-13, 2014 – Boise
June 18 -19, 2014 – The Dalles
Sept 10-11, 2014 – Troutdale

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## **Introductions**

Danielle Storey (NWS) is taking over the Libby Co-op Group from Elizabeth Ellis.

## **Approval of previous meeting notes**

December 2013 meeting notes were approved. These are finalized and distributed, and posted on the FCRPS Cultural Resource Program website.

## **Action Item review**

The group reviewed and updated the Action Item list

## **Program Goals & Measures - Review of status of the six goals**

For people new to the program the group went over the six main goals of the program; four deal with Section 106, the other two deal with the client survey. The goals are:

1. Have an APE defined for all 14 hydro-electric projects.
2. Complete inventory within the APE of all 14 projects.
3. Complete National Register Determinations & Determinations of Effect for high priority sites at all 14 projects. (10 high priority sites for each project)
4. Mitigation/Treatment completed for National Register eligible high priority sites.
5. FCRPS products, collections, and research are professionally presented/produced/curated, widely distributed and used by target clients.
6. The FCRPS CR Program is a partnership between the 3 agencies that effectively meets its long-term outcomes and maintains a collaborative relationship between agencies and stakeholders.

## **FY14 Performance Indicators**

Everyone has made their milestone goals so far this year. The Corps TCP inventory plan is on track. The next milestone for the Corps is May 1<sup>st</sup> for submitting contract documents to Contracting offices. Milestones for Hungry Horse inventory are on track; FY15 annual work plans for Reclamation reservoirs have been completed.

## **Systemwide PA**

Colville Tribe has signed the SWPA; the lead agencies are moving forward with obtaining other signatures.

## **Annual Report Update**

The FY13 Annual Report is complete; it is currently with BPA for printing.

## **CRSC Systemwide Conference/Meeting Update**

The agency leads for the planning committee met in January with representatives from the tribes. There are about 15 people on the committee. The committee has had two follow up phone calls; they are held the first Thursday at 10 every month. The first resulted in three facilities being chosen as possible locations; Clearwater (Suquamish, WA), Kahneeta (Warm Springs, OR), or Wild Horse (Pendleton, OR). The second discussed possible ideas for topics at the conference and possible facilitators. SD read the list of suggested topics from the meeting to the group and the group discussed and suggested ideas.

## **TCP Subcommittee update**

Reclamation needs to send out a doodle poll to find a date for the next subcommittee meeting.

## **Client Survey**

### *FCRPS Public Education Products that can be shared with Public Institutions*

Educational institutions want access to collections for teaching materials and educational purposes; the Corps curation agreements say they can be used for research purposes, but the Corps has to be notified of the request. Graduate students have requested access to do research on the collections; some of it is destructive, some is not. Tribes have voiced opinions on access to collections. The collections that could be the larger issue are those with NAGRPA materials. . Educational institutions want access to a larger range of materials, not just artifact collections.. Many of the cooperating groups have created or done some type of public outreach project, the group should put links to resources up on the public FCRPS website. Need to look into what can be considered intellectual property.

For a starting point the agencies could post links to the tribal websites that have public education information and a possible suggested reading list. The agencies will write a follow up letter responding to the educational institutions and let them know we are working on a ways to make the information available.

## **FCRPS Program Participation Requests**

*Grand Ronde* – 3Program Managers met with the Grand Ronde cultural group on December 12<sup>th</sup> to talk about expectations and the expressed interest they have in the program. This was in response to the request from the tribe’s chairman during the treaty review process.

- Dave Harrelson is the new THPO, replacing Eric Thorsgard.
- Grand Ronde asked how they saw themselves participating; they did not have any specific ideas at the time.
- GC will distribute the explanation for which areas were chosen in the SOR and why the Willamette valley was not included

*NPS*– interested in the Snake River (and lower Columbia) area because of the Lewis and Clark trail. They want to give a presentation to the Payos group like they did in August for WPKK. Overall feeling is that they should not be a part of the working group because they do not own land within the APE but we can inform them of projects they may have an interest in.

## **Principles for including sister land managing agencies in project cooperating groups**

There are multiple federal land owners that administer public lands in various ways. BLM is one of the underlying land management agencies and they do have some tracks of land on Corps Projects. Each of the Projects has different circumstances for who administers the land and who actually manages it; e.g., at Albeni Falls, the Corps administers the Project but USFS manages some of the land. When the public land ownership was transferred, a lot of the time there was no transfer of the cultural resource management responsibilities. Tracts of land for Corps reservoirs were obtained based on geology, and expected impacts by pool operations. BLM supposedly administers some tracts where the Corps has flowage easements. They are not usually high priority lands within the reservoirs but they do need to be

surveyed as they are a part of the APE. BLM has expressed a r desire to participate in the program. Participation will be minimal but they do want to be kept in the loop.

How does the group want to deal with other land management agencies that are within the project APE? Do we inform them of activities the group plans to do? At least inform them of the APE of the project? Disagreement on if and how we should inform an agency if we plan on doing work in the APE.

### **Status of Albeni Falls HPMP and Lower Snake River HPMP**

Albeni Falls – has been working to update for the past couple years. They have an APE for the project. The project description, work priorities, and budget are being redone; tables are being updated with results of recent surveys; TCP inventory plan will be an appendix. The project specific PA will incorporate the HPMP. The draft PA will go through another review after the revisions are complete. The target date is to have the HPMP completed by the end of FY14

Lower Snake – currently addressing comments and concerns. The document will not have an environmental setting or cultural review; it will direct the reader to other documents. HPMP will focus on site types, work plan,, site distribution analysis, and some research design. Each reservoir will have a separate appendix. AR is trying to make the document a practical resource for both cultural resources staff and natural resource managers.

### **Wanapum Dam**

Discovered a horizontal crack in the monolith of the dam, approx. 65' long and 2" wide. Lowered the reservoir levels to relieve pressure and changed some operations at the dam. Monitoring has been increased to deter pot hunters. The incident with Wanapum has not cause the CJD dam to operate differently but could affect how upstream dams are managed. Don't know how it will affect operations at GCD yet either. Reclamation has posted ARPA signage at the entrance of Reclamation lands warning it is illegal to loot and is talking with the local police departments on how to deal with emergencies.

### **Cooperating Group – Round Robin**

Each of the PMs shared accomplishments and current issues in the eight FCRPS Cooperating Groups.

### **SWRD Update**

The contract for the SWRD will be awarded soon

### **FCRPS Handbook Update**

The handbook is ready to go to a technical editor. It is about 55 pages; looking for recommendations for clarity, arrangement/ flow of the handbook, how useful it will be to new agency staff. . After technical edits are complete, the handbook may undergo legal review and will be provided to CRSC for a final review.

### **Mitigation/Treatment Documentation Form**

SH will make the changes stated in the September meeting notes. Additional changes to be made are adding an area under the site number to record the reservoir and co-op group and to remove the legal description of site location, and site narrative. The form will stay as a Word document for now. SH will send out edits before the next CRSC in June.

The intention of the form is to track treatments and types of treatments completed at different sites. The SWPA already acknowledges that Project operations are causing adverse effects so separate adverse effects MOAs are not necessary.

### **Funding Comparison to other Cultural Resources Programs**

As a result of comments from the client survey, the executive committee asked the Program Managers to locate funding information on other Federal cultural resources programs for comparison purposes. The results showed the FCRPS CR program is unique and well funded. . The relationship that the three co-lead agencies have is unique as well. The group is interested in researching how TVA runs their program and how much funding goes to cultural resources..

### **Reconsider Location of Summer Meeting**

At the June meeting the group will discuss how to make FCRPS meeting dates more stable and to reduce overlap across the system. Should look at tribal calendars to help agencies better plan around their events.

### **SharePoint**

Reclamation will check with their contractor about moving the FCRPS Cultural Resource SharePoint from Corps to Reclamation for hosting. The group has two needs; one internal SharePoint for the agencies and one SharePoint for each of the working groups. SH will have information by June CRSC meeting. For now, documents will have to be shared through email or CD.

### **FACA Letter**

FACA letter to update cooperating group membership lists was mailed to consulting parties in November. BPA has received responses from most and will follow up with entities who have not responded. Once BPA has heard from everyone, the updated membership list will be distributed to all cooperating groups.