



FCRPS Cultural Resources Sub-Committee (CRSC) Quarterly Meeting March 10-11, 2015

Time: March 10, 2015 – 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., PST
 March 11, 2015 – 8 a.m. to 12 p.m., PST

Place: Marcus Whitman Hotel, Native American Room, Second Floor
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Announcements

Greg Anderson is a new BPA Project Manager. Bryan Guevin is the new Archaeologist at the Corps, Seattle District, Libby Project. Mike Flowers has replaced Amy Holmes at the Corps, Portland District. Susan Tracey has left the program.

Agenda Additions

Kristen Martine requested the following topic be added to the agenda: Drawdown requests for cultural resource management purposes.

Approval of Previous Meeting Notes

December 2014 meeting notes were accepted.

BPA Web site

The BPA FCRPS Cultural Resource Program Web site will be reviewed, updated, and improved. The improved Web site will also showcase program accomplishments.

Program Goals and Measures – FY15 Tasks

On track to meet milestones this year.

The draft agency issue paper on the area of potential effects (APE) was delivered in early January for review.

Archaeological and traditional cultural property (TCP) inventories within the APE have been scheduled and are being completed. The TCP inventory target might not be met for all Projects due to complex nature of documenting TCP information. The BoR may be unable to complete archeological and historic survey work within timeframes. A revised completion schedule will be discussed at the May interagency executives meeting. Tribes have concerns about outside contractors working on inventories that are sensitive to the tribes. The Corps is on track for inventory survey, and most of the TCPs have been identified. Inventory updates were provided:

- BoR. Hungry Horse. Inventory of high priority areas will be completed this year, and inventory of lower priority areas will begin next year. About 6,000 acres will remain to be inventoried at the end of Fiscal Year (FY) 2016.
- BoR. Grand Coulee. In FY15, the Spokane Tribe of Indians is surveying up to 5,000 acres, and the Colville Tribe 7,000 acres. A National Park Service staff reduction is resulting in a reduced amount of survey in FY15. An estimated 50,000 acres remain to be surveyed after FY15. The Cooperating Group will discuss long-term goals for a revised survey schedule. Permission is needed from private landowners to conduct some survey.
- Corps, Portland District. At Bonneville, about 150 acres remain to be inventoried and at The Dalles about 500 acres remain to be inventoried. At John Day, about 5,000 to 6,000 acres remain to be inventoried.
- Corps, Seattle District. Survey work is ongoing at Libby, but the percentage of completed survey needs to be determined. Most of the land is owned by the U.S. Forest Service. At Albeni Falls, survey work is ongoing but the percentage completed needs to be determined. The Kalispel Tribe has requested individual TCP consultation as projects occur. They do not want to develop a geographic information system (GIS) TCP database for the entire reservoir. At Chief Joseph, many areas are too steep to inventory. The Bureau of Land Management lands have been surveyed. Tribal lands and

other public domain lands are being surveyed first. Entry arrangements will need to be made with landowners. A large inventory of Colville Tribe photography is being stabilized.

- Corps, Walla Walla District. Inventory surveying is on track for each of the six operating projects. Internal staff members are conducting inventory survey at five projects (i.e., four Lower Snake River Projects and McNary Project). Dworshak survey work has been contracted. Most work has been reconnaissance survey; however, intensive surface survey is being done when there is good surface visibility. Systematic shovel testing is not being done. Good TCP inventory data is available from each participating tribe, but some data may need refinement. Evaluation will be different for each tribe.

The program is on track for completing National Register determinations (DOEs) and determinations of effect for high priority sites at all 13 projects. The BoR has met the milestone at Grand Coulee and continues to prepare DOEs. Many sites are within National Register Archaeological Districts, which are being updated as appropriate. Better quality real estate data is available now, as well as improved methodologies for evaluation. Consultation efforts are ongoing. DOEs for ten high priority sites for each Corps Project are to be completed by September 30, 2015.

The program is on track for mitigation/treatment for five National Register high-priority sites at each of the 14 projects. A list is being prepared of completed sites and sites that need to be treated/mitigated. More than five sites have been treated/mitigated at some reservoirs. DOEs need to be completed for several of the dams and process is being discussed.

Each year, the program is funding development of products to educate and inform the public about cultural resources. Presentations are being developed for professional conferences or events. A traveling exhibit is being planned.

During Fiscal FY15, the CRSC members will attempt to visit a cooperating group meeting that they do not usually attend and participate as observers.

Systemwide PA – FY15 Commitments and Schedule

The Annual Report has been finalized, and BPA is printing and distributing it. Report appendixes include the 5-year program summary, a listing of TCP documents that will be updated annually, and comments by consulting parties on the 5-year review of the Systemwide Programmatic Agreement (SWPA).

Consulting party comments on the SWPA will be addressed in a separate letter in June. Positive comments have been received on the successful systemwide meeting that was held in early FY15. The BoR is the lead in the planning process that will begin in May 2016 for the November 2016 systemwide meeting. The TCP Subcommittee will meet in June 2015. The second draft of the Systemwide Research Design document will be available for review in June 2015. Reviewers will be the agencies, program participants, and subject matter experts. The final document is due at the end of FY15. Work is progressing on the Albeni Falls project-specific programmatic agreement (PSPA) and on historic property management plans (HPMP) for Hungry Horse and the McNary-Lower Snake River Projects.

Annual Report\5-Year Summary Report – Status and Recommendations for Next Fiscal Year

The Annual Report was completed on schedule. Participants discussed potential changes to next year's report. One area that needs to be tracked is what is being treated/mitigated and why. BPA will prepare a program pamphlet to highlight program accomplishments.

FCRPS Handbook – Completion Schedule

Eric Petersen is updating the 2005 FCRPS Handbook and will provide a draft by the end of April. The final is due at the end of FY15.

Systemwide Meeting Notes and other Follow-up Items

Meeting notes for the systemwide meeting have been prepared, and BPA will finalize and distribute the notes by the end of March.

Design-Build Contracts for Stabilization Projects

The CRSC discussed issues related to management of stabilization projects that extend over one year and how to better manage the process for obligations and expenditures. The group wants to learn more about cultural resources design-build contracts. Gail Celmer will check with other Divisions and the U.S. Army Engineer Research and Development Center (ERDC) cultural resources team. Alice Roberts will research best practices for shoreline stabilization.

Drawdown Requests for Cultural Resources Management Purposes

BPA presented information on the recent draft request for cultural resources management at Chief Joseph. Concerns were raised about the draft level requested and duration, and impacts on power production. Due to the complexities involved, future requests for a drawdown and the estimated amount should be made at least 12 months in advance.

CRSC Charter Update

The 2008 CRSC Operating Charter will be updated at the June meeting.

Systemwide Research Design – Status and Schedule

Work is progressing on the Systemwide Research Design. HRA is holding meetings with the various entities. The June draft report will be reviewed by the agencies and then by program participants and subject matter experts. The final report is due September 30, 2015.

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FCRPS Geographic Information System (GIS) and Interface with Other Agency Databases

Brian Schnick, Walla Walla District GIS Analyst, demonstrated the NWW GIS database. A version is being tested that will make it easier to use the data on hand-held global positioning system (GPS) units.

Project Round Robin

Agency Project Managers provided information on FY15 work that is underway.

- Albeni Falls. Priest River Bank Stabilization -ground penetrating radar work is being done. Riley Creek Campground - planning data recovery for the first week of May.
- Lake Roosevelt, Mainstem and Spokane Arm. Installation of two log booms scheduled for April, preparing to closing two popular bays to boat traffic, and planning five stabilization projects. New sites are appearing from a large slide 5 years ago.
- Lake Roosevelt, Grand Coulee Dam. Exploring floating caisson system for drum gate maintenance. Need to rebuild a warehouse that is a contributing element to National Register.
- Hungry Horse. Ethnotech was hired to do survey and revise the HPMP. The tribe is working on a multiple property determination for trails.

- Wana Pa Koot Koot. Mission accomplishment celebration was held for completion of a rock image public display with interpretative signage. Crates Point - working on signage to limit damage. The Wall - developing plan to protect petroglyphs. Archaeological Resources Protection Act (ARPA) issues are ongoing in three pools.
- Chief Joseph. OK 196-197 bank stabilization will be in late April through May. Preconstruction data retrieval from the beach will be performed by the Colville Tribe April 11-12. Legal challenges are being made from developers who want to build in Corps easement areas.
- Libby Dam. Survey field work completed by AMEC. Jennings Townsite plantings are substantially completed. Dunn Creek stabilization is to be completed by the last quarter of this year. Jackson Creek seismic bunker disposal being handled by a protective easement.
- Payos Kuus Cuukwe. Inventory and condition assessment monitoring being done internally. Lower Monumental monitoring is contracted. Bruces Eddy ARPA collections analysis is ongoing. Wildhorse rock art documentation was completed. Contracts with tribes in progress. McNary shoreline stabilization at Cottonwood Cove to be done by Natural Resources Management staff. Shoreline stabilization planting plans are to be developed. The WSU contract option year is being exercised for collections curation and stabilizing collections.

Area of Potential Effect (APE) Policy and Legal Paper - Status and Distribution

In March 2011, the Payos Kuus Cuukwe Cooperating Group discussed a direct effects APE and in August 2011 brainstormed indirect effects. In August 2013, at the request of the tribes, the Lead Agencies reviewed existing policies on indirect effects for this sort of undertaking. The paper is a three-agency approach to provide side-boards for determining an APE, whether it is direct or indirect effects. The paper provides a baseline for further discussion and consultation, provides background on real estate acquisition, and provides flexibility for looking at resources on a case-by-case basis. Discussions will continue in the Payos Kuus Cuukwe and Wana Pa Koot Koot Cooperating Groups during the next few months.

FY2015 CRSC Meeting Dates and Locations

Summer: June 2-3, 2015 – Spokane, WA

Fall: September 15-16, 2015 – Troutdale, Oregon