

**Bonneville Power Administration
Fish and Wildlife Program FY98 Proposal Form**

Title **Wallowa Basin Project Planning**

Bonneville project number, if an ongoing project 9403900

Business name of agency, institution or organization requesting funding
Nez Perce Tribe

Business acronym (if appropriate) _____

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Subcontractors.

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NPPC Program Measure Number(s) which this project addresses.

7.6A, 7.6B, 7.6C, 7.7A, 7.7B, 10.2B.1,

NMFS Biological Opinion Number(s) which this project addresses.

NA

- Ⓔ **Other planning document references.** Wallowa County/Nez Perce Tribe Salmon Recovery Plan - Implementation pg. 101
- Ⓔ Grande Ronde Model Watershed Operations/Action Plan, Suggested Long Term Restoration Strategy, pg. 55
- Ⓔ Proposed Recovery Plan for Snake River Salmon - Approach to Recovery, pg.V-1-6

☪ Wy Kan Ush Me Wa Kush Wit - Recommendations, Vol. 1 pg. 5A-2

If the project type is “Watershed” (see Section 2), reference any demonstrable support from affected agencies, tribes, local watershed groups, and public and/or private landowners, and cite available documentation.

- ☪ Act as the Nez Perce Tribe’s liaison with Wallowa County.
- ☪ Appointed to Wallowa County’s Natural Resource Advisory Committee, Technical Committee, and Standing Committee.
- ☪ Appointed to the Grande Ronde Model Watershed Board, Standing Committee, and Technical Committee by the Wallowa County Court and approved by the Nez Perce Tribe.
- ☪ Alternate on the Wallowa Resources Steering Committee and Board - Wallowa Resources is closely related to Sustainable Northwest and is a private citizen group working to increase resource related jobs in Wallowa County.
- ☪ Work closely with the Natural Resource Conservation Service, the Wallowa Soil and Water Conservation District, the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest, the Bureau of Land Management, the Bureau of Reclamation, the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, and RY Timber.

Subbasin.

Grande Ronde Subbasin, Imnaha Subbasin

Short description.

Help coordinate efforts in Wallowa County with the County Court, Grande Ronde Model Watershed Program, local landowners, and state and federal agencies. Help to develop action plans or comprehensive resource management plans for watersheds in the County. Help to develop and implement watershed restoration projects. Help to plan and implement habitat projects in the County.

Section 2. Key words

Mark	Programmatic Categories	Mark	Activities	Mark	Project Types
X	Anadromous fish		Construction	X	Watershed
	Resident fish		O & M		Biodiversity/genetics
	Wildlife		Production		Population dynamics
	Oceans/estuaries		Research		Ecosystems
	Climate		Monitoring/eval.		Flow/survival
	Other		Resource mgmt		Fish disease
		X	Planning/admin.		Supplementation
			Enforcement		Wildlife habitat en-
			Acquisitions		hancement/restoration

Other keywords.

Section 3. Relationships to other Bonneville projects

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Project #	Project title/description	Nature of relationship
		Implements the model watershed program in Wallowa County
9402700	Grande Ronde Model Watershed Habitat Projects	Review projects on the Technical Committee and vote to accept projects on the Board, work with appropriate agencies and individuals in Wallowa County to develop and implement projects
9702500	Wallowa County/Nez Perce Tribe Salmon Habitat Recovery Plan Implementation	This position is responsible for project development and distribution of the funds
8805301	Northeast Oregon Hatchery Project	Work closely with the development of the project in Wallowa County and help to provide quality habitat for the returning fish
9604400	Grande Ronde Basin Spring Chinook Captive Broodstock Program	Working to improve habitat conditions in the Lostine River, one of the streams included in the Captive Brood program

Section 4. Objectives, tasks and schedules

Briefly describe measurable objectives and the tasks needed to complete each objective. Use Column 1 to assign numbers to objectives (for reference in the next table), and Column 3 to assign letters to tasks. Use Columns 2 and 4 for the descriptive text. Objectives do not need to be listed in any particular order, and need only be listed once, even if there are multiple tasks for a single objective. List only one task per row; if you need more rows, press Alt-Insert from within this table.

Obj 1,2, 3	Objective	Task a,b,c	Task
1	Identify the Tribe's priorities/target areas within the	a	Coordinate with the Nez Perce Tribe on a technical and policy

	watershed process.		level.
2	Participate in the development, monitoring, and updating of Comprehensive Resource Management Plans (CRMPs)/Action Plans with agencies and parties active in Wallowa County.	a	Work as Tribe-to-County liaison/representative bringing the Tribe's perspectives to the planning process.
		b	Lay out the approach for assessments (in conjunction with the GRMWP, NRCS, SWCD, ODFW, and the USFS) which identifies target areas, resource parameters, and potential restoration strategies. The assessments should fully utilize all available data, including the information from the Grande Ronde Eco-system Diagnosis and Treatment project and the Lostine Instream Flow Incremental Methodology (IFIM) project.
		c	Complete assessments for Big Sheep Creek, Little Sheep Creek, and the Lostine River
3	Be involved in project planning, development, and implementation	a	Coordinate with the GRMWP, NRCS, SWCD, ODFW, USFS, USF&WS, NMFS, the Wallowa County Court, and others as needed.
		b	Schedule coordination meetings as appropriate with NPT, ODFW, GRMWP, NRCS, SWCD, and the Wallowa County Court.
		c	Write Biological Assessments for instream restoration projects proposed by the NRCS, SWCD, or NPT.
		d	Assist the SWCD, NRCS, and GRMWP with project implementation, monitoring, and evaluation. Schedule coordination meetings as appropriate.

4	Participate with ODFW and the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation (CTUIR) on the development of the annual operating plans for the Lower Snake River Compensation Plan hatcheries in the Grande Ronde and Imnaha subbasins.	a	Attend two annual meetings (pre-AOP and AOP) plus in house meetings.
5	Represent the Tribe in monthly coordination meetings facilitated by the County Court.	a	Attend a monthly meeting.
6	Provide technical help as needed for the development of the Northeast Oregon Hatchery Program in Wallowa County.	a	Attend interagency and in-house meetings.
		b	Provide modeling results.
7	Provide coordination and technical input for the Tribe on Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management activities (eg. Timber sales, grazing allotments, recreation, lad swaps, culturally important plants).	a	Attend scoping meetings and project tours and provide written comments as necessary.
8	Participate in the annual spawning ground surveys with ODFW, USFS, and the CTUIR.	a	Participate in spawning ground surveys as schedule will allow.
9	Represent the Tribe on the GRMWP (Board, Standing Committee, Technical Committee), the Wallowa County Natural Resource Advisory Committee (Standing Committee, Technical Committee, and alternate on the full committee), and the Wallowa Resources (Steering Committee and alternate on the Board).	a	Attend meetings an review documents as necessary.
10	Provide oral/written comments on 404 permit applications.		

11	Local landowner meetings		
12	Participate in the Northwest Power Planning Council's annual and multi-year funding process.	a	Develop budget, statement of work and other products as needed.
		b	Fill out questionnaires.
		c	Attend meetings as needed.

Objective schedules and costs

Objective #	Start Date mm/yyyy	End Date mm/yyyy	Cost %
1	ongoing		9.2
2a,b	ongoing		19.2
2c	10/97	6/98	
3	ongoing		9.6
4	11/97	1/98	1.5
5	ongoing		4.6
6	ongoing		14.2
7	ongoing		2.3
8	8/98	9/98	2.7
9	ongoing		17.3
10	ongoing		3.8
11	2/97	3/98	7.7
12	2/97	3/98	7.7
			TOTAL 100.00

Schedule constraints.

1. NEPA is required on federally funded projects.
2. NMFS/USF&W consultation may be needed and Biological Assessments will be needed.
3. Fill and Removal Permits may be needed.
4. Project opportunities may occur which were not anticipated.
5. Land owner availability for projects.
6. Unforeseen issues.

Completion date.

When salmon, steelhead, and bull trout are delisted

Section 5. Budget

List FY98 budget amounts for each category. If an item needs more explanation, provide it in the Note column. If the project uses PIT tags, include the cost (\$2.90/tag). **Be sure to enter a total on the last line: this is the amount of your budget request.**

Item	Note	FY98
Personnel		\$22,225.00
Fringe benefits		\$5556.25
Supplies, materials, non-expendable property		\$426.00
Operations & maintenance	rent, utilities, telephone, equipment lease	\$4,010.00
Capital acquisitions or improvements (e.g. land, buildings, major equip.)		\$0.00
PIT tags	# of tags:	\$0.00
Travel	includes GSA vehicle lease	\$5078.50
Indirect costs		\$11,300.33
Subcontracts		\$0.00
Other		\$1,404.00
TOTAL		\$50,000.00

Note: This project is cost shared 50% by the Bureau of Reclamation

Outyear costs

Outyear costs	FY99	FY2000	FY01	FY02
Total budget	\$55,313	\$58,224	\$61,288	\$64,514
O&M as % of total	10.00%	10.00%	10.00%	10.00%

Section 6. Abstract

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The question is, can we live with salmon (or any other species)? The overall goals and objectives of this project are to show that resource use, healthy economies, and healthy eco-systems are compatible and to provide quality habitat for natural production of salmonids.

The FWP concepts that this project supports are: 1) a healthy Columbia Basin, 2) maintain biological diversity, and 3) provide needed habitat protection. The FWP (Section 7) emphasizes the need to seek cooperative habitat protection and improvement with private landowners. The problem is that Wallowa County can not save the Snake River salmon because the major issues relating to salmon survival are outside of the county.

What can the County do? We will take a watershed approach, work through political boundaries, and provide the best habitat possible for the fish and other species present in the county.

How will this be accomplished? Coordination is a key element in the successful accomplishment of the above objectives. This project provides coordination through the following avenues:

- ☞ works with the Grande Ronde Model Watershed through its technical committee, standing committee, and board,
- ☞ coordinates within Wallowa County through:
 - ⌘ monthly coordination meetings between managers in the county,
 - ⌘ the Wallowa County Natural Resource Advisory Committee,
 - ⌘ Wallowa Resources (affiliated with Sustainable Northwest), and
 - ⌘ Landowner meetings.

The expected benefits are healthy watersheds with shaded riparian areas and streams with cool water, clean water that the residents of the county and the visitors to the county can also enjoy. This process will take decades to complete but initial benefits of improving instream flows and eliminating passage problems are immediate

All projects have a monitoring component and a watershed level monitoring plan is being developed for the Grande Ronde Model Watershed. Monitoring coordination is essential and will consist of: 1) uniform monitoring protocols (ODEQ and EPA), 2) sharing equipment, and a comprehensive watershed level monitoring program.

Section 7. Project description

a. Technical and/or scientific background.

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The Grande Ronde River subbasin was historically an important producer of anadromous fish, including: chinook (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*), sockeye (*O. nerka*), coho (*O. kisutch*), and steelhead (*O. mykiss*). All of these species were present in the Wallowa River. Early fall chinook (which spawned from mid-September through October), sockeye, and coho are now extinct. The remaining populations are at severely depressed levels when compared to historical levels. The Imnaha River also produced chinook, coho, and steelhead, of which coho are extinct and fall chinook may now be strays from the mainstem Snake River. Spring/Fall Chinook populations are seriously depressed. No sport harvest on chinook has occurred in Wallowa County since 1974. The Nez Perce Tribe has closed the County's streams to Tribal harvest. Summer steelhead harvest has been hatchery only in both the Grande Ronde and Imnaha subbasins since the mid-1980s.

The major causes of the loss of anadromous fish production in Wallowa County are: habitat destruction (both in-basin and out-of-basin), lower Columbia and ocean fishing

pressure, turn-of-the-century in-basin hatchery programs, and dam construction on the Columbia and Snake Rivers. Carmichael and Boyce (1986) summarized spring chinook production potentials for streams in the Wallowa drainage and estimated the loss in production potential due to in-basin habitat degradation. The decline in production potential since the late 1950s was estimated to be 20 percent in the Lostine River and Bear Creek and 70 percent in the Wallowa River and Hurricane Creek. No estimate was made for Prairie Creek or the Imnaha subbasin and the Wenaha River was felt to be unchanged. No estimates were made for steelhead streams. Habitat condition trends are generally stable but target fish species are declining.

Quality habitat is essential for continued existence of Snake River salmon, steelhead, and bull trout. It is imperative that local landowners be involved in the decision making process so that they will have ownership in the solutions. The big underlying assumption for habitat issues in Wallowa County is that local landowners, when provided with sufficient information, can make land management decisions that will allow them to continue to earn a living while providing habitat for fish and wildlife. *The Wallowa County/Nez Perce Tribe Salmon Recovery Plan* (Wallowa County 1993) emphasizes the need to work in the entire watershed (ridge top to ridge top), not just stream bottoms and that political boundaries should not dictate what can be accomplished.

These concepts are expressed in the *Wallowa County/Nez Perce Tribe Salmon Recovery Plan* (Wallowa County 1993), the *Grande Ronde Model Watershed Program Operations-Action Plan* (Grande Ronde 1994), Section 7 of the *Columbia River Basin Fish and Wild Program* (NPPC 1994), Chapter V, Section 1 of the *Proposed Recovery Plan for Snake River Salmon* (NMFS 1995), and Chapter 5, Recommendations in the *Wy-Kan-Ush-Mi-Wa-Kish-Wit* (CRITFC 1995).

This project is split between planning, coordination, habitat assessments, and project implementation. It is unlikely that project implementation will be successful over the long term without good planning, assessment, and coordination. This position coordinates with the Wallowa County Court, Wallowa Soil and Water Conservation District, Wallowa County Extension Service, Wallowa County Natural Resource Advisory Committee, Grande Ronde Model Watershed Program, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, Oregon Department of Forestry, Oregon Department of Environmental Quality, U. S. Forest Service, U. S. Bureau of Land Management, U. S. Bureau of Reclamation, Bonneville Power Administration, Natural Resource Conservation Service, and local land owners.

Wallowa County falls within the high to moderate range for Composite Ecological Integrity Ratings according to the Status of the Interior Columbia Basin, Summary of Scientific Findings (USFS 1996) which implies that habitat “fixes” will be less expensive now than later if habitat conditions are allowed to deteriorate. It is expected that this project will result in an upward trend in watershed habitat conditions and instream survival for fish with benefits for wildlife. Mainstem passage may not improve which could negate the benefits of increased survival from egg-to-smolt. Ocean and estuary survivals can depend on large scale climatic effects which may improve or decrease survival.

Key project personnel:

Publications:

- 1) *Nez Perce Tribe Evaluation of the LSRCP Hatchery Production in the Grande Ronde River Subbasin-Working Paper* (Bryson 1987)
- 2) *Imnaha River Subbasin Salmon and Steelhead Plan* (NPPC 1989)
- 3) *Northeast Oregon Salmon and Steelhead Production Facilities -Draft Master Plan, Grande Ronde River* (Bryson 1990)
- 4) *Bear Creek Action Plan* (Bryson 1995)

Participation:

- 1) *Upper Grande Ronde River Anadromous Fish Habitat Protection, Restoration, and Monitoring Plan* (USFS 1992)
- 2) *Wallowa County/Nez Perce Tribe Salmon Recovery Plan* (Wallowa County 1993)
- 3) *Grande Ronde Model Watershed Program Operations-Action Plan* (Grande Ronde 1994)
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- 5) *Lostine River Instream Flow Study-Draft* (R2 Resource 1997)
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b. Proposal objectives.

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Objectives and outcomes:

1. Completed watershed action plans/CRMPs.
2. Completed watershed restoration projects.
3. Increased numbers of new landowners involved.
4. Improved water quality and quantity.
5. Measurable improvements in watershed habitat conditions.
6. Development of new grazing and timber management plans.

All of these are expected to result in more salmon returning to watersheds. From above, 1 and 6 result in written plans. Project specific and watershed monitoring will produce information relative to 4. The USFS and ODFW perform periodic habitat assessments of the watersheds in Wallowa County which will address 5.

c. Rationale and significance to Regional Programs.

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Section 7, pg 7-1 of the FWP (NPPC 1994) emphasizes the need to work with local communities, the need for coordination between the public and private sector, the utility of developing a model watershed program, and the need to work with existing local and regional programs rather than creating new processes. *The Wallowa County/Nez Perce Tribe Salmon Recovery Plan* (Wallowa County 1993) emphasizes the need to work at the watershed level and across ownership lines. In the “outline for Implementation section (page 101), the need to develop the Natural Resource Advisory Committee is described. *The Grande Ronde Model Watershed Program Operations-Action Plan* (Grande Ronde 1994) states in the Introduction (pg 1-2) Goals (pg 3), and Model Watershed Organization (pg 4-6) the need to work with the local community and to work at a watershed level, not just in the riparian zone. In the Suggested Long-Term Restoration Strategy section (pg 55) the need for an interdisciplinary approach to watershed level analyses and the importance of M&E and adaptive management. *The Wy-Kan-Ush-Me-Wa-Kush-Wit* (CRITFC 1995) (pg 5A-2) describes the need to “Employ voluntary, multi-stakeholder collaborative approaches to protect, restore and monitor natural resources and to resolve natural resource conflicts”. In the *Proposed Recovery Plan for the Snake River Salmon* (NMFS 1995) Approach to Recovery section (pg V-1-6), they state “An ecosystem approach that emphasizes integrated Federal and Non-Federal land management is needed”. All of the above documents emphasize the need for collaborative and coordinated efforts across property lines and the need to work at a watershed level.

Equipment purchased under this project will be shared with the Wallowa SWCD, the Wallowa Extension Office, ODFW, and the USFS. There is close cooperation between this project and the Grande Ronde Model Watershed project (#9202601 and #9402700). Habitat projects can be coordinated with the NEOH program (#8805301) and the Captive Brood Project (#9604400).

d. Project history

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This project was initiated in 1994 to implement on-the-ground planning, coordination, and communication in Wallowa County in reference to the Grande Ronde Model Watershed program presently being funded by Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) and to implement the Wallowa County/Nez Perce Tribe Salmon Recovery Plan. **This project is being cost-shared 50:50 by the Bureau of Reclamation.** The person in this position is involved in all of the following. Since the inception of this project, numerous watershed restoration projects have been implemented under BPA, BOR, and Oregon Watershed Health funding; a small minority have been instream hard structures and most that have been are irrigation diversions with fish bypass capabilities built in (eliminating the annual need for push-up dams). Watershed Action Plans/Comprehensive Resource Management Plans are being written for salmon streams in the county through a public participation process. To date, these include an Action Plan for the Bear Creek watershed (tributary to the Wallowa River) and Comprehensive Resource Management Plans for Big Sheep Creek (tributary to the Imnaha River) and Little Sheep Creek (tributary to Big Sheep Creek). A habitat assessment for the Lostine River has also been completed. An instream flow study was initiated on the Lostine River to determine the water volume needs of bull trout and different species of salmon for different life stages. This will facilitate working with irrigators to determine how much additional water is needed in-stream during low flow periods. The final report is presently being completed. A low flow channel project has been initiated on Bear Creek in the lower few miles to facilitate passage of adult spring chinook upstream from late July to mid-September. All of the irrigation diversions in Bear Creek, the Lostine River, and the Wallowa River from Cross Country Canal to Dry Creek have been gaged plus gages have also been installed in the mainstems of each stream. Private landowner meetings have been initiated in the Lostine River, Bear Creek, Big Sheep Creek, and Little Sheep Creek watersheds. Coordination meetings between County Court, Nez Perce Tribe, Wallowa-Whitman National Forest, Wallowa Soil and Water Conservation Service, Wallowa County Extension Service, Natural Resource Conservation Service, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, and Oregon Department of Forestry have been initiated to minimize duplication of effort in the various on-going activities. The County has also established a Natural Resource Advisory Committee (NRAC) to advise the County Court on natural resource issues. The NRAC has a technical committee which advises the Planning Department and a Standing Committee. The person funded under this project sits on all three committees. The County is presently pursuing the possibility of being designated a Demonstration County. The designation would cover both private and public lands.

The following projects have been implemented:

- 1) Thirty-four miles of enclosure fence have been constructed.
- 2) Sixty-six miles of riparian pasture and cross fences have been constructed.
- 3) Eighty livestock water developments have been completed to help remove and keep cattle out of the riparian zones.
- 4) Five irrigation diversion projects have been completed which have reduced the need for pushup dams in the Lostine and Wallowa rivers and reduced the total number of structures in the Wallowa River.

- 5) Fifty-six miles of road have been obliterated, closed, or improved.
- 6) 36 stream gages have been installed on irrigation diversions in Bear Creek, the Lostine River, and the Wallowa River in the immediate vicinity.
- 6) A Bear Creek low flow channel (construction will facilitate spring chinook adult passage during the late summer and will provide better overwinter habitat for various species of fish).
- 7) IFIM study on the Lostine River

PROJECT REPORTS AND TECHNICAL PAPERS

1. Quarterly Project Reports
2. *Bear Creek Action Plan* (Bryson 1995)
3. *Lostine River Habitat Assessment* (Bryson 1995)
4. *Big Sheep Creek Habitat Assessment* (Bryson 1998)
5. *CRMP for Big Sheep Creek* (NRCS 1995)
6. *CRMP for Little Sheep Creek* (NRCS 1996)
- 4) *Application of the Ecosystem Diagnosis and Treatment Method to the Grande Ronde Model Watershed Project* (Mobrand Biometrics 1997)
- 5) *Lostine River Instream Flow Study-Draft* (R2 Resource 1997)
- 6) *Bear Creek Fish Enhancement-Wallowa County, Oregon* (Reckendorf 1996)

Monitoring and evaluation of resource parameters and projects is expected to provide local landowners and land managers with sufficient knowledge to make land use decisions that benefit fish and wildlife while not impairing the landowner's ability to earn a living or the land managers ability to manage. Landowners are changing some of their land use practices because of this project and project monitoring and watershed level monitoring will show the long-term effectiveness of the on-the-ground projects.

e. Methods.

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Local residents and state and federal agencies, along with the Nez Perce Tribe (represented by this project) participate in public ad hoc committees at the watershed level, county level and subbasin level. These committees are involved in planning, action plan/CRMP development, assessment development, and project development, implementation, and monitoring. The person in this position sits on both the Wallowa NRAC and Grande Ronde Model Watershed Technical Committees which develop and scrutinize watershed projects. This position also completes NEPA and NPPC compliance checklists and Biological Assessments as needed.

All projects have a monitoring component and a watershed level monitoring plan is being developed. Irrigation diversion gages and stream gages installed in Bear Creek, the Lostine River, and The Wallowa River in the immediate vicinity will provide information on water use and hydrology. Temperature monitoring conforms to ODEQ standards and other monitoring conforms to EPA protocols (EPA 1993).

The big underlying assumption for habitat issues in Wallowa County is that local landowners, when provided with sufficient information, can make land management decisions that will allow them to continue to earn a living while providing habitat for fish and wildlife. Other assumptions are that local residents do not control what happens downstream from Wallowa County and that Wallowa County residents can not save chinook salmon in the Snake River basin nor can they insure that any salmon will survive to return to the county. Another assumption is that environmental attributes found in the Grande Ronde and Imnaha subbasins will improve from implementation of this project which will benefit fish and wildlife. However, mainstem passage may not improve which could negate the benefits of increased survival from egg-to-smolt.

A major uncertainty is that a lack of success in returning salmon to the watersheds could discourage people from continuing to participate. Other uncertainties are that some projects may not perform as expected and that natural events such as floods or fires may damage or destroy habitat restoration projects or overshadow any improvements in habitat conditions resulting from the projects. Many projects may not show significant changes in habitat conditions for several years which makes mid-course corrections difficult.

f. Facilities and equipment.

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The only facilities are the office. Equipment includes a 233 computer, a DR2010 Water Quality Lab from HACH, and a camera.

g. References.

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Natural Resource Conservation Service. 1995. Comprehensive Resource Management Plan for Big Sheep Creek. Enterprise, Or.

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Mobrand Biometrics, Inc. 1997. Application of the Ecosystem Diagnosis and Treatment Method to the Grande Ronde Model Watershed Project. Vashon, Wa.

R2 Resource Consultants, Inc. 1997. Lostine River Instream Flow Study-Draft. Redmond, Or.

Reckendorf & Associates. 1996. Bear Creek Fish Enhancement-Wallowa County, Oregon. Salem, Or.

U. S. Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management. 1996. Status of the Interior Columbia Basin-Summary of Scientific Findings. Portland. Or.

Wallowa County. 1993. Wallowa Count/Nez Perce Tribe Salmon Recovery Plan. Enterprise, Or.

Section 8. Relationships to other projects

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This position coordinates with the Wallowa County Court, Wallowa Soil and Water Conservation District, Wallowa County Extension Service, Wallowa County Natural Resource Advisory Committee, Grande Ronde Model Watershed Program, Oregon

Department of Fish and Wildlife, Oregon Department of Forestry, Oregon Department of Environmental Quality, U. S. Forest Service, U. S. Bureau of Land Management, U. S. Bureau of Reclamation.

The individual in this position represents the Nez Perce Tribe on: 1) the Grande Ronde Model Watershed Board, Technical Committee, and the Standing Committee, 2) the Wallowa County Natural Resource Advisory Committee, Technical Committee, and Standing Committee, and 3) the Wallowa Resources Steering Committee and Board.

The individual in this position collaborates closely with the Northeast Oregon Hatchery program that is involved in developing hatchery plans for the Wallowa, Lower Grande Ronde, and Imnaha river systems.

The individual in this position is responsible for coordinating between the Nez Perce Tribe and the Wallowa County Court in the expenditure of funds from BPA project #9702500, Implementation of the County/Tribe Plan.

Section 9. Key personnel

Don Bryson, 1 FTE

DONALD R. BRYSON

EDUCATION: University of Washington
B.S Biological Oceanography 1970
B.S Fisheries 1973
B.A Zoology 1973

EXPERIENCE:

NEZ PERCE TRIBE 7/87 to present

- Presently the position name is *Wallowa Basin Planner*. The job involves representing the Nez Perce Tribe as a member of the Grande Ronde Model Watershed Board of Directors and Technical and Standing Committees, the Wallowa County Natural Resource Advisory Committee (NRAC) as an alternate and on the NRAC's Standing and Technical Committees, and also as a member of the Wallowa Resources Steering Committee and as an alternate on the Board. The position also works closely with State and Federal agencies, the Wallowa County Court and Planning Department, the Grande Ronde Model Watershed, the Wallowa Soil and Water Conservation District, and various public forums. The job entails working with local landowners to develop fisheries habitat projects and Watershed Action Plans/ Comprehensive Resource Management Plans, and to develop watershed habitat analyses working with local management agencies. Coordination between all local forums is essential for the successful completion of this project.

- Initial duties were to be involved in all habitat issues relating to the reservation and ceded lands of the Nez Perce Tribe. This territory includes six major river systems, three states, and nine national forests in three regions. This took coordination with various federal and state agencies and other Tribes. The duties were subsequently increased to include writing an evaluation of the Lower Snake River Compensation Plan hatchery program in the Grande Ronde River, the Subbasin Plan for the Imnaha River, and the initial phases of the Grande Ronde Hatchery Master Plan under the N.E. Oregon Hatchery master planning process. All of these watersheds are in northeast Oregon. Participated on four public ad hoc committees organized by the U.S. Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management to develop management plans for two Wild and Scenic River segments and one study stream in Northeast Oregon and a management plan for the lower Grande Ronde River in Washington. I was also contracted out to the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest to write a fisheries monitoring plan during the last two months of the development of an Environmental Impact Statement for the Tepee Butte Fire salvage.

Participated with the Wallowa County government, State agencies, local residents and industry, and conservationist to develop the Wallowa County - Nez Perce Tribe Salmon Recovery Plan. Participated in the development of the Union and Wallowa Counties' Ecosystem Diagnosis and Treatment Project with Mobrand Biometrics to provide technical support for planning relating to the Grande Ronde Model Watershed project and local planning.

- Previous employers:

- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
- National Marine Fisheries Service
- Quinault Indians
- U.S. Forest Service

Publications and accomplishments:

1) *Upper Grande Ronde River Anadromous Fish Habitat Protection, Restoration, and Monitoring Plan*

2) *Wallowa County/Nez Perce Tribe Salmon Recovery Plan*

3) *Grande Ronde Model Watershed Program Operations-Action Plan*

4) *Bear Creek Action Plan*

5) *Application of the Ecosystem Diagnosis and Treatment Method to the Grande Ronde Model Watershed Project*

Section 10. Information/technology transfer

How will technology or technical information obtained from the project be distributed or otherwise implemented? Methods can include publication, holding of workshops, incorporation in agency standards or facilities, and commercialization.

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Local landowner meetings are presently being held in the Bear Creek, Lostine River, Big Sheep Creek, and Little Sheep Creek watersheds. These meetings provide a forum for providing and discussing information and have resulted in the development of an Action Plan for Bear Creek and CRMPs for Big Sheep Creek and Little Sheep Creek.

There are monthly coordination meetings between the County Court, Nez Perce Tribe, Wallowa SWCD, NRCS, ODFW, USFS, and ODF. These coordination meetings are held to keep the various agencies and entities informed of new information and of activities occurring in the County and to eliminate the overlap of activities where desirable. This helps to utilize scarce resources in the most economical fashion.

There is close coordination between this project and the County Court and Planning Department through participation on the County Natural Resource Advisory Committee and its associated Standing Committee and Technical Committee.