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Bonneville Power Administration

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REPLY TO
ATTN OF: KECN-4

SUBJECT: Supplement Analysis for the Nez Perce Tribal Hatchery Program, (DOE/EIS-0213-SA-01)

TO: Ken Kirkman
Project Manager – KEWN-4

Proposed Action: Nez Perce Tribal Hatchery Project – Modifications to Original Proposal

PL-6: F3061

Location: Nez Perce, Clearwater, and Idaho counties, Idaho

Proposed by: Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) and the Nez Perce Tribe (NPT).

Introduction: The Bonneville Power Administration, in its October 8, 1997 Record of Decision (ROD) on the Nez Perce Tribal Hatchery Program, decided to fund the construction and operation of the program. The Nez Perce Tribal Hatchery program is a supplementation program to rear and release spring and fall chinook (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*) to reproduce in the Clearwater River Subbasin in Idaho. BPA analyzed the environmental impacts of the program in the Clearwater River Subbasin in an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) completed in July 1997 (USDOE/BPA 1997). Subsequent to this, the program has undergone a detailed final design phase, and has been reviewed by the Northwest Power Planning Council and its Independent Scientific Review Panel. Changes have been made to the program to respond to recommendations from the Northwest Power Planning Council and the Independent Scientific Review Panel, to better accommodate the needs of the fish, and to accommodate the strengths or limitations of some physical sites. These changes are detailed in the attached report entitled, "Supplement Analysis for the Nez Perce Tribal Hatchery Program Final Environmental Impact Statement." The purpose of this Supplement Analysis (SA) is to determine if a Supplemental EIS is needed to analyze the environmental impacts of the proposed changes to the program since the Final EIS and ROD were completed.

Description of Action and Analysis: The proposed changes to the program and an analysis of their environmental impacts are described in the attached SA report.

Findings: As documented in this SA, the potential impacts from the proposed changes to the Nez Perce Tribal Hatchery Program are not substantially different from those discussed in the Nez Perce Tribal Hatchery Program EIS (DOE/EIS-0213), ROD, and related biological assessments and biological opinions. No increased level of impact would occur relative to the impacts discussed in the original EIS and ROD in connection with these activities. There are no new circumstances or information relevant to environmental concerns and bearing on the proposed actions or their impacts. Therefore, a supplement to the Nez Perce Tribal Hatchery Program EIS is not needed.

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Documentation on file and pending:

Bonneville Power Administration and Nez Perce Tribe. 2000. Biological Assessment for the Proposed Nez Perce Tribal Hatchery. March 2000.

National Marine Fisheries Service. 1999. Biological Opinion on Artificial Propagation in the Columbia River Basin. National Marine Fisheries Service, Northwest Region, Portland, OR.

United States Department of Energy, Bonneville Power Administration (USDOE/BPA). 1997. Nez Perce Tribal Hatchery Program Final Environmental Impact Statement. DOE/EIS-0213. Portland, OR. July, 1997.

United States Department of the Interior, Fish and Wildlife Service. 2000. Biological Opinion on the Nez Perce Tribal Fish Hatchery. U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Boise Field Office, Boise, ID. June, 2000.
Pending

Attachment:

Supplemental Analysis for the Nez Perce Tribal Hatchery Program Final Environmental Impact Statement