

United States Government

Department of Energy

Bonneville Power Administration

memorandum

DATE: February 10, 1999

REPLY TO
ATTN OF: ECN-4

SUBJECT: Supplement Analysis for the Wildlife Mitigation Program EIS

TO: Allyn Meuleman – EWN/Boise
Fish and Wildlife Project Manager

Proposed Action: Irregular Everett Island Property Project

Budget No: F3298

Wildlife Management Techniques or Actions Addressed Under This Supplement Analysis (See App. A of the Wildlife Mitigation Program EIS): 1.1 Fee-Title Acquisition and Transfer, 2 Plant Propagation Techniques, 6 Fire Management Techniques, 7 Vegetation Management Techniques: Enhancement and Control, 9 Multiple-Use Techniques, and 10 Transportation/Access Techniques

Location: Pend Oreille County, Washington.

Proposed by: Bonneville Power Administration (BPA), and The Kalispel Tribe of Indians

Description of the Proposed Action:

BPA and The Kalispel Tribe is pursuing the purchase and management for wildlife habitat of approximately 300 acres of floodplain property. This project is located in Sections 9, 15, and 16 of T. 32 N., R. 44 E. This project is a fee-title acquisition of the property and subsequent management for wildlife and associated habitats as partial mitigation for Albeni Falls Dam. The project is to be managed in perpetuity for wildlife and wildlife habitat. The following species are used as cover type indicators for the project: Bald Eagle (wintering and breeding), Black-capped Chickadee, Yellow Warbler, Mallard Duck, Canada Goose, muskrat and white-tailed deer.

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

Section 7 consultation was conducted on 8/98 with the US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) under the requirements of the Endangered Species Act. Of concern to the USFWS was the affect of the proposed project to bald eagle, bull trout, and ute's ladies tresses. Philip Laumeyer of the USFWS concurred on September 25, 1998, that the proposed land acquisition is not likely to adversely affect the bald eagle, bull trout and ute's ladies tresses.

As a federally funded project, this project must have concurrence from the State Historic Preservation Office in order to comply with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. After reviewing their site files, the Kalispel Tribe determined that no known archaeological resources occur in the project area. After further review, the state archaeologist, Robert Whitlam from the Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation, concluded that there were no resources included in or eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places in the project area.

Selkirk Environmental Testing, Inc. performed a Phase I Environmental Site Assessment for the Everett Island property to be acquired by BPA and the Kalispel Tribe. The Phase I Environmental Site Assessment has identified no evidence of recognized environmental conditions associated with the property.

Findings: The project is generally consistent with Section 11.3.F.2, 11.3.F.3, and 11.3.F.4 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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Concur:

Thomas C. McKinney
NEPA Compliance Officer

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Attachments:

NEPA Compliance Checklist
USFWS Concurrence Letter and BA
Cultural Resources Compliance Letter
Phase I Environmental Site Assessment