

United States Government

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Bonneville Power Administration

memorandum

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REPLY TO
ATTN OF: KEC-4

SUBJECT: Supplement Analysis for the Wildlife Mitigation Program EIS (DOE/EIS-0246/SA-36)

TO: Joe DeHerrera- KEWN-4
Fish and Wildlife Project Manager

Proposed Action: Logan Valley Wildlife Mitigation Project-Implementation of Wildlife Mitigation Plan

Project No: 200000900

Wildlife Management Techniques or Actions Addressed Under This Supplement Analysis (See App. A of the Wildlife Mitigation Program EIS): 2.0 Plant Propagation Techniques; 4.0 Water Development and Management; 5.0 Water Distribution Techniques; 6.0 Fire Management Techniques (prompt fire suppression and fuels management, natural fire management), 7.0 Vegetation Management (herbicide, hand pulling, prescribed burns, water level manipulation); 8.0 Species Management Techniques; 9.0 Multiple-Use Techniques (integration of wildlife habitat and crop production, provision of education and recreation opportunities, grazing, forest management); 10.0 Transportation/Access Techniques and Road Maintenance; 1.0 In-Channel Modifications and Habitat Enhancement Techniques (as evaluated in the Watershed Management Program EIS, DOE/EIS-0265).

Location: Grant County, Oregon

Proposed by: Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) and Burns Paiute Tribe.

Description of the Proposed Action:

Analysis: The compliance checklist for this project was originally completed by the Burns Paiute Tribe in 2000, and meets the standards and guidelines for the Wildlife Mitigation Program Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and Record of Decision (ROD), as well as the Watershed Management Program Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and Record of Decision (ROD). The Logan Valley Wildlife Mitigation Plan, now being implemented, continues to be consistent with the aboved mentioned EISs and RODs.

Pursuant to its obligations under the Endangered Species Act, BPA has made a determination of whether its proposed project will have any effects on any listed species under the jurisdiction of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS). A species list was obtained from USFWS on June 12, 2003, identifying bald eagles, Canada lynx, and bull trout as potentially occurring in the project area. A site assessment was conducted on July 15, 2003 to determine if these species were present and the potential effects of project activities. A "No Effect" determination was made for all ESA-listed species. There were no listed species under the jurisdiction of NOAA Fisheries present in the project area. As management activities proceed in the future, BPA will annually re-assess potential effects of planned activities on listed species.

The Burns-Paiute Tribe conducted a literature search for historic and archaeological sites on the property on January 11, 1999. No known sites were identified. Further site-specific surveys will be conducted for

individual ground disturbing activities. The results of these surveys will be sent to the Oregon State Historic Preservation Office and BPA. BPA will annually summarize and submit a report to the State Historic Preservation Office.

On December 29, 1999, Fred Walasavage of BPA completed a Phase I Site Assessment and concluded that the site did not reveal any environmental factors that would pose a significant liability for remedial action or cleanup under the Comprehensive Recovery, Compensation and Liability Act.

A public meeting was held when the property was initially acquired where the property acquisition and proposed activities were discussed. Subsequent public involvement was conducted on July 23, 2002 for commenting on the proposed Logan Valley Wildlife Mitigation Plan.

Findings: The project is generally consistent with the Northwest Power Planning Council's Fish and Wildlife Program; BPA's Wildlife Mitigation Program EIS (DOE/EIS-0246) and ROD; and BPA's Watershed Management Program EIS (DOE/EIS-0265) and ROD. This Supplement Analysis finds that: 1) implementing the proposed action will not result in any substantial changes to the Wildlife Mitigation Program or the Watershed Management Program that are relevant to environmental concerns; and 2) there are no significant new circumstances or information relevant to environmental concerns and bearing on the Wildlife Mitigation Program, Watershed Management Program, or their impacts. Therefore, no further NEPA documentation is required.

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CONCUR:

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DATE: 10/10/03

Attachments:

Endangered Species Effects Determination

cc: (w/o attachments)

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