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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-16)

TO: Brad Miller, KEWU-4  
Fish and Wildlife Project Manager

**Proposed Action:** Johnson Property Acquisition

**Project No:** 1992-061-06

**Wildlife Management Techniques or Actions Addressed Under This Supplement Analysis  
(See App. A of the Wildlife Mitigation Program EIS):** 1.1 Fee-Title Acquisition.

**Location:** Benewah Watershed on the Coeur d'Alene Indian Reservation, Idaho

**Proposed by:** Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) and the Coeur d'Alene Tribe

**Description of the Proposed Action:** BPA proposes to purchase three parcels totaling 411 acres of private property on the Coeur d'Alene Indian Reservation as partial mitigation for fish and wildlife impacts caused by the construction and operation of Albani Falls Dam. Title to the land will be transferred to the Coeur d'Alene Tribe for wildlife habitat protection and enhancement. The goal of this project is to protect, restore, and maintain approximately 2.3 miles of Benewah Creek, its floodplain, and the associated riparian zone as native fish and wildlife habitat.

**Analysis:** The compliance checklist for this project was completed by Robert Matt with the Coeur d'Alene Tribe and meets the standards and guidelines for the Wildlife Mitigation Program Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and Record of Decision (ROD). A comprehensive management plan will be prepared for the property after it is purchased and will follow the guidelines and mitigation measures detailed in the Wildlife Mitigation Program EIS and ROD.

No plant or animal species listed under the Endangered Species Act (ESA) will be affected by the fee-title purchase of the subject parcels. ESA listed species that may be present in the project vicinity include gray wolf, bald eagle, Canada lynx, bull trout, water howellia and Ute ladies' tresses. Section 7 consultation will be conducted by BPA and the Coeur d'Alene Tribe, as necessary, prior to the implementation of any restoration or enhancement activities on the site.

A cultural resource survey was conducted by the Spokane Tribal Cultural Preservation Office to facilitate the transfer of approximately 411 acres into Tribal ownership. The results of the investigation identified the presence of resources from various chronological periods. Based on

these findings, Kathryn Arneson of the Spokane Tribal Cultural Preservation Office recommended that the project proceed as planned. Land acquisition may take place without any emergency stabilization activities for historic properties, but sub-surface testing and additional documentation should be conducted once the property passes into tribal ownership. Monitoring by a trained archaeological technician and Tribal Elder of any future ground disturbing activities on the acquired property is further recommended in the identified culturally sensitive areas.

Public involvement associated with this project has included discussions with adjacent landowners in the Benewah Valley. Meetings were also held with the Benewah Valley Association, the Coeur d'Alene Tribe's Natural Resources Committee, the Coeur d'Alene Tribal Council, and the Albeni Falls Work Group. Additional public involvement will be required during the development of a comprehensive management plan for the acquired lands.

**Findings:** The project is generally consistent with Section 7.6A.2, 7.6B.3, & 7.8E.1, of the Northwest Power Planning Council's Fish and Wildlife Program. This 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:

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DATE: 08-09-2001

**Attachment:**

NEPA Compliance Checklist

cc: (w/o attachment)

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