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Bonneville Power Administration

memorandum

DATE: May 15, 2002

REPLY TO
ATTN OF: KEC-4

SUBJECT: Supplement Analysis for the Wildlife Mitigation Program EIS (DOE/EIS-0246/SA-23)

TO: David Sill
Fish and Wildlife Project Manager

Proposed Action: Canby Ferry Conservation Easement

Project No: 1992-068-00

Wildlife Management Techniques or Actions Addressed Under This Supplement Analysis (See App. A of the Wildlife Mitigation Program EIS): 1.2 Easement Acquisition

Location: Clackamas County, Oregon

Proposed by: Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) and the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW)

Description of the Proposed Action: BPA proposes to purchase a conservation easement on approximately 16 acres of the Canby Ferry parcel in Clackamas County, Oregon for the protection of wetland, riparian, and riverine habitats. This project is part of a multi-agency effort to protect Willamette River frontage and to connect existing Oregon State Park lands with recreational trails. Once the conservation easement is finalized, a management plan will be developed for the Canby Ferry parcel and adjacent parcels, including the Fish Eddy parcel and the Molalla State Park parcel. Future management actions on these lands will likely involve wildlife habitat and riparian area enhancement, restoration, and preservation activities.

This Supplement Analysis covers the acquisition of the Canby Ferry conservation easement only; all proposed management activities (on the Canby Ferry parcel and adjacent parcels) will require additional NEPA analysis prior to implementation.

Analysis: The compliance checklist for this project was completed by Greg Sieglitz with the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife 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 Canby Ferry parcel and adjacent lands that 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 purchase of the Canby Ferry conservation easement. ESA listed species known to exist in the vicinity of this parcel include Canada lynx, bald eagle, Northern spotted owl, chum salmon, steelhead, chinook salmon, golden Indian paintbrush, Willamette daisy, howellia, Bradshaw lomatium, Kincaid's lupine, and Nelson's checker-mallow. Prior to the implementation of any

restoration or enhancement activities on the site, ESA Section 7 consultation will be conducted by BPA and ODFW as necessary.

A cultural resource review of the Canby Ferry parcel (and adjacent parcels) was completed by Applied Archaeological Research (AAR) in March 2002. Background research conducted by AAR indicated that no previous archaeological surveys had been conducted in the project area and that no previously recorded historical or archaeological resources were located in the project vicinity. AAR conducted an intensive pedestrian survey of the properties and found no archaeological deposits on the Canby Ferry parcel. The Canby Ferry site featured poor surface visibility at the time of the survey, which will necessitate additional cultural resource review prior to the implementation of ground disturbing activities on the site.

BPA concluded that the acquisition of a conservation easement for the Canby Ferry parcel would have no adverse effect on cultural and/or historic resources. No ground disturbing activities are scheduled for the property at this time. ODFW, in conjunction with BPA, will develop a management plan for the parcel that outlines the specific management actions to be implemented. Prior to any future construction, development, or ground disturbing activities on the parcel, additional field studies will be conducted for those parts of the project area that had poor ground surface visibility. The Oregon State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) and appropriate Tribes will be notified of all findings associated with subsequent surveys. The Oregon SHPO concurred with BPA's findings and conditions on April 10, 2002.

A Phase I Environmental Site Assessment of the Canby Ferry parcel was conducted by Hahn and Associates, Inc. in August 2000. Based on their assessment, Hahn and Associates concluded that there are no recognized environmental concerns or adverse environmental conditions present on or around the subject property. Fred Walasavage, an Environmental Protection Specialist with BPA, concurred with these findings and conclusions on April 16, 2002.

Public involvement associated with the Canby Ferry conservation easement project has included discussions at public meetings and public notices. Citizens in the Canby area have voiced continuing support for this project and other projects that propose to bring open space, nature enjoyment and trails into public ownership. Consultation has also taken place with the Oregon Wildlife Coalition, National Marine Fisheries Service, City of Canby, Clackamas County, Metro, Oregon State Parks and Recreation Department, ODFW, Oregon Division of State Lands, and adjacent landowners. Additional public involvement will be required as part of the development of a comprehensive management plan for the Canby Ferry parcel.

Findings: The project is generally consistent with the Northwest Power Planning Council's Fish and Wildlife Program, as well as BPA's Wildlife Mitigation Program EIS (DOE/EIS-0246) and ROD. This Supplement Analysis finds that: 1) implementing the proposed action will not result in any substantial changes to the Wildlife Mitigation 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 or its impacts. Therefore, no further NEPA documentation is required.

/s/ Shannon C. Stewart 5-15-2002

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CONCUR:

/s/ Thomas C. McKinney

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Attachments:

NEPA Compliance Checklist

Oregon State Historical Society Response Letter, April 10, 2002

Phase I Environmental Site Assessment Letter, April 16, 2002

cc: (w/o attachments)

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