



Public Utility District No. 1 of Douglas County

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Subject: Wells Project Relicensing – Section 106 Consultation

Dear Mr. Sleeper:

The current Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) license to operate the Wells Hydroelectric Project (FERC Project No. 2149) expires May 31, 2012. By law and by regulation, the Notice of Intent (NOI) to relicense the Wells Project and the Wells Pre-Application Document (PAD) must be filed with FERC between five and five and one-half years prior to the expiration of the FERC operating license. Public Utility District No. 1 of Douglas County (Douglas PUD) plans on filing the NOI and PAD with FERC in December of 2006, five and one-half years prior to the expiration of the existing FERC license.

By regulation, the newly formed Integrated Licensing Process (ILP) is the default licensing process and thus will be utilized for relicensing the Wells Project. In order to ensure that all of the timelines are met for the Wells Project ILP and to provide stakeholders a broader opportunity for interaction in this process, Douglas PUD has initiated consultation with interested parties on issues related to cultural resources and Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

By letter dated December 7, 2005, FERC granted permission to Douglas PUD to initiate Section 106 consultation on their behalf (enclosed). To date, three Cultural Resource Work Group meetings have been held which included the Colville Tribe, Washington Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation, Bureau of Land Management, FERC and Douglas PUD. During the third meeting, it was suggested that Douglas PUD should invite the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) to participate in the Section 106 consultation process. Following that meeting, we contacted Chuck James, who suggested that Douglas PUD send a letter to you regarding BIA participation in future cultural resource meetings.

Please consider whether or not your agency is interested in participating in future cultural resource meetings related to the relicensing of the Wells Project. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this notification, we encourage BIA staff to contact Scott Kreiter at scottk@dcpud.org or (509) 881-2327 for more information.

Sincerely,

Shane Bickford
Relicensing Coordinator

Enclosure