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Cultural RWG members,

Please find attached the draft meeting notes from the January 30th meeting. Also attached is the revised HPMP outline. The areas of change are highlighted in yellow. Please provide any comments on the meeting notes by February 14.

Thanks!
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Draft Meeting Notes

Cultural Resource Work Group

Wells Hydroelectric Project Relicensing
Douglas County PUD
January 30, 2008

Meeting Coordinator: Scott Kreiter (509) 881-2327

Meeting Objective: To provide an update on the Cultural Resource Investigation and TCP studies. To begin HPMP discussions.

Section 106 Timeline

Douglas PUD provided an update on the Section 106 process. The timeline was revised to reflect FERC's study plan determination and the initiation of the field studies. The CRWG suggested that the timeline be revised to reflect that the draft HPMP will be filed with the Draft License Application in December 2009.

Study Updates

The Colville Tribes provided an update on both the TCP Study and the Inventory and Reconnaissance Study. The draft report for the TCP study is nearly complete. The Inventory and Reconnaissance study is well underway, and requires additional field work in the spring. A detailed progress report was provided by the CCT and is included below.

HPMP Concepts

Douglas PUD provided a draft HPMP outline for discussion purposes. Based on CRWG comments, Douglas PUD will revise the outline and begin drafting the HPMP.

Action: Douglas PUD will revise the Section 106 timeline and send it to the CRWG

Action: Douglas PUD will revise the HPMP outline and send it to the CRWG

Action: Douglas PUD will begin drafting the HPMP

Items of Agreement

None

Items of Disagreement

None

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be scheduled following release of a draft HPMP.



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January 30, 2008

Wells Project Report of Progress, Cultural Resources Working Group Update

TRADITIONAL CULTURAL PROPERTY REPORT

The in-house draft TCP report is completed and in the final stages of in-house editing

ARCHAEOLOGICAL FIELD WORK AND REPORTING

Task 1: Background Research

Background research was completed prior to the start of fieldwork. Site files with attendant data were compiled and used to conduct site reconnaissance. The background research additionally assisted field crews with providing National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) eligibility recommendations. However, the background research has not yet been formally integrated with the Berger/Hartmann report. The Excel Spreadsheet of site data has been transferred to an Access database. The project database will require updating throughout the project, all preliminary field data has been added from the 2007 work.

Task 2: Manage GIS-linked Site Form Files Database

The GIS-linked Site Form Files Database has been initiated. As new State of Washington Archaeological Site Inventory Forms are completed, they are saved with the corresponding GPS derived GIS data. Hyperlinks will be used to connect both the completed site forms and site photographs with the GIS data. The Site Condition Forms and Eligibility Recommendation Forms will be linked either separately or, more likely with, the Site Forms.

Task 3: Site Reconnaissance

Site Revisits began on October 2, 2007 and continued until November 8, 2007. During that time, Reconnaissance was completed at 119 (31 along the Okanogan River) of the 170 previously recorded sites in the project area. Site Reconnaissance involved compilation of new State of Washington Archaeological Site Inventory Forms, Site Condition Assessment Forms and National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) eligibility recommendation forms.

Task 4: Intensive Survey, Okanogan River

The right bank has been surveyed. During the Intensive Survey, 31 of 40 previously recorded sites have been visited and updated and nine new archaeological sites were recorded. Of the nine

new sites, seven are historic, one prehistoric and one multi-component (historic and prehistoric). Left bank survey, Cassimer Bar and Washburn Island await spring.

Task 5: Intensive Survey, Allotments

The Allotment Survey will begin during the spring field session.

Task 6: Transmission-Lines Corridor Survey

The Transmission Line Corridor survey is near complete. Less than 12 miles remain of the 41 mile long corridor. Of the remaining distance, less than one mile is within cultivated lands. The majority of the remaining corridor to be surveyed consists of the section that crosses Badger Mountain. To date, nine sites have been recorded in the Transmission Corridor. Of these, seven are historic and two are multi-component (prehistoric and historic).

Task 7: Site Forms and Site Locations

Each archaeological site visited, whether previously recorded or new, was recorded in the field on a State of Washington Archaeological Site Inventory Form. Site boundaries were recorded with GPS using a data dictionary utilizing State of Washington Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation GIS Data Standards. All GPS data was differentially corrected and exported into GIS. The field forms will be finalized electronically in the office this winter.

Task 8: Evaluation of Project Effects and Site Condition

Field crews carried copies of a Site Condition Assessment form. The forms were completed for each site encountered, recorded, and filed in the site specific folder. A preliminary short list of critically impacted sites will be prepared by February 15, 2008; after all project area sites have been visited, a final short list of prioritized critical sites will be prepared.

Task 9: Eligibility Recommendations

Blank NRHP eligibility forms were carried in the field. The forms were compiled as sites were encountered and recorded. The forms will be used to generate the NRHP recommendations in the draft and final report.

Reporting

Background materials and copies of field forms were delivered to Steve Hamilton to begin report preparation.

Wells Project Draft HPMP Outline
For discussion at the January 30 CRWG meeting

1.0 Introduction

1.1 Project Description and Background

1.2 Scope and Purpose of the HPMP

1.2.1 Cultural Resource Work Group

1.2.2 Area of Potential Effect

1.3 Legislative Mandates and Relicensing Requirements [*Brief overview of NHPA, with list of applicable laws and regs in an appendix*]

2.0 Identifying Historic Properties [*This section summarizes studies that were used as the basis for this HPMP. Other studies will be summarized in an appendix*]

2.1 Historic Properties Studies

2.1.1 Data Review, 2006

2.1.2 Traditional Cultural Properties Study, 2007

2.1.3 Cultural Resources Field Reconnaissance and Survey, 2007-2008

3.0 Managing Historic Properties

3.1 Coordination [*Designates coordinator and training requirements*]

3.2 Education and Interpretation

3.2.1 Employee Education Program

3.2.2 Public Education and Interpretation

3.3 HPMP Policies [*Programs for management/protection of historic properties*]

3.3.1 Management Standards for Historic Properties [*This section includes guidelines for how Douglas PUD will protect historic properties when conducting routine activities*]

3.3.2 Inadvertent Discoveries and Emergency Situations

3.3.2.1 Protocol for Discovery of Archaeological Resources

3.3.2.2 Protocol for Discovery of Human Remains

3.3.2.3 Protocol for Emergency Situations

3.4 Management Standards for Traditional Cultural Properties

3.5 Action for Individual Sites

3.6 Historic Structures

4.0 Consultation [*How Douglas PUD will consult during the new license*]

5.0 HPMP Implementation Schedule

6.0 Literature Cited

Appendix A – Consultation Record

Appendix B – Legislative Mandates

Appendix C – Historic Properties Studies Conducted in the Wells Project Area

Appendix D – Historic Properties Identified Within the Wells Project APE

Appendix E – Monitoring Protocol

Appendix F – Treatment for Individual Historic Properties