



Cultural Resource Work Group

Date: July 1, 2009

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Wells Hydroelectric Project Relicensing
Douglas County PUD
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Meeting Location: Nespelem, WA

Conference Dial-in: (509) 881-2990 PIN# 327831

Meeting Coordinator: Scott Kreiter (509) 881-2327

Meeting Objective: To provide comments on the Historic Properties Management Plan (HPMP)

Time	Topic	Lead
9:00 am	Review agenda	Scott Kreiter
9:10 am	Overview of changes to HPMP	Scott Kreiter
9:30 am	Comments from the CRWG on the HPMP	Group
11:30 am	Update on other issues (site protection, encroachments, etc.)	Scott Kreiter
11:45 am	Action items and next steps	Scott Kreiter
12:00 pm	Adjourn	Group



Wells Project Relicensing Cultural Resource Work Group

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LOCATION: Conference Call

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Final Meeting Notes

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Meeting Objective: Finalize the Historic Properties Management Plan (HPMP)

Scott Kreiter (Douglas PUD) welcomed the participants and provided an overview of the agenda. The main purpose of the meeting was to review changes to the HPMP, and discuss updates to Appendix H – Archaeological Sites Monitoring Plan and to get the plan finalized by August 1st.

Status of Site Management Activities

Douglas PUD provided an update on ongoing action items related to archaeological site management activities on Wells Reservoir.

- Site Forms: Smithsonian numbers have been assigned to 31 of the new sites identified in 2008. The DAHP had questions on 8 of the site forms. Those questions have been addressed and the site forms are being resubmitted;
- 45OK53: Trees have been wrapped to provide protection from beavers. Allowing the trees to grow should provide the necessary protection from wind erosion;
- Temp-21: Will install fence posts or fence to eliminate tilling;
- 45OK110, 112, 113: Douglas PUD staff visited the site and contacted the landowners in person and in writing to request that ground disturbing activities cease on these sites. DAHP also contacted the landowners. Douglas PUD removed illegal camping features and posted no camping signs. Douglas PUD is monitoring the site;
- 45OK121: Visited site and informed landowner to discontinue any ground disturbing activities on Douglas PUD property. Will continue to monitor;
- OK126: This site included a trench that had been dug as part of an NRCS grant. The activity was permitted by NRCS, had been surveyed by NRCS, and was approved by the CCT. No action taken;

- 45DO68/391: This site is one of the sites recommended for further research and/or testing. The CRWG recommended that a site synopsis be developed to aid the CRWG in making further recommendations. The synopsis was completed in April and is available for use when needed;
- 45OK69: This inundated site is listed as a priority for low-water monitoring. The CRWG requested that a site synopsis be developed for this site to aid the CRWG in making further decisions regarding monitoring during a low-water event. The site synopsis was completed in April and is available for use when needed;
- 45OK115: This site located just upstream of Brewster was disturbed as part of an irrigation pipe upgrade. Major excavation occurred at the site, and rock fill was dumped at the site and into the river. Trees were removed and a streambed was rechanneled. Douglas PUD reported this activity to the Corps of Engineers (COE) and DAHP. The COE has visited the site and sent a letter to the landowner. Based on the landowner response, the COE is now taking enforcement action. No archaeology has been found at the site since it was originally recorded in 1966.

HPMP and Monitoring Plan

The CRWG reviewed changes to the HPMP and walked through each section of the Monitoring Plan (Appendix H). Substantive changes include:

- Including a set of tiled maps at a scale that shows archaeological site boundaries;
- Add language regarding National Register determination of eligibility process for archaeological sites within the APE;
- Remove appendices for the Programmatic Agreement and License Articles;
- Revise Table 2.0-1;
- Specify that NAGPRA applies to Federal lands in Section 3.3.2.2;
- Other than minor editorial changes, the HPMP and monitoring approach are nearly final.

Action Items

Changes to the HPMP from the previous meeting will be accepted. The CRWG members present did not have any additional edits or comments to the plan. The HPMP should be final, contingent upon review and comment by the Colville Confederated Tribes. The final version will be sent to the CRWG.