



FCRPS Cultural Resources Sub-Committee (CRSC)

Quarterly Meeting

Date: March 12-13, 2013

Time: March 12th – 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
March 13th – 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Place: McMenamin's Edgefield, 2126 S.W. Halsey St., Troutdale, OR 97060
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Agenda

March 12th **8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.** **Barley Room**

Introductions

- Approval of previous meeting notes
- Action Item review
- Personnel Issues
- FY13 Performance Indicators
 - BOR-BPA
 - COE-BPA
- Program Goals & Measures
 - Client Survey – status and updates
 - Schedule for completion of HPMPs/PSPAs
- Annual Report – status and updates
- TCP Subcommittee meeting
 - Schedule
 - Topics
- Documenting Mitigation & Treatment – Tracking How Adverse Effects are Resolved
- System Wide Research Design – status report
 - List of comments
 - Plans for re-writing sections
- Lake Roosevelt Main Stem Meetings – SWPA and APE
- BPA Public Affairs Video

FY2013 Meeting Schedule

Dec 4 – 5, 2012 – Seattle

Mar 12-13, 2013 – Troutdale

June 26-27, 2013 – Boise

Sept 18-19, 2013 – Walla Walla

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- CRSC Meeting Length
- FCRPS Cultural Resources Program and Built Environment
 - “those dam DOEs”
- System Wide Conference – changes in Reclamation process

- FCRPS Cultural Resources Handbook Revision – Update
- Remote Sensing Services – making acquisition more efficient
- Scheduling an FCRPS-wide ARPA training
- Cooperating Group Accomplishments
- Review & Update Action Items

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Approval of December meeting notes

December 2012 meeting notes were approved. These will be finalized and distributed, and posted on the FCRPS Cultural Resource Program website.

Action Item review

The Action Item list was reviewed and updated.

Personnel Issues

Reclamation will be unable to fill the Ephrata and Grand Coulee positions until a hiring freeze resulting from the Sequester is lifted. They have requested an exception so these positions can be filled.

The Corps is also unable to hire because of the Sequester. Corps personnel will know whether they will be furloughed on March 15th. Project Managers are trying to get contracts approved as soon as possible so that furloughs do not affect contracting.

The Sequester may affect Agency ability to meet FY13 Performance Indicators and Program Goals.

FY13 Performance Indicators

Work to meet Performance Indicators is on schedule at the two Reclamation Projects (Grand Coulee and Hungry Horse). Reclamation and BPA expect to meet all contracting deadlines. Eight Determinations of Eligibility were completed for the Grand Coulee Project in October 2012.

Work to meet Performance Indicators for Corps Projects is proceeding. Contracts for planned work should all be in contracting by the May 1 deadline. FY14 Annual Plans may need to be adjusted when the final budget is received. Survey of 20% of all high priority areas will occur at most Corps Projects in FY13.

Program Goals & Measures

Surveys to assess how FCRPS Cultural Resource Program products are used across the region; to evaluate working relationships between FCRPS Lead Agency staff and external Program Participants; and to evaluate working relationships between Lead Federal Agency staff are nearly final. Final surveys will be distributed to the region in late April or early May.

The HPMP/Project-specific PA development and revision schedule was distributed for review. There is a need to distinguish between “Draft” and “Final” documents so progress can be tracked over consecutive years. These columns will be added to the schedule. The draft Lower Snake River Projects HPMP will be distributed for review in FY13. Draft HPMPs for Dworshak and McNary Projects will be completed in FY14. A draft Grand Coulee HPMP will be complete in FY13, and finalized in FY14. The John Day HPMP will be finalized in FY13. The HPMPs for Bonneville and The Dalles will be updated in FY15 and FY16, respectively.

Annual Report

The FY12 Annual Report is complete and being printed this week. During Co-op Group review of the draft, a recommendation was received for reporting monitoring results in future Annual Reports. The CRSC will discuss how to incorporate these recommendations into future Annual Reports at upcoming CRSC meetings.

Mitigation Implementation and Repair – Cost Tracking

The Joint Operating Committee (JOC) has asked the CRSC to begin tracking the cost of mitigation/treatment implementation and maintenance beginning in FY13. Future mitigation/treatment costs will be reported to the JOC, and in Annual Reports. Costs will also be tracked in an Access Database that is in development at BPA.

Bibliography

The current version of the FCRPS Cultural Resource Program Bibliography will be distributed to the CRSC.

5-Year Report Under the SWPA

The Systemwide Programmatic Agreement requires a 5-Year Report. This report is part of the Annual Report. It contains a list of issues affecting program implementation, and discusses how issues were addressed. The Systemwide Programmatic Agreement must be reviewed in FY14.

TCP Subcommittee Meeting

The next meeting will be held on June 4th from 9:00am to 2:00pm at the Hilton Garden Inn in Spokane, WA. The upcoming agenda will provide a review of previous meeting discussion topics, and a summary of TCP-related discussions held at the October 2012 Systemwide Meeting. People will also have the opportunity to review updates to the draft TCP inventory form.

Documenting Mitigation & Treatment – Tracking How Adverse Effects Are Resolved

The CRSC will establish a process for documenting and reporting mitigations/treatments. Future mitigations/treatments will be tied to documented sites that are adversely impacted by the FCRPS. Consultation processes will be developed for working with consulting parties. The Systemwide PA requires that treatment plans be developed for sites being adversely affected by the FCRPS (Attachment 4 of the PA). This is one form of documentation that could be used in the future. Other potential types of documentation include discussion in Annual Reports, and consultation letters with SHPOs, THPOs, Tribes, and other consulting parties. Processes for documenting mitigations and treatments for adverse effects could also be included in Project-specific Programmatic Agreements.

Systemwide Research Design (SWRD) – Status Report

The SWRD work group plans to reinstate work after a short hiatus. SWRD completion schedule was revised. The new target date for completing this document is FY14. Comments received on the October 6, 2011 draft are being assembled. Completion of additional drafts and finalization of the document will be accomplished by a contractor.

Grand Coulee Mainstem Area of Potential Effects

Reclamation and BPA met with the CCT THPO, DAHP, and the NPS on February 21, 2013 to discuss the Grand Coulee Mainstem Area of Potential Effects (APE). The group projected map images and selected several locations of greatest interest to the CCT to start plotting an APE line. Viewshed and TCPs were primary considerations, and the draft APE generally follows topographic lines. BPA technical staffs agreed to continue work to produce a draft APE line that will be reviewed by the Cooperating Group.

Systemwide Programmatic Agreement (SWPA)

Reclamation, the Corps, BPA, and the CCT THPO met on February 21, 2013 to discuss ACHP's letter response to the CCT's requested clarification of language in the SWPA. The group reviewed ACHP responses to GM's letter to ACHP regarding the SWPA, and discussed their interpretations of ACHP's responses to the six questions GM had posed. All parties seemed to be in agreement about the meaning of the language. GC said the next step is to send a three signature letter from the Agencies to the CCT stating that all entities share the same interpretation of language in the ACHP letter.

BPA Public Affairs Video

BPA Public Affairs has requested ideas for printed articles or short films to highlight the FCRPS Cultural Resource Program. Both would be made available to the public and the film would be posted on the web. The stories and film(s) would be a collaborative effort, and the agency's and tribes would have the opportunity to shape the message. BPA asked that the group raise this issue at upcoming Cooperating Group meetings to see if people are amenable and/or have ideas about what might make a good story or short film.

CRSC Meeting Length: Do some 2 day CRSC meetings need to be scheduled?

The CRSC discussed whether it would be appropriate to have occasional 2-day meetings (as opposed to the currently schedule 1 1.5 day meetings). This would permit additional time to fully discuss issues and share information about Coop Group accomplishments and challenges. Alternately, the meeting agendas could be adjusted to ensure important topics are discussed.

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FCRPS Cultural Resources Handbook Revision – Update

CRSC comments on the draft FCRPS Cultural Resource Handbook have been incorporated and the length has been reduced. Program managers will update the current version with budget and management information. The document will also include a land jurisdiction table for each project. Technical editing will commence once these sections are added.

Remote Sensing Services

Deferred discussion until next meeting.

Scheduling an FCRPS-wide ARPA training

ARPA training may be offered to program participants in 2014. Funding issues and scheduling need to be resolved before this can be offered.

Cooperating Group Accomplishments

Wanapa Koot Koot: The interpretive signage path extension at Horsethief Lake State Park is finished, and the Roosevelt Petroglyphs have been relocated to this area. They are currently developing interpretive signs for the Roosevelt Petroglyphs. Inter-fluve, Inc. produced several alternatives for the treatment of one site at The Dalles Project. Once alternatives have been reviewed by the Cooperating Group and are more fully developed, Corps and BPA will present the designs to tribal culture committees. Other stabilization projects are also in review/development this year.

Grand Coulee: One site stabilization on the Mainstem will be finished this year. Archaeological testing and stabilization planning will begin on one site on the Spokane Arm. Five Determinations of Eligibility (DOEs) are complete this year, and three more may be complete by the end of FY13. A draft HPMP will also be completed for Grand Coulee by the end of FY13.

Hungry Horse: The CSKT and KNF have contracts in place for FY13.

Libby: One site management plan is nearing completion. The draft FY12 Survey Report was just submitted for review. One site bank stabilization will be designed this year and NEPA will be completed. The Cut Bank Survey scope for the drawdown has been defined. Two DOEs were completed this year.

Chief Joseph: One site stabilization was completed. Federal staffs worked with the CCT during excavation of 11 potential house pits, two of which were confirmed. Adding vegetation to stabilize soils is the next step in the process.

Albeni Falls: One site was stabilized this year. The Corps is also receiving survey credit for a restoration through Idaho Fish and Game. Excavation of a historic privy will take place with school children later this spring.

Payos: New IDIQ contracts are in contracting. Land surveys are being done through a contractor. High priority survey areas have been identified through GIS analysis. The HPMP is going well and it should be done by August. One site stabilization was completed. Weed management will take place at one site. One site is being evaluated for bank stabilization. One DOE at McNary has been completed and two were completed for Ice Harbor.