



FCRPS Cultural Resources Sub-Committee (CRSC) Quarterly Meeting September 10-11, 2014

Time: September 10th – 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., PST
 September 11th – 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., PST
Place: The Study – McMenamins Edgefield
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Announcements

Legal seminar on the Columbia River Treaty to be held in Seattle, WA, September 22nd & 23rd.

Agenda Additions

No additional topics were added to the agenda.

Approval of Previous Meeting Notes

June 2014 meeting notes were approved and have been posted to the FCRPS Cultural Resource Program web site. Contact Kelly Phillips, who took notes in June, with any final comments about the notes.

Program Goals & Measures – Review and Status

Group reviewed purpose of Long Term Program Goals, and developed FY 2015 actions permitting agencies to meet these goals.

- Goals for Corps Projects include modifying the area of potential effects at each project as appropriate; surveying 20% of Corps owned lands for archaeological and historic sites at each Project; continue to complete National Register eligibility determinations for two sites at each project annually; and implement TCP inventory plans.
- Goals for Reclamation Projects include completing inventory for archaeological and historic sites in priority areas 5 and 6 at Hungry Horse, and complete inventory of 5,000 acres at Grand Coulee; completing the Hungry Horse Multiple Property Document; continuing National Register eligibility determination work at Grand Coulee (long term goal for this project was met in 2012).
- The Corps and Reclamation will continue planning and implementation of mitigation projects.
- CRSC will continue to work with individual Cooperating Groups and non-program participants to develop educational products for the general public.
- Corps and Reclamation staffs may attend Cooperating Group meetings hosted by their partner agencies in FY2015 to broaden understanding of the program.

FY14 Performance Indicators will be met on schedule. FY15 Performance indicators are tied to contracting/program execution, and completing National Register eligibility determinations for priority sites (Corps Projects), and updating the Hungry Horse Historic Property Management Plan (Reclamation Projects).

FY15 CRSC Program Work Lead Assignments

CRSC membership list was updated, and task leads were assigned for FY 2015 Systemwide program work (Systemwide Research Design, Cultural Resource Program Handbook, TCP Subcommittee Coordination, routine reporting, etc.).

SWPA 5-Year Review – Agency Review Process and Schedule

The agencies have drafted a letter and short questionnaire requesting that Systemwide Programmatic Agreement consulting parties provide feedback about whether the terms of the PA remain relevant, and are being met. This letter will be mailed to consulting parties in early October. Comments will be accepted through December 1, 2014, and included in the FY 2014 Annual Report as an appendix.

TCP Subcommittee Meeting Purpose and Direction

The group discussed the status of work related to Traditional Cultural Properties and Properties of Religious and Cultural Significance to Indian Tribes required by the Systemwide Programmatic Agreement. The TCP Subcommittee meets twice per year and has developed a TCP inventory form, and created a database (unpopulated, and for use by participating tribes) to aid inventory and evaluation of TCPs. Getting systemwide agreement on documentation standards and procedures for completing National Register eligibility determinations may not be attainable, and could require individual/case-by-case consultations. TCP Subcommittee direction and frequency of meetings will be discussed at the spring TCP Subcommittee meeting. One future task could be continued development of a “best management practices” for TCPs which may be included in the Systemwide Research Design. .

Systemwide Meeting

The next FCRPS Cultural Resource Program Systemwide Meeting is scheduled of November 4-6, 2014, at the Clearwater Resort and Casino in Suquamish, WA. The agenda is nearly final. BPA continues to work to gain internal approvals for meeting sponsorship and refreshments. UCUT is partnering with the agency to fund meals for tribal elders at the Elders Dinner. Meeting invitations were mailed on September 10, 2014.

Annual Report Schedule

The FY 2014 FCRPS Cultural Resource Program Annual Report will include comments received from consulting parties regarding whether the Lead Federal Agencies are meeting the terms of the Systemwide PA, and whether the PA terms remain relevant. Comments will be included in the Annual Report as an appendix. The annual report will also contain a 5-year summary of accomplishments and issues that affect program implementation.

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APE White Paper

Several tribes that participate in the Payos and Wana Pa Koot Koot Cooperating Groups have asked the agencies to produce a guidance paper on determining the area of potential effects for indirect effects associated with operation and maintenance of the hydrosystem. Agency lawyers are reviewing existing case law to support this effort, and a separate guidance document will be shared with program participants in December 2014.

Project Round Robin

Agency Project Managers shared information about FY2014 program accomplishments.

- A National Register eligibility determination for a bank stabilization and for the dam were completed at the Albeni Falls project, and SHPO concurrence was received for a rock image district eligibility determination.
- At Chief Joseph, the HPMP is being updated, and work continues at an important tribal fishery site.
- A study is underway for a log stabilization project at Libby dam, and management actions such as vegetation removal and sign installation are underway at two sites.
- The Walla Walla District of the Corps is conducting numerous topographic surveys for planting designs and bank stabilization work. Progress on implementation of the sign plan has also occurred.
- Projects addressed by the Wana Pa Koot Koot Cooperating Group have received concurrence for several National Register eligibility determinations, and implemented an area closure at a state

park to protect a culturally sensitive area. A celebration to recognize additional interpretive developments at Columbia Hills State Park is in the planning phase and will take place in FY2015.

- At the Grand Coulee and Hungry Horse projects, all FY2015 annual contracts are complete and out for signature. A draft report for survey of four high priority areas at Hungry Horse will be delivered by the end of FY2014. Stabilization is complete at a site on the Spokane reservation, and another on the Colville reservation is undergoing permitting and design for FY2015 construction.

Systemwide Research Design Update

A tribal engagement meeting to discuss the status of and next steps for completing the Systemwide Research Design is scheduled for October 29, 2014 in Spokane, WA. The session will be facilitated by a representative from HRA, the company contracted to complete the research design.

FCRPS Cultural Resource Program Handbook

The three agency Program Managers are reviewing comments on the most recent revised version of the Handbook. These comments will be addressed in a new draft that will be distributed to the CRSC for comment in early 2015.

FY 2015 CRSC Meeting Dates and Locations

Winter: December 9-10, 2014 – Seattle, WA

Spring: March 10-11, 2015 – Walla Walla, WA

Summer: June 9-10, 2015 – Coeur D'Alene, ID

Fall: September 15-16, 2015 – Troutdale, OR