



FCRPS Cultural Resources Sub-Committee (CRSC) Quarterly Meeting Notes September 13-14, 2016

Date: September 13 - 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Pacific Time
September 14 - 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., Pacific Time

Place: **McMenamins Edgefield - Mt. Hood Room**
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September 13, 2016 – Tuesday

FCRPS Roles and Responsibilities

Agency staffs identified FY17 program leads for various activities required under the Systemwide Programmatic Agreement for Management of Historic Properties, and for other program tasks.

FY16 Performance Indicators

CRSC reviewed final status of FY16 Performance Indicators. Reclamation and BPA completed a Treatment Plan Form that will permit one tribal partner in the program to move forward with a creative mitigation. Lead agencies (BPA and Reclamation) will fund construction of a game processing center for use by tribal members. This will promote perpetuation of traditional cultural practices.

Each of the five Corps cooperating groups completed one Treatment Plan Form in preparation for mitigating adverse effects at a Traditional Cultural Property affected by the FCRPS. CRSC discussed one proposed treatment that would involve moving a petroglyph to a new location, noting that some consulting parties viewed relocation as an adverse effect, and others did not.

FY17 Performance Indicators

FY17 program Performance Indicators (PI) will be similar to FY16 PIs. Each of the five Corps cooperating groups will complete a Treatment Plan Form for an archaeological site or a TCP. Reclamation will complete a 90% stabilization design for a site in FY17. Planned work will be implemented in FY18.

Long-Term Goals and Measures

CRSC reviewed the status of work completed in FY16 to meet long term program goals. The Corps continues to work with consulting parties to revise Areas of Potential Effect for nine dams/reservoirs. Survey goals are largely on track, with John Day and Grand Coulee potentially requiring additional time for completion. A survey plan for Grand Coulee is in development. The long term program goal for completing National Register eligibility determinations for high priority sites at each project was met in 2015, and lead agencies continue to complete 2-3 per year. National Register determinations were completed for 45ST61 and the Gifford site at Grand Coulee. The traditional trail network Multiple Property document at Hungry Horse is still in development. Determinations of effect and resolution of adverse effects continue at all projects on the established schedule. The Client Survey implemented in 2013 and 2015 may be adjusted in the future.

Status of Program Documents/Initiatives

The Systemwide Research Design is being used by some program participants. People are also using the treatment plan form for documentation purposes. BPA is consolidating multiple tracking systems into a single database to better track program products and the contracting process.

FCRPS Systemwide Meeting

The Systemwide Meeting is scheduled for November 1-3 in Spokane, WA. Walla Walla District will provide note takers for the meeting. A Corps tribal liaison may be available to facilitate the Traditional Cultural Property session and the Elder Luncheon that follows. Reclamation needs copies of cooperating group posters two weeks in advance of the meeting. Each group will emphasize a different theme or topic.

Programmatic approach to NRHP evaluation

CRSC discussed the feasibility of taking a programmatic approach to National Register eligibility determinations, where certain classes of sites would be determined eligible for the National Register without going through the full NHPA section 106 consultation process. The Corps Walla Walla District takes this approach with rock art sites. It could also be applied to rock features and sites with burials. This might be achieved by adding language to Project-specific Programmatic Agreements. Integrity would need to be assessed if this system was adopted for site eligible for the National Register under criterion d. Integrity might play a lesser role in evaluating sites for significance under criteria a-c.

Roles and Responsibilities for TCP Evaluation/Assessment of Effects

National Register eligibility and effect determinations must be clearly stated in Treatment Plan Forms for Traditional Cultural Properties. These forms will be the basis for consultation with SHPOs, and will be sent to SHPO offices with a cover letter.

Parameters for Mitigation of Adverse Effects

CRSC discussed whether parameters for creative mitigation of adverse effects should be established. The group reviewed some recent creative mitigation recommendations, but drew no conclusion about establishing parameters.

Columbia River System Operations EIS/Section 106

The Lead Agencies have initiated the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process for the Columbia River System Operations Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). The NHPA section 106 process has not been initiated yet, but cultural resources are addressed in the Scoping meetings, and these meetings will serve to satisfy some NHPA 106 public involvement requirements. Each of the three Lead Agencies will establish a NHPA section 106 lead. The process will be on-going through 2021. NHPA section 106 consultation will be separate from routine program coordination that occurs in cooperating group meetings, and must be complete before Records of Decision are signed.

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FCRPS Cultural Resources Research Journal

A cooperating group participant recently suggested that the Lead Agencies produce a journal or occasional papers highlighting FCRPS work or products, making this information more available to the public. CRSC expressed concerns about the amount of time this could take, but agreed that posting an existing article or paper on the BPA website might be appropriate, and would serve as the FY17 target for long term program goal #5.

Project Round Robin

Each Project Manager shared a recent cooperating group accomplishment with the CRSC. The Albeni Falls group is planning for a bank stabilization in FY17. The Libby group is focused on contracting. The Chief Joseph group's work was delayed by wild fires over the summer, but there has been productive research at the National Archives on military use of the area. Research also revealed some tribal place names. Plan to take on additional elder interviews in FY17. Wild fire also affected work along the Spokane Arm of Lake Roosevelt this year, though field work continued with minimal delay. This year Reclamation is focusing on completing 60% stabilization designs for two archaeological sites. The Wana Pa Koot Koot group is planning a bank stabilization project at an island site, and evaluating a heavily looted site for Archaeological Resources Protection Act prosecution. Payos Kuus Cuukwe agreed to schedule an area of potential effects meeting before the end of the year. A design contract will be awarded for the stabilization of two archaeological sites. The Hungry Horse group completed inventory and monitoring in FY16.