

FCRPS Cultural Resources Sub-Committee (CRSC) Spring Quarterly Meeting Notes, 2018

Date: March 14-15, 2018

Time: March 14 - 9:00 a.m. to 4:15 p.m., Pacific Time

March 15 - 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., Pacific Time

<u>Place:</u> Marcus Whitman Hotel

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Room: Nez Perce/Umatilla

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Introductions & Announcements (Group)

Scott Hall (SMH) is the newest member of the CRSC and is now the Supervisory Archaeologist for Walla Walla District Corps.

FY17 Annual Report (GC, Group)

Status and Schedule: Program Participants like this shorter version of the Annual Report. The Annual Report is now final. BPA is in the process of printing these and they should be distributed by March 31. CMF notes that the one-page Annual Report summary should be ready for distribution possibly by April or May.

Long Term Program Goals & Measures- FY18 Status (Group)

- 1. **Define the Area of Potential Effects (APE) for each Project** Eleven of the 14 Projects have completed this goal now that the Walla Walla District APE is defined and has been consulted on. Revised APE for the three Portland District Projects will be distributed to consulting parties soon.
- 2. Complete Inventory Survey goals are on track to be completed within the next year for all 14 projects. After the end of FY18, all accessible lands shall be surveyed with the exception of the Libby Dam project and Lake Roosevelt. Libby is expected to be completed by FY19 and Lake Roosevelt in FY20. A TCP/HPRCSIT Inventory is supposed to be completed by end of FY18, however, it will more likely be that a baseline for each reservoir will be established by then but that the TCP surveys will continue.
- 3. **Complete Determinations of Eligibility for Top Ten Priority Sites at Each Project** This long term goal has been exceeded for all 14 projects. The Corps and Reclamation continue to complete eligibility determinations for two to three sites per Project per year.
- 4. **Plan One and Implement One Mitigation at Each Project Annually** This goal includes the five highest priority sites at each of the 14 projects are mitigated or treated by 9/30/2020 We are on track with these with the exception of at Hungry Horse. See project round robin notes for specific project mitigations planned.
- 5 & 6. Progressive and Productive Program Products and Relationships Last month, an article on netweights and poster on obsidian sourcing within the Grand Coulee Project area were posted to the FCRPS Program webpage under Relevant Research. This meets our FY18 goal. In addition, a historian for the Hungry Horse project has been contracted to write an article on the construction of the Hungry Horse Reservoir that will be published in the Montana Magazine of Western History. A future article is planned on the logging history at Hungry Horse. Chief Joseph contract for the Colville Confederated Tribes (CCT) includes creation of a poster that can be professionally presented.

In two weeks, several Program Participants and contractors are presenting at the Northwest Anthropological Conference as part of the FCRPS Cultural Resource Program Symposium. The Symposium is titled 'The FCRPS Cultural Resource Program: Impacts from Reservoir Processes & Innovative Approaches to Cultural Resource Preservation in the Columbia River Basin'. There are five

presenters as part of the session, including WCRA, the CCT, Ethnotech, and two from the Spokane Tribe. BPA has agreed to send CMF to host the symposium in Boise, March 29th through 31st.

FY18 Performance Indicators (Handout) - Status Update (Group)

- PI 1. Corps/BPA Complete DOE and Treatment Plan for one TCP/HPRCSIT or Archaeological Site in each Cooperating Group All Draft DOE and Treatment Plan Forms (TPF)s need to be drafted and delivered to the respective cooperating groups by March 31st. There is a backlog of TPFs to put together for previously conducted treatments and several unsigned draft TPFs. The idea of the TPFs was to streamline the resolution of adverse effects through the lowest authority possible within the agencies rather than using individual MOAs. KC notes that the agencies should be signing these before each treatment occurs so that they can be sent out to the tribes at that time. The SHPOs should be recognizing that these are streamlined resolution of adverse effects documents.
- PI 2. **Corps/BPA Program Execution and Planning** We are on-track with these milestones. All FY18 SOWs have been drafted and shared with BPA for review and FY19 Annual Work Plans have been drafted.
- PI 3. **Complete One Mitigation Project at Grand Coulee** A Draft Treatment Plan Form will be done for the stabilization to take place at Marble Beach along Grand Coulee Lake Roosevelt's Mainstem by June 1st.
- PI 4. **Reclamation/BPA Program Execution and Planning** We are on-track with these milestones. FY19 Annual Work Plans have been drafted.

FY19 Systemwide Conference Update (KK and AD)

Two planning group meetings have taken place thus far for the FY19 Systemwide Conference. The planning effort is lead by KK and AD. Members of the planning group include JB, MP, DB, LO, Brenda Covington, Arrow Coyote, Chris Casserino, John Matt, and, John Pouley. For FY19, it will be held in Montana. AD has requested proposals from the Hilton Garden Inn in Missoula, the Whitefish Lodge in Whitefish, and the Kwataqnuk Resort and Casino in Polson. A decision needs to be made on the location within the next two weeks.

This conference may be a half-day shorter than the last Systemwide Conference. It will be a full-day of Cooperating Group meetings and then a full day for possibly booths and/or presentations.

DAHP WISAARD Discussion (Group)

DAHP (Rob Whitlam and Kim Gant) came to BPA in January to give a brief overview of the general WISAARD process. Questions regarding reoccurring issues were acknowledged. However, Kim made it clear that many issues are a result of glitches in WISAARD that cannot be fixed until an overhaul of the system is done and they currently need more money to be able to do the overhaul. Issues include: Draft documents are occasionally visible to all approximately 1200 WISAARD users; and contractors and participants are having to enter site data twice (once in word documents and once through WISAARD).

For short term consistency across the FCRPS Cultural Resource Program, we are to make sure the Agency sets up the Project in WISAARD, not the contractor. For BPA and Reclamation contracts, site forms will likely be submitted as PDFs but transmittal letters to DAHP and other parties can reference the project that has been set up in WISAARD by the Agencies.

Systemwide Law Enforcement Jurisdiction and ARPA Violations (Group)

The group discussed ways of starting the ARPA violation process. Jurisdiction of the law enforcement (LE) officers that first identify an issue, take action, or prepare evidence is a big factor. Some of the cooperating groups have built-in tribal LE contracts so that these officers can patrol and have jurisdiction over reservation lands. A recent presentation from U.S. Assistant Attorney at a WPKK meeting provided information on requirements to prosecute ARPA violations.

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Project Round Robin (Group)

Chief Joseph: The cooperating group is looking at a rock art site to be stabilized within the next year. It is just off of the road and subject to gravel impacts. All contracts are moving forward, including a large desktop context document of Traditional Plants that is being developed under contract with the CCT. In addition, the HPMP for the Chief Joseph Dam project is being updated, with an expected 2019 date of completion.

Payos Kuus Cuukwe: The FY18 treatment is stabilization at Columbia Park. Construction of this will be out for bid soon and should take place this fall. NWW is in the process of finishing up the Encroachment Handbook for the district and cultural resources have played a large role in prioritizing encroachment areas and actions.

Albeni Falls: Contracts are moving forward. The cooperating group is planning a bank stabilization at Carey Creek. The group plans to work with private land owners on accessing their land for inventory. Private lands with known archaeological sites and that have flowage easements will be first priority. The Corps is working on getting a new curation contract in place.

Wana Pa Koot Koot: Stabilization at Plymouth Island was supposed to take place last year but an underwater wetland was identified and delayed the project. Bob's Point in The Dalles is another stabilization project that is underway. A short-term solution was determined to be wave attenuator buoys that break up waves hitting the bank until a long-term stabilization can take place. Maryhill Petroglyph is in jeopardy of cracking and part of it has already collapsed. Next Tuesday it is being moved to Horsethief Lake/Columbia Hills State Park. The Yakama and Nez Perce Tribes will be on-site for the move.

Libby: For both this FY and FY19, the group is facing some funding challenges in meeting Program goals. For treatment this year, a riparian project will take place at Blackwell Flats and a berm will be added to stabilize a portion of the site. At the Jennings Townsite, additional signs will be placed. The next big stabilization project cannot take place until FY2021 due to funding issues. The Corps is working on getting a new curation

contract in place.

Hungry Horse: The Montana Magazine of Western History will soon be publishing an article on the building of Hungry Horse Dam. A logging history of the Hungry Horse reservoir is also in the works. The drawdown is was forecast to be low this year so there may be additional sites exposed for the seasonal monitoring effort. The Hungry Horse APE is now 100 percent inventoried and the group would like to have all archaeological work that has taken place summarized in a capstone synthesis report. The MPN for the Trails Network continues to be in progress and will hopefully be completed this year.

Grand Coulee Spokane Arm: In general the program is running well and work is being completed. One exception is that Cayuse Cove Stabilization Project has been delayed until FY21. Staging is the main issue behind the delay. It needs to be built by barge. The NPS campground facility and boat launch was determined as the best option but there are time restrictions because of the recreation season. It needed to be bumped out by two years because of additional urgency for completing the next stabilization at Marble Beach on the Mainstem. The Spokane Tribe has requested the agencies gain access to survey private land parcels. The STIPP is doing great data recovery projects and are hiring new people.

Grand Coulee Mainstem: Completing the inventory of Federal lands continues to be a challenge due to the size, spread and past work history at Lake Roosevelt. The inventory efforts produced many new archaeological sites but the majority documented during the past two field seasons are historic refuse scatters with limited evaluation potential. Currently, two archaeological districts are being paired down to include only Federal lands. Focusing on the federal lands will address the concerns that Federal land managers have expressed when considering nominating non-federal holdings in 10-900 NR Nominations. Marble Beach site stabilization should be ready for construction by late FY2019 barring any unforeseen circumstances. The Grand Coulee Long Term Survey Plan is close to being completed. It is a two -to three-year plan to fill in data gaps in the inventory.

Review of Action Items (Group)

KC read the list of action items from last meeting that remain to-be-done. CMF reviewed new action items from this meeting that will be sent to KC to update in the Action Item Tracking System spreadsheet.

Schedule FY18 CRSC Meetings (Group)

June 19-20: TBD/ Conference Call?

September 12-13: Portland, OR

Corps of Engineers ARPA Webinar (Group)

• The group sat in on this webinar from 11:00am to 12:00pm.