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Bonneville Power Administration

# memorandum

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REPLY TO  
ATTN OF: KEC-4

SUBJECT: Supplement Analysis for the Wildlife Mitigation Program EIS (DOE/EIS-0246/SA-26)

TO: David Sill  
Fish and Wildlife Project Manager

**Proposed Action:** Windy Bay Property Acquisition

**Project No:** 1990-044-03

**Wildlife Management Techniques or Actions Addressed Under This Supplement Analysis  
(See App. A of the Wildlife Mitigation Program EIS):** 1.1 Fee-Title Acquisition and Transfer

**Location:** Kootenai County, Idaho

**Proposed by:** Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) and the Coeur d'Alene Tribe

**Description of the Proposed Action:** BPA proposes to purchase approximately 150 acres of land located at the mouth of Lake Creek on Lake Coeur d'Alene on the Coeur d'Alene Indian Reservation in Kootenai County, Idaho. Title to the land will be held by the Coeur d'Alene Tribe. The goal of this project is to protect and enhance riparian, wetland, and upland habitats for the benefit of wildlife.

**Analysis:** The compliance checklist for this project was completed by Robert Matt with the Coeur d'Alene Tribe Wildlife Program and meets the standards and guidelines for the Wildlife Mitigation Program Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and Record of Decision (ROD). A comprehensive management plan will be prepared for the Windy Bay property after it is purchased and will follow the guidelines and mitigation measures detailed in the Wildlife Mitigation Program EIS and ROD.

No plant or animal species listed under the Endangered Species Act (ESA) will be affected by the fee-title purchase of the subject property. ESA listed species known to exist in the vicinity of the Windy Bay property include bald eagle, bull trout, and Ute ladies'-tresses. Prior to the implementation of any restoration or enhancement activities on the site, ESA Section 7 Consultation will be conducted by BPA and the Coeur d'Alene Tribe as necessary.

A cultural resource review of the Windy Bay property was completed by Dr. Robert Lee Sappington in May 2002. Dr. Sappington conducted background research on the project area and its environs, and conducted a reconnaissance survey (22 acres) and intensive survey (100 acres) of the site. No properties of historical or archaeological interest were identified within the Windy Bay property. The proposed purchase of the Windy Bay property does not involve construction, development, or ground disturbance, and it was determined that it will have no

effect on the site. In the unlikely event that archaeological material is encountered during developments that might occur as part of this project, an archaeologist should immediately be notified and work halted in the vicinity of the finds until they can be inspected and assessed. The Coeur d'Alene Tribe Historic Preservation Office (THPO) concurred with these findings on June 6, 2002.

A Phase I Environmental Site Assessment of the Windy Bay property was completed on April 9, 2002 by Fred Walasavage, an Environmental Protection Specialist with BPA. Based on this assessment, it was determined that there are no recognized environmental conditions identified at the property that would impact the acquisition of these lands.

Public involvement has taken place as part of the Windy Bay land acquisition process. The project was approved by both the Coeur d'Alene Tribe's Natural Resource Committee and the Tribal Council. The Coeur d'Alene Tribe is part of the Albeni Falls Interagency Work Group. The Work Group conducts periodic open houses to inform the public about wildlife mitigation activities in the region. The Windy Bay project is tentatively scheduled to be discussed at a Work Group meeting in summer 2002. A public notice describing the project and requesting comments/questions was published in the Coeur d'Alene Press in June 2002. Comments included questions about the project location and concerns about the future management of the property. Management concerns were noted and will be addressed in the management plan for the property. Public involvement will be more actively encouraged during the development of a comprehensive management plan for the Windy Bay property.

**Findings:** The project is generally consistent with the Northwest Power Planning Council's Fish and Wildlife Program, as well as BPA's Wildlife Mitigation Program EIS (DOE/EIS-0246) and ROD. This Supplement Analysis finds that: 1) implementing the proposed action will not result in any substantial changes to the Wildlife Mitigation Program that are relevant to environmental concerns; and 2) there are no significant new circumstances or information relevant to environmental concerns and bearing on the Wildlife Mitigation Program or its impacts. Therefore, no further NEPA documentation is required.

CONCUR:

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Environmental Specialist

/s/ Thomas C. McKinney  
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NEPA Compliance Officer

DATE: 7-3-2002

Attachments:

NEPA Compliance Checklist  
Phase I Environmental Site Assessment, April 9, 2002  
Coeur d'Alene Tribe THPO Letter, June 6, 2002

cc: (w/o attachments)

Mr. Robert Matt, Coeur d'Alene Tribe Wildlife Program  
Ms. Stacey Stovall, Conservation Innovations, Inc.