



'Baker River Project License Implementation

Cultural Resource Advisory Group FINAL Meeting Notes

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PRESENT:

Elizabeth Dubreuil (Puget Sound Energy), Heather Miller (HRA), Chris Miss and Jessie Piper (Northwest Archeological Associates), and Candace Wilson (Facilitator, PDSA Consulting). By phone: Jan Hollenbeck (United States Forest Service) and Russell Holter (Department of Archaeology & Historic Preservation).

DECISIONS: None today

NEXT MEETING: August 18, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., Skagit Center

2010 MEETING DATES: August 18, September 15, October 20, November 17, December 15

MAY 12 AGENDA

1. Review notes/agenda/action items from April 6, 2010
2. Review recent BRCC meeting activities and New License review/issues
 - BRCC membership contacts, timing of formalizing resource groups, meeting timing
 - Next Steps
3. Decisions Required at Today's Meeting - None
4. Project Updates
 - 2010 Projects
 - Next Steps
5. HPMP Revision Update
 - Check-In on Review Process
 - Historic Buildings & Structures (HPI update)
 - Timeline
 - Next Steps
6. Decisions for next meeting: None known
7. Erosion Plan Update
8. Review meeting norms and membership list
9. Evaluate meeting, set location and agenda for next meeting (August 18, 2010)
10. Protective Options
 - Review drawings
 - Next steps

NEW ACTION ITEMS

- Elizabeth and NWAA: Revise APE to include historic district resources for LB FSC, LB Dam, and LB Power House projects and distribute to CRAG with narrative description

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- Elizabeth Set up meeting and field trip to evaluate armored sites and make recommendations.
- Jan Share survey results on FS 1106 project with CRAG.
- Heather Send Russell an export file of the HPI report.
- Heather Research previous notes on Bear Creek dam on Rocky Creek to verify it is not related to the Washington Portland Cement historic district.
- All Send comments on HPMP sections to Elizabeth. **Due June 1.**

PREVIOUS - STILL RELEVANT - ACTION ITEMS

- All Send comments on HPMP Appendix SP (Special Provisions for Contractors) to Elizabeth. **Due June 1.**
- Jan Rework NFS section of the HPMP (Section 5 – pg. 154) **Due June 1.**
- Elizabeth Proceed with curation of collections at the Burke by 9/30/10 with Burke and NWAA. **Ongoing.**
- NWAA Prepare collections for curation at Burke by 9/30/10. **Ongoing.**
- All: Discuss best action regarding potential issue with WISAARD access to confidential archaeological information.
- Chris: Create structure of documents record. (This refers to a reference index of documents relating to CRAG indicating the date of the latest version.) **Pending.**
- All? Present findings from Treatment Plan collection at a professional conference. **Ongoing.**

REVIEW NOTES/AGENDA/ACTION ITEMS:

Notes

Notes from the April 6 CRAG meeting were accepted as submitted. Candace will send out the final notes to CRAG members.

Agenda

The agenda was reviewed and accepted. The membership list review was postponed to a later time.

Report on Action Items

- Jessie & Elizabeth Send out HPMP Appendix SP (Special Provisions for Contractors) to CRAG for review. **Completed.**
- Jan Discuss Baker Lake Collection with Steve Denton in the context of the existing HIT Agreement between the USFS and the Burke Museum. **Completed**
- Elizabeth Send updated comment log on HPMP out to CRAG members for review. **Completed.**
- Elizabeth Send latest version of Section 5 of the HPMP out to CRAG members without “track changes”. **Completed**
- NWAA Separate armored/stabilized sites from lag sites and create appropriate monitoring form. **Completed.**

BRCC ACTIVITIES

The last meeting was March 24, and Elizabeth attended. She sends in monthly CRAG meeting reports as requested.

PROJECT UPDATES

Lower Baker FSC – Elizabeth presented an APE for the LB FSC and reviewed recent history of the development of the project and CRAG’s participation. She proposed that the APE for this project be



expanded to include the Lower Baker Dam and Power House as there are upcoming projects in those areas of the Historic District. Elizabeth described the upcoming projects. A new, third powerhouse will be constructed. The original 1924 power house is buried under a landslide, and the current power house, which will remain, is non-contributing. The new power house will be approximately 90% underground; a new tunnel will also be constructed in the bedrock where the original tunnel is located.

A Lower Baker Dam Crest Improvement Project is also proposed to meet license obligations. The dam is a contributing resource to the BRHDHD. There may be an adverse effect if the structure is modified and if the appearance is altered. The gatehouse, also a contributing resource, may also be modified.

Russell asked about the configuration of the APE for the LB FSC Project (LB Barge, contributing resource). Elizabeth explained that the APE includes anchor points, constructions staging areas (boat launch), a new pier structure, and any modification to existing roads. She reviewed some of the topography and issues relating to the project to get Russ up-to-date with the rest of the group which went on a field trip to the area.

Jan commented that an expanded APE allows for the more comprehensive approach to addressing effects to the historic district. The APE will be differentiated for archaeological and historic elements. Russ commented that there needs to be a way to take in indirect and visual impacts, etc.

Elizabeth mentioned that there is 15-25 feet of fill on top of glacial material where the power house will be built that will need to be evaluated. There may be historic materials, like metal, wood, etc mixed into the fill materials. The railroad grade has not been located in the powerhouse area, although historic maps show one going to the original powerhouse. The only railroad grade located was in association with the Adult Fish trap Project in the vicinity of the Great Northern trestle remains (lower compound near visitor's Center). Elizabeth will initiate surveys on the FSC area and look at the dam and power house sites to see if any archaeological surveys are necessary. She will give recommendations to CRAG/SHPO.

ACTION: Elizabeth and NWAA: Revise APE to include LB FSC, LB Dam, and LB Power House projects and distribute to CRAG and SHPO with narrative description.

Stabilization

The Design Team has developed concepts/schematics. Elizabeth will meet with them next week and has invited a hydrologist (water quality) to consult on permitting. This is on target for 2011 implementation during the work drawdown scheduled for winter/early spring.

Lake Shannon monitoring

Monitoring may be done at Lake Shannon if there is a drought drawdown. Recent rainfall has increased the volume, so this may or may not happen.

Monitoring results

Chris reported the monitoring form seems to work. All the data will be shared with CRAG and SHPO. The latest report shows subsidence and erosion at the armored site. The cause of the subsidence appears to be settling of the armoring. Foot traffic may need to be diverted; the area is fragile. There are picnic tables in the area. Perhaps the new site should be armored higher and further up the bank to compensate for expected settling.



ACTION: Elizabeth Set up meeting and field trip to evaluate armored sites and make recommendations. And send monitoring report findings to CRAG and SHPO.

FS Road 1106

Jan reported that the APE for FS 1106 will be expanded to allow for a larger disposal site near the bone yard area. This will involve a new survey and will be handled through the FS internal process.

ACTION: Jan Share survey results on FS 1106 project with CRAG.

HPMP REVISION UPDATE

Check In on Review Process

Elizabeth reviewed the HPMP finalization schedule. All comments are due June 1 to PSE. They will be compiled and addressed, and a final HPMP will be produced and sent out for official 30-day review on July 2. Comments will be due back Aug. 2. Comments will be addressed and sent to FERC for final submission with final HPMP by September 30. FERC will not solicit comments.

Russ asked whether the HPMP covers all effects as it seems to address only direct or indirect. Do temporary or cumulative effects need to be addressed? This was discussed and this is a NEPA term, not Section 106. An adverse effect is an adverse effect as defined in Section 106.

Elizabeth called attention to the HPMP items sent to CRAG for review by email.

LUNCH – We had our usual working lunch.

Historic Buildings & Structures (HPI Update)

Heather reviewed the HPI table she had emailed to CRAG. It summarizes the status of the historic structures and will be attached as an addendum to the HPMP. Nothing has been found non-contributing that was previously determined to be contributing. Heather reviewed some of the changes. The update is posted on the FTP site.

ACTION: Heather Send Russell an export file of the HPI report

Jan asked about Bear Creek Dam on Rocky Creek. All data and records seem to point to these dams as part of the Superior Portland Cement Company history and not the Washington Portland Cement Company history (PSE HD).

ACTION: Heather Research previous notes on Bear Creek dam on Rocky Creek to verify it is not related to the Washington Portland Cement Company historic district.

DECISIONS FOR NEXT MEETING: None known

EROSION PLAN UPDATE

No report. There were no concerns at this time.

PROTECTIVE OPTIONS

This item was included in Project Updates.



REVIEW MEETING NORMS AND MEMBERSHIP LIST

The membership list review was postponed. The norms were reviewed with no change except the addition of a hyphen in “Decision-Making” on page 2. Candace will send out the norms with the notation “reviewed” as of today.

FUTURE MEETINGS

The next meeting was tentatively scheduled for August 18 unless a need arises for a meeting before that time.

EVALUATE MEETING, SET LOCATION AND AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING (August 18, 2010)

Evaluate Meeting:

- Great lunch
- Great discussion on projects/combined APE & Good information for going to the next step

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- No raisins in the cookies
- Check meeting ID# and Web-ex information for accuracy

Draft Agenda for August 18, 2010 Meeting (Regular CRAG meeting)

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4. Project Updates
 - LB Dam
 - LB Powerhouse
 - LB FSC
 - Stabilization
 - Other?
5. HPMP Process Update
6. Decisions for next meeting?

Lunch

7. Evaluate Meeting, set location and agenda for next meeting (September 15, 2010)

Pending HPMP Discussion Items – to be discussed via email

1. Section 5

- (pg. 154) NFS Lands – included in Section 5 emailed 5/11/10
- Review monitoring forms – emailed 5/11/10
- Review “Archaeological sites” under Monitoring Program when monitoring form is revised – included in Section 5, emailed 5/11/10
- Review Appendix SP (Contractor Compliance) – emailed 4/14/10
- Revisit Curation Plan (HIT Agreements & Burke Guidelines – Appendix L) – emailed previously

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2. Other Sections

- Review 6.3 Reporting – will be sent out late May
- Review Section 6 – CRC Qualifications – will be sent out late May

3. Unresolved areas on Comments Log – emailed 5/11/10