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In reply refer to: EF&W

Tribal leaders, Wildlife Program Managers and other interested parties:

Please be advised that Environment, Fish and Wildlife is interested in getting feedback on an alternative contracting concept we're exploring for capitalizing land acquisitions for wildlife mitigation.

Since it is a draft concept that must undergo rigorous external review, we wanted to share this concept with Tribes as early as possible. We are very interested in hearing your feedback as to whether it addresses some of the issues that have led to a perceived slowing of mitigation efforts resulting from implementation of our capitalization policy.

This alternative contracting approach will be discussed at the Northwest Power Conservation Council's Fish and Wildlife Committee meeting scheduled on October 11th in Eugene, OR. In addition, BPA staff will discuss this concept at the Native American Fish and Wildlife Society regional conference in Okanogan, WA on October 18th. If you would like to suggest another forum or meeting to more fully discuss this concept, please let me know and we will do what we can to meet your needs.

If you have any comments or questions in regards to this concept, please contact Lydia Grimm at (503) 230-3528 or [ltgrimm@bpa.gov](mailto:ltgrimm@bpa.gov) or myself at (503) 230-5069.

Sincerely,

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