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RE: COMMENT TO ISRP HIGH PRIORITY PROPOSAL REVIEW

Mr. Walker:

This letter is written in regards to providing comment to the ISRP review of the fiscal year 2001 High Priority Proposals, as directed by e-mail February 2, 2001 by Stephen L. Crow, NPPC Executive Director. If there are any further questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact myself at the phone number above, or by email at emmit@nezperce.org. Thank you for this opportunity to comment.

ProjectID: 23032

Project Title: Return Spawning/Rearing Habitat to Anadromous/Resident Fish within the Squaw Creek to Papoose Creek Analysis Area Watersheds

ISRP Comment: They should consider potential impacts on native resident stocks if they are present above the culverts.

Sponsor Response: There will be no impact on native resident stocks by the culvert replacements through this proposal by non-native fish species, in particular brook trout. Brook trout occur in very low numbers in the mainstem Lochsa River. There are no documented brook trout occurrences in Squaw, Papoose, Badger, Wendover, or Parachute Creek drainages; therefore the risks for impacts are very low. Replacing the culverts would not have any impact on the existing native fish populations (Draft Environmental Assessment, Clearwater National Forest and Nez Perce Tribe, 2001).

Sincerely,

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Subject: right attachment for projectID 23032

I attached the wrong file for the comments to ISPR review of projectID 23032, Return Spawning/Rearing Habitat to Anadromous/Resident Fish within the Squaw Creek to Papoose Creek Analysis Area Watersheds. The CORRECT file is attached with this message. If there is any confusion, please let me know.

Could I please receive an e-mail in return letting me know that you received the correct file. Thank you.