

Response to ISRP High Priority Comments

Project ID: 23073

Project Title: Perpetual Conservation Easement on Holliday Ranch and Crown Ranch

Sponsor: Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

ISRP Comment: The ISRP supports this excellent project, but is confused over long-term O&M costs. The budget includes funds for long-term O&M while the text indicates that the responsibility for ongoing fence maintenance falls on the Grantor, the Hollidays. Also, there is inadequate indication who will pay for long-term M&E.

Sponsor Response: Terms of this agreement are currently being negotiated with the Hollidays; however, it has been proposed that the Grantor will be responsible for O&M, while the holder of the conservation easement will accept responsibility for M&E. The proposal should be modified to reflect no O&M request from BPA in FY2001 or out years. Instead, costs should be shifted to M&E, which is estimated to require \$12,000 in FY2001 and \$10,000 each year over the life of the easement. These costs will include photopoints, aerial monitoring of the river and tributaries, water temperature monitoring equipment, and on-ground inspections.