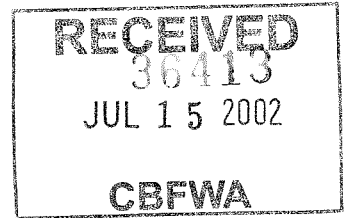




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July 11, 2002

In reply refer to: KEW-4

Mr. Frank L. Cassidy, Chairman  
Northwest Power Planning Council  
851 SW Sixth Avenue, Suite 1100  
Portland, OR 97204

Dear Chairman Cassidy:

This is the second set of our funding decisions on the Blue Mountain and Mountain Snake Provinces' fish and wildlife mitigation and recovery proposals submitted through the Northwest Power Planning Council's (Council) provincial review process. On June 21, 2002, we sent you our first set of fiscal years (FY) 2002 through 2004 Blue Mountain and Mountain Snake Provincial funding decisions. This letter is the final funding decision for the subset of U.S. Forest Service (USFS) related habitat projects identified in the June 21, 2002 letter. We have analyzed additional information from the USFS and the project sponsors verifying USFS cost-share commitments, relationship of the proposed projects to existing plans, priority of the proposed projects and any relationship to past Bonneville investments. We have now determined that these projects have met our criteria and intend to proceed with implementation.

### 1. U.S. Forest Service Related Habitat Projects

We would like to express our appreciation to the USFS for their cooperation in reviewing project proposals that involve actions on Federal lands and providing the cost-share and information on USFS priorities and responsibilities for these project areas. The information also verifies their ability to complete the projects within the estimated time frames, complete project deliverables, and address questions on augmentation of appropriations and Environmental Assessments at the Watershed Scale (EAWS). Bonneville has determined that it is appropriate to fund the following eight projects that in whole, or in part, are on USFS lands.

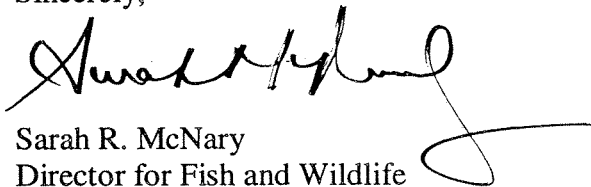
- a. Proposal No. 27022 – Wallowa Culvert Inventory
- b. Proposal No. 28047 – Protect and Restore Red River Watershed
- c. Proposal No. 28048 – Protect and Restore Crooked Fork Creek to Colt Killed Analysis Area
- d. Project No. 1996-077-02 – Protect and Restore Lolo Creek Watershed
- e. Project No. 1996-077-03 – Restoring the Waw'aatamnima (Fishing) (Squaw) Creek to Imnaamatnoon (Legendary Bear) (Papoose) Creek Watershed Analysis Area

- f. Project No. 2000-034-00 – Protect and Restore the North Lochsa Face Analysis Area Watersheds
- g. Project No. 2000-035-00 - Rehabilitate Newsome Creek Watershed - South Fork Clearwater River
- h. Project No. 2000-036-00 - Protect & Restore Mill Creek

Proposal No. 27022 – Wallowa Culvert Inventory presents a potential in lieu funding challenge. It is possible that of the 1,128 culverts in Wallowa County, some may be under a legal mandate such as a court order, state requirement, or Endangered Species Act requirement that the landowner conduct an inventory, assessment and provide passage at their designated culvert(s). Bonneville will work with the project sponsor to review all culverts proposed for inventory to determine if they are under any legal mandate for inventory, assessment and providing passage prior to project implementation.

We hope that the information contained in this decision letter is helpful and, as always, are willing to discuss any issues that you may have with our funding decisions for the Blue Mountain and Mountain Snake Provinces. Please feel free to give Bob Austin or me a call if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,



Sarah R. McNary  
Director for Fish and Wildlife

Enclosure:

Bonneville's First Follow-up FY 2002 Funding Decision for Blue Mountain and Mountain Snake Provinces – July 11, 2002

cc:

Mr. Larry Dawson, Clearwater National Forest  
Mr. Rod Sando, Columbia Basin Fish & Wildlife Authority  
Mr. Brian Brown, National Marine Fisheries Service  
Mr. Bruce Bernhardt, Nez Perce National Forest  
Mr. Ira Jones, Nez Perce Tribe  
Mr. Doug Marker, Northwest Power Planning Council  
Mr. Jeff Blackwood, Umatilla National Forest  
Mr. Bill Shake, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service  
Mr. David Heller, U.S. Forest Service – Region 6  
Ms. Linda Ulmer, U.S. Forest Service – Region 1  
Ms. Karyn Wood, Wallowa Whitman National Forest

**BONNEVILLE'S FIRST FOLLOW-UP FY2002 FUNDING DECISION FOR BLUE MOUNTAIN AND MOUNTAIN SNAKE PROVINCES - JULY 11, 2002**

Proposal Number	Sub-basin	Proposal/Project Title	Sponsor	Council Recommended FY02 Budget	Proposed BPA FY02 Budget	RPA RPM	BPA Comments
27022	Grande Ronde	Wallowa Culvert Inventory	NPTFRM	\$170,603	\$170,603	(1)	Bonneville will work with the project sponsor to review all culverts proposed for inventory to determine if they are under any legal mandate for inventory, assessment and providing passage prior to project implementation.
28047	Clearwater	Protect and Restore Red River Watershed	NPT	\$95,811	\$95,811	(1)	Fund
28048	Clearwater	Protect and Restore Crooked Fork Creek to Colt Killed Analysis Area	NPTFWP	\$174,482	\$174,482	(1)	Fund
199607702	Clearwater	Protect and Restore Lolo Creek Watershed	NPTFWP	\$236,296	\$236,296	(1)	Fund
199607703	Clearwater	Restoring the Waw'aatamnima (Fishing) (Squaw) Creek to Imnaamatnoon (Legendary Bear) (Papoose) Creek Watershed Analysis Area	NPTFWP	\$413,288	\$413,288	(1)	Fund
200003400	Clearwater	Protect and Restore The North Lochsa Face Analysis Area Watersheds	NPTFWP	\$182,507	\$182,507	(1)	Fund
200003500	Clearwater	Rehabilitate Newsome Creek Watershed - South Fork Clearwater River	NPT	\$287,732	\$287,732	(1)	Fund
200003600	Clearwater	Protect & Restore Mill Creek	NPTFWP	\$74,915	\$74,915	(1)	Fund

(1) Consistent with the intent of RPA 149 by improving survival by culvert passage improvements, but do not occur in NMFS designated high priority subbasins.