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Proposal Number	Sub-basin	Proposal Title	ISRP Rank	BPA Rank	RPA	BPA Comment
32003	Snake Lower Middle	White Sturgeon put, grow, and take fishery feasibility assessment, Oxbow/Hells Canyon reservoirs.	Fundable, high priority; it seems logical that Idaho Power should share the cost	D	No	Do not recommend. This project proposal was addressed in the Council's 1995 FWL Program. Section 10.4A.5. Substantive questions were raised at that time regarding the connection of this project to rate payer mitigation responsibilities. These connections have not yet been addressed.
32008	Owyhee	Wildlife Inventory and Habitat Evaluation of Duck Valley Indian Reservation	Fundable at high priority	C	No	Do not recommend. The discussions and agreements among responsible entities, as called for in the Council's 1995 F&W Program have not yet taken place. Findings on Section 10.5B. As BPA commented in 1995, FWL Program amendments, it may not be an FCRPS responsibility to mitigate above Hells Canyon dam if not affected by the construction or operation of Black Canyon, Anderson Ranch, Boise Diversion, Minidoka, or Palisades reservoirs.
32011	Boise	Mitigation of marine-derived nutrient loss in the Boise-Payette-Weiser subbasin.	Fundable	D	No	Do not recommend. The discussions and agreements among responsible entities, as called for in the Council's 1995 F&W Program have not yet taken place. Findings on Section 10.5B. As BPA commented in 1995, FWL Program amendments, it may not be an FCRPS responsibility to mitigate above Hells Canyon dam if not affected by the construction or operation of Black Canyon, Anderson Ranch, Boise Diversion, Minidoka, or Palisades reservoirs.
32013	Payette	Fishery Restoration of the Gold Fork River, Idaho	Fundable in part. The proposal would work to strengthen the bull trout population in one of the five key watersheds in the Payette drainage as identified in the Idaho Governor's bull trout recovery plan	C	No	Do not recommend. The discussions and agreements among responsible entities, as called for in the Council's 1995 F&W Program have not yet taken place. Findings on Section 10.5B. As BPA commented in 1995, FWL Program amendments, it may not be an FCRPS responsibility to mitigate above Hells Canyon dam if not affected by the construction or operation of Black Canyon, Anderson Ranch, Boise Diversion, Minidoka, or Palisades reservoirs.

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32016	Malheur	Assess the feasibility of the Upper Malheur Watershed to support the reintroduction of anadromous populations above the Beulah and Warm Springs Reservoir	Fundable as a planning and prioritization exercise; is this is appropriate for BPA funding?	D	No	Do not recommend. The discussions and agreements among responsible entities, as called for in the Council's 1995 F&W Program have not yet taken place. Findings on Section 10.5B. As BPA commented in 1995, FWL Program amendments, it may not be an FCRPS responsibility to mitigate above Hells Canyon dam if not affected by the construction or operation of Black Canyon, Anderson Ranch, Boise Diversion, Minidoka, or Palisades reservoirs.
1988-156-00	Owyhee	Implement Fishery Stocking Program Consistent With Native Fish Conservation	Fundable	A/Cond.	No	Recommend that this project be combined with Project 1995-015-00 since they are essentially the same, but occur in different lakes. Combination should reduce administrative, M&E, and O&M costs. Stocking rates for these waters seem to be high considering that temperature and oxygen profiles indicate they are marginal for trout. During the next 2 years the project estimates a cost increase from \$110,000 to \$420,000. We question the basis for this requested increase. In addition we note that equipment maintenance costs appear to be excessive for this project.
1994-054-00	Powder	Tools for Managing Bull Trout Populations Influenced by Nonnative Brook Trout Invasions	Fundable at low priority	D	No	Do not recommend. The discussions and agreements among responsible entities, as called for in the Council's 1995 F&W Program have not yet taken place. Findings on Section 10.5B. As BPA commented in 1995, FWL Program amendments, it may not be an FCRPS responsibility to mitigate above Hells Canyon dam if not affected by the construction or operation of Black Canyon, Anderson Ranch, Boise Diversion, Minidoka, or Palisades reservoirs. BPA, in conjunction with the Council, anticipates examining FCRPS responsibilities for bull trout research in this basin.
1995-015-00	Owyhee	Lake Billy Shaw Operations and Maintenance and Evaluation (O&M, M&E)	Fundable	A/Cond.	No	Recommend that this project be combined with Project 1988-156-00 since they are essentially the same, but occur in different lakes. Combination should reduce administrative, M&E, and O&M costs.

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1995-057-01	Boise	Southern Idaho Wildlife Mitigation - Middle Snake	Fundable	A/Cond.	No	While these SIWMP projects are addressing FWP priority species, the funding of the projects needs to be coordinated with other SIWMP proposals. In addition, on-going O&M and M&E should be funded to maintain past investments, but Implementation Phase funding for new habitat acquisitions should be maintained at the FY01 levels (plus inflation factor) pending adoption of Subbasin Plans.
1995-057-03	Owyhee	Southern Idaho Wildlife Mitigation - Shoshone-Paiute Tribes	Fundable	A/Cond.	No	While these SIWMP projects are addressing FWP priority species, the funding of the projects needs to be coordinated with other SIWMP proposals. Implementation Phase funding for new habitat acquisitions should be maintained at the FY01 levels (plus inflation factor) pending adoption of Subbasin Plans. In addition, on-going O&M and M&E should be funded to maintain past investments
1997-011-00	Owyhee	Enhance and Protect Habitat and Riparian Areas on the DVIR	Not Fundable; lack of necessary detail on quantifiable biologically measurable objectives, methods, and M&E	A/Cond	No	Do not recommend funding new on the ground implementation. To protect past investment, fund on-going O&M and review the need for continuing M&E. May not be an FCRPS responsibility to mitigate above Hells Canyon dam if not affected by the construction or operation of Black Canyon, Anderson Ranch, Boise Diversion, Minidoka, or Palisades reservoirs.
1997-019-00	Malheur	Evaluate The Life History Of Native Salmonids In The Malheur Basin	Fundable in part to complete work in progress	B	No	Do not recommend. May not be an FCRPS responsibility to mitigate above Hells Canyon dam if not affected by the construction or operation of Black Canyon, Anderson Ranch, Boise Diversion, Minidoka, or Palisades reservoirs. Although there have been prior bull trout assessments in this basin, BPA is reassessing its obligation to mitigate for bull trout above areas blocked by non-Federal dams.

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1998-002-00	Snake Lower Middle	Snake River Native Salmonid Assessment	Fundable, with high benefits to fish	B	No	Do not recommend. May not be an FCRPS responsibility to mitigate above Hells Canyon dam if not affected by the construction or operation of Black Canyon, Anderson Ranch, Boise Diversion, Minidoka, or Palisades reservoirs. Although there have been prior bull trout assessments in this basin, BPA is reassessing its obligation to mitigate for bull trout above areas blocked by non-Federal dams.
2000-009-00	Malheur	Logan Valley Wildlife Mitigation Project/ O&M	Fundable in part; O&M plans appear to be adequate, while M&E plans were not	A	N/A	Recommend. The project needs to provide habitat unit to verify wildlife credits from the project.
2000-027-00	Malheur	Malheur River Wildlife Mitigation Project	Fundable in part; O&M plans appear to be adequate, while M&E plans were not	A/Cond	N/A	Recommend funding O&M only until M&E plan is developed that receives support from ISRP.
2000-079-00	Bruneau	Assess Resident Fish Stocks Of The Owyhee/Bruneau Basin, D.V.I.R.	Not Fundable	B	No	Do not recommend. May not be an FCRPS responsibility to mitigate above Hells Canyon dam if not affected by the construction or operation of Black Canyon, Anderson Ranch, Boise Diversion, Minidoka, or Palisades reservoirs. Although there have been prior bull trout assessments in this basin, BPA is reassessing its obligation to mitigate for bull trout above areas blocked by non-Federal dams.