

CONSULTATION AND COORDINATION

Coordination with Other Governments and Agencies ____

Consultation with the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) for “No Effect” projects is facilitated by the June 2004 Programmatic Agreement among the Forest Service, the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, and SHPO. Under the terms of that Agreement, concurrence authority for findings of No Effect has been delegated to the Forest Specialist. A concurrence of “No Historic Properties Effected” finding was received from Forest Archaeologist Cara Kelly (the designated Forest Specialist for the Willamette National Forest) on November 2, 2006. The concurrence form, documenting compliance with the National Historic Preservation Act, can be found in Appendix C.

Because of the lack of or minor effects of this project on habitat for any listed Threatened, Endangered, or Sensitive wildlife species, no formal or informal consultation was required with the USDI Fish and Wildlife Service on the northern spotted owl.

Due to the potential for “take” to bull trout and spring Chinook salmon (as defined by the Endangered Species Act), formal consultation was required with USDC National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) (for Upper Willamette River spring Chinook salmon) and with USDI Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) (for Columbia River Basin bull trout). A Biological Assessment was prepared for fish and is included as Appendix A. A Biological Evaluation was prepared for botanical and wildlife species and is included as Appendix B. A Biological Opinion (BO) was received from the USFWS on February 16, 2007 that provided mandatory “terms and conditions” that the Forest Service must implement in order to minimize “take” on bull trout. A BO from NMFS that addresses spring Chinook salmon is pending. A BO must be received from NMFS before the Responsible Official can sign a decision document for this project. A copy of the BO that addresses bull trout, provided by the USFWS, is available in the project analysis file.

The Oregon Parks and Recreation Department reviewed the Wild and Scenic River Section 7 analysis and provided concurrence of its findings on February 16, 2007. In their response they supported the actions at Frissell and Paradise Boat Launches.

Project Mailing List:

Scoping letters were sent to interested parties including the Tribal Governments on February, 10, 2003, and May 29, 2003. A field trip was held for the public on Saturday, September 20, 2003, to review proposals and visit the launch locations. Comments were received as a result of the scoping letter and field trip. Responses to the scoping comments can be found in Appendix G.

Federal, State, and Local Agencies:

USDI Fish and Wildlife Service
USDI Bureau of Land Management – Eugene District
Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife
Oregon Department of Parks and Recreation
Oregon State Marine Board
Oregon Department of Transportation
Eugene Water and Electric Board
Commission on Indian Services
Linn County Commissioners
Lane County Parks

Tribal Organizations

Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde
Confederated Tribes of the Siletz Indians
Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs
The Klamath Tribe

Individuals and Organizations:

Blue River CDC
Forest Conservation Council
Santiam Fish and Game
Obsidians
Many Rivers Group, Sierra Club
Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation – Oregon Field Director
The Register Guard
Jim Baker – McKenzie Guardians
Jim Berl – Oregon Guides and Packers
Roger Borine – Oregon Hunters Association
Ralph and Ellen Core
McKenzie Watershed Council
Ken and Louise Engelman - River Reflections
Michael Greenbaum
Doug Heiken – Oregon Natural Resources Council
James Johnston – Cascadia Wildlands Project
Mike Kerrick
Craig Patterson
Greg Pitts – Oregon Council – Federation of Flyfishers
Andy Stahl – Forest Service Employees for Environmental Ethics
Dave Stone – Conservation Leader, Lane County Audubon Society

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APPENDICES

Appendix A – Fisheries Biological Assessment/Evaluation and Magnuson-Stevens Act Assessment

Appendix B – Wildlife Biological Evaluation

Appendix C – SHPO Concurrence Documentation

Appendix D – Botany Biological Evaluation

Appendix E – Wild and Scenic Rivers Act Section 7 Analysis

Appendix F – Project Maps and Drawings

Appendix G – Scoping Comments and Agency Responses

