

Appendix B
Coordination Act Report



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MEMORANDUM

To: William D. Gray, Deputy Area Manager
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From: Mark Miller, Supervisor, U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service,
Eastern Washington Ecological Services Office, Ephrata, WA

Subject: Section 7 Consultation for Proposed Resource Management Plans (RMP's) for
Potholes Reservoir and Banks Lake - Columbia Basin Project
FWS reference: 01-I-E0199

This is in regards to your memorandum of February 20, 2000, which we received in our office on February 28, 2001. You requested U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) concurrence with your determination that the Bureau of Reclamation's (Reclamation) Potholes Reservoir and Banks Lake RMPs "may affect, but are not likely to adversely affect" bald eagles. Your letter stated that the draft Environmental Impact Statements (EIS) for those two projects, which we received from Reclamation earlier, serve as the Biological Assessments (BA) for activities proposed by Reclamation. We note in the draft EIS's, that Reclamation would consult with the Service in the future for each of the individual development actions that may occur if the RMP is implemented. The Service does concur with your determinations of affect for the bald eagle from the proposed RMPs as currently described in the EISs.

This concludes informal consultation for species under the purview of the Service pursuant to Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (Act). This project should be re-analyzed if new information reveals effects of the action that may affect listed species or critical habitat in a manner or to an extent not considered in this consultation; if the action is subsequently modified in a manner that causes an effect to the listed species or critical habitat that was not considered in this consultation; and/or, if a new species is listed or critical habitat is designated that may be affected by this project.

Should you have any additional questions regarding endangered species or your responsibilities under the Act, please contact Don Haley at (509) 754-8580.

Supervisor

CC: USFWS, Spokane, (Susan Martin)