

CHAPTER 5 MANAGEMENT PRESCRIPTIONS FOR CULTURAL RESOURCES

5.1 OVERVIEW

Protecting cultural resources from an increase in recreational activity (without developing integrated management policies and actions to protect these sites) is a priority in the Banks Lake management area.

The Desired Condition for Banks Lake, referred to as Alternative B in the EA, was chosen to address the long-term needs of the public and Banks Lake management agencies by supporting the natural, cultural, and recreational resources of the area. Specific management goals outlined in the RMP were developed in response to concerns identified during the EA scoping process and based on information from the EA resource inventory. The following chapter summarizes the existing cultural resource management situation, lists the cultural resource goals for Banks Lake under the Desired Condition, and describes the management actions needed to reach those goals.

5.2 EXISTING CULTURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT SITUATION

As previously mentioned, the SPRC and the WDFW manage the Banks Lake area with oversight by Reclamation's Ephrata, Washington, field office. These agencies manage land use, recreation, and fish and wildlife resources under existing federal and state laws, policies and land use agreements including those defined in Chapter 3 of this plan, Agency Coordination and Standards. Currently, the SPRC and WDFW are conducting the following cultural resource management activities in the Banks Lake area:

Cultural

- 1) Complete a CRMP for Reclamation lands which outlines specific actions and methods to protect cultural resources. Native Americans with interests at Banks Lake will provide input to CRMP preparation and implementation.
- 2) Determine whether cultural resource sites are present on involved lands when leases for grazing, agriculture, recreation, or other actions involving federal lands are under consideration for issuance or renewal. If National Register eligible or unevaluated sites are present, Reclamation will determine if the lessee's use could affect those sites. If damage could occur or is occurring, Reclamation will work with the SPRC or WDFW to alter the lease to exclude use of the site or include conditions that will avoid or reduce damage.
- 3) Initiate actions to protect or remove human burials as soon as possible if they are reported to be exposed or endangered by reservoir operations, natural erosion, or land use activities

(e.g. talus slope material sites). Unless the burials are clearly Euro-American in origin, Native Americans with interests at Banks Lake will be notified prior to action and involved in selecting and implementing the management option.

- 4) Initiate cultural resource investigations and consultations if future developments are proposed in areas not previously surveyed. If cultural resources are present in a proposed development area, avoid disturbing the site, or, if avoidance is not possible, avoid or minimize the adverse effect(s) with appropriate management or mitigative actions. Management actions will be defined in a Memorandum of Agreement with the Washington State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (the Advisory Council). Native Americans with interests at Banks Lake will be consulted, as appropriate, to identify, protect, or mitigate effects to sacred or traditional cultural properties.
- 5) Implement a public education program to reduce accidental damage or vandalism of cultural resources, and to promote cultural resource protection.

5.3 DESIRED CONDITION

The following management actions were developed to achieve the Desired Condition for *Cultural* resources in the Banks Lake area and are meant as additions existing resource management activities. Table 5.1 summarizes the *Cultural* resource goals and management actions necessary to implement them.

**Table 5.1
Cultural Management Goals and Actions**

RMP Cultural Resource Goals	Management Actions
<p>Preserve, protect, and manage cultural resources and Indian Trust Assets in accordance with Federal and state laws, regulations, guidelines, and executive orders.</p>	<p>*Conduct Surveys - Conduct Class III surveys and prepare a Cultural Resource Management Plan (CRMP) throughout the Banks Lake Management area.</p> <p>*Coordinate with Native Americans - Coordinate with Native Americans retaining interests at Banks Lake to manage cultural resources and prepare the CRMP for the management area.</p> <p>Prohibit Talus Slope Material Use - Prohibit talus slope material use for road construction and/or maintenance unless necessary cultural and natural resource inventory, review, and consultation requirements are met (for the 14 identified sites on the east side of the lake) and approval is received from Reclamation.</p>
<p>Protect and enhance tribal importance.</p>	<p>Seek Funding - Seek funds for programmatic site management including preparation of the CRMP, test excavation of sites being damaged by on-going land use or operations, and stabilization or other management actions for affected sites that are eligible for the National Register.</p>
<p>Determine the success of the management action, reevaluate how well the action met the goal, determine the success of management action.</p>	<p>Monitor and Evaluate - Monitor and evaluate the success of the management action; if necessary, adjust the specific methods and techniques employed when an initiative is not meeting the RMP goal. Follow up with spatial monitoring using GIS to manage the natural resource database and assist in management decisions by conducting a GIS update, across the management area, at least every 10 years.</p>

*Management actions that are included in response to existing laws, regulatory requirements, management agreements, or Reclamation policy.

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