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IT 01 01

Information has been included in the Historic Resources discussion in Chapter 3, under Prehistoric Sites.

IT 01 02

Language in the EIS in Chapter 3 recognizes this statement.

IT 01 03

Reclamation has met with and will continue to meet with history/archaeological program of the CCT.

IT 01 04

Reclamation modified text by adding the word “annually” to the Action Alternative drawdown description to further clarify the intent of a possible annual drawdown to water surface elevation 1560 feet.

IT 01 05

The EIS have been updated as suggested in this comment.

IT 01 06

The use of “historic register” is intentional because one of the properties is on the Washington State Inventory of Historic Places and not the National Register. In addition, the text was modified in Chapter 4, Historic Resources, under “Mitigation,” that historic resources are eligible for the historic register unless determined ineligible.

IT 01 07

Reclamation treats the outline and narrative as one document since they were prepared under one subcontract.

Reclamation believes there is a balance between describing and identifying TCPs while respecting site confidentiality in accordance with the laws.

IT 01 08

The second paragraph under “Alternatives Considered in Detail” describes the conditions when Reclamation would not draw down Banks Lake.

IT 01 09

This final EIS reflects current information not available for the DEIS in Chapter 3, Historic Resources section.

IT 01 10

Reclamation has incorporated this information in the final EIS.

IT 01 11

TCPs are a class of historic properties considered under the National Historic Preservation Act and, as mentioned in Chapter 5 of the DEIS, Reclamation recognizes the need for additional consultation.

IT 02 01

Text has been added to chapter 4 in the Vegetation, Fish, and Wildlife section to respond to this comment.

IT 02 02

The impacts analyzed in this EIS are specifically limited to those that would occur directly to the Banks Lake biota. In response to this comment, however, additional information has been added to chapter 4 to address FDR Lake biota, including fish.

IT 02 03

FDR Lake (FDR Lake) is to be at water surface elevation 1283 feet by September 30. Refill of Banks Lake does not change that goal. To refill Banks Lake by September 22, downstream flows will be reduced. Reclamation will continue to target water surface elevation 1283 for the end of September.