

## **Chapter 4 CONSULTATION AND COORDINATION**

### **4.1 Public Involvement**

On July 10, 2002, Reclamation mailed a scoping letter to more than 100 potentially interested agencies, organizations, tribal governments, and individuals describing the potential project and soliciting assistance on identifying issues, concerns, and alternatives. In addition to the scoping letter, a notice was published in The Idaho Statesman as required by Reclamation contracting procedures. A discussion of the issues identified through public scoping is presented in Chapters 1 and 2 of this document.

Reclamation met with the Lucky Peak contractors and their representatives during preparation of the Draft EA. Meetings were held to collect information and discuss issues and concerns.

On December 22, 2003, Reclamation mailed copies of the Draft EA to the agencies, Tribes, organizations, and individuals indicated in appendix B asking for written comments on the document. The Draft EA was also posted on Reclamation's Pacific Northwest Region website. Sixteen written comments were received by mail and 19 comments were received by email. These comments and Reclamation's responses are included in appendix C.

### **4.2 Agency Coordination**

In addition to scoping letter activities, Reclamation has contacted the USFWS and NOAA Fisheries about consultation under section 7 of the ESA. Both USFWS and NOAA Fisheries were consulted to obtain the list of species to be addressed in Section 7 consultation. A meeting was held with USFWS on April 25, 2003, to discuss the project. A determination was made that threatened and endangered species would be addressed in this document and a separate BA would not be needed for Section 7 compliance. Reclamation received a memorandum from USFWS on February 16, 2004, concurring with Reclamation's determinations of "no effect" to ESA listed species under their oversight (appendix C).

Reclamation coordinated with IDFG on the status of bull trout in the Boise River system. IDFG also provided scoping comments on the issues of minimum flows in the lower Boise River and fish and wildlife pools in the reservoirs. On February 3, 2004

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Reclamation met with representatives from IDFG to discuss the Draft EA and clarify the impact assessment and future reservoir and river operations if the Preferred Alternative was implemented.

Scoping comments were also received from IDWR. Their concerns were increased costs of contracted water, loss of water rights, instream flow, and ESA consultation.

Local agency scoping comments were received from the city of Eagle, Community Planning Association of Southwest Idaho (COMPASS), Ada County, city of Boise mayor's office, and Boise Parks and Recreation. The issue for Eagle was the fate of contracts not renewed and if other entities could apply for these. Issues for COMPASS included domestic and commercial use of water, winter instream flows, and additional flood storage space. Ada County inquired about using contract water to irrigate certain parks. City of Boise comments were related to concerns about the effects of converting to repayment contracts and alternative uses for the stored water.

## Chapter 5 LIST OF PREPARERS

The responsibilities and qualifications of the individuals that contributed to the preparation of the environmental assessment are listed below.

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