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cc: [Smith, Michelle](#); [Sokolowski, Rosana](#);
Subject: Rocky Reach Wildlife Plan and Spiranthes Plan updates
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Attachments: _____

Dear Rocky Reach Wildlife Forum (RRWF) and Ute Ladies Tresses' sub-committee members,

The following is an update for the Rocky Reach Wildlife Habitat Management Plan (RRWHMP) and the Spiranthes Management Plan.

Rocky Reach Wildlife Habitat Management Plan -

- Payment Agreements between Chelan PUD and both the WDFW and USFS have been completed and work related to approved projects in the Wildlife Plan are in progress. A draft Payment Agreement is circulating between Chelan PUD and the BLM
- Both the BLM and USFS have asked to add habitat restoration in the Tenas George Canyon to their project list. Once all the payment agreements are in place, Chelan PUD will request permission from the FERC to allow these projects. A draft letter will be sent out for RRWF review before sending it to FERC for their consideration.
- The RRWHMP allows for \$10,000 annually for noxious weed control within the Rocky Reach Wildlife Area. The allocations of these funds are to be decided by the RRWF. At this time, the USFS is requesting \$5,000 for weed control in Swakane Canyon in 2011. Unless there is some objection, \$5,000 would remain for weed control in 2011 within the Rocky Reach Wildlife Area for weed control in areas not already addressed in the RRWHMP.

Ø Please respond with any objection to the USFS request by August 3, 2011. If an objection is received, the RRWF will need to meet to determine how to allocate these funds. If no objection is received, \$5,000 will be allocated to the USFS for weed control in 2011 in Swakane Canyon.

Ø Payment Agreements between the USFS and WDFW did not address section 4.4 of the RRWHMP which provides reimbursement of up to \$10,000 for weed control. Therefore, we need to amend the Payment Agreements for the USFS and WDFW to include potential weed control in the scope of work and budget (approximately \$3,333 for each agency annually for budgeting purposes). Chelan PUD will draft the amendments and provide copies to the USFS and WDFW for signature.

Ø Per the Settlement Agreement, these funds are paid as reimbursement for weed control and require a payment agreement between the PUD and agency requesting reimbursement and RRWF approval. Per the Settlement Agreement, this does not include aquatic weed control.

Ø If your agency has potential weed control projects to consider, please send me an estimate for budget and schedule for RRWF consideration.

- WDFW and Chelan PUD need to meet regarding the Sun Cove Easement. Chelan PUD will complete the easement once WDFW has identified the location of the 2 access points.
- Wildlife surveys for 2011: the Canada goose nesting survey is complete. The Report is attached and can be viewed at the following link <http://www.chelanpud.org/rr-Resource-Documents-RRWF.cfm>. Bald eagle nest monitoring is in progress and the wintering report for 2010-2011 is available on the web site.

- With near record flow in the Columbia River, the 2011 *Spiranthes* survey will be interesting. Most of the sites are currently underwater and have been since May. In our January meeting we discussed looking at some of these sites to prioritize risks for each of the sites; however, flows are still too high to review these areas effectively.
- As required, Chelan PUD will conduct surveys for Ute ladies tresses' during the normal flowering period of August and early September and document plant locations.
- Chelan PUD was successful in obtaining an easement to monitor Ute ladies tresses' and to control vegetation on a private parcel as required by Article 404. A copy of the easement is attached. In order to protect the privacy of the grantor and information regarding the location of Ute ladies tresses', please do not circulate the easement agreement.

Please contact me if you have any questions,

Sincerely,

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