

Rocky Reach Meeting Minutes

To: Distribution List
From: Scott Kreiter
Date: October 6, 2000
9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Subject: Rocky Reach Cultural Resources
Attendees: Refer to Sign-Up Sheet
Location: Materials Management Conference Room, Chelan PUD, Wenatchee, WA

PURPOSE

- 1) To develop study methods for 2001 cultural resources survey

Updates – FERC Letter

The working group began the meeting by discussing the status of FERC's role in Section 106 consultation. Adeline Fredin (CCT) said that letters had been received from FERC and from Chelan PUD and that the CCT Business Council now needs to organize a consultation process meeting. Chelan PUD will receive a letter from the CCT Business Council regarding consultation. Gregg Carrington indicated that the PUD would be glad to meet with the tribes for consultation and to bring upper level management personnel to any meeting the tribes wished to schedule. The group agreed that FERC and Chelan PUD have taken the appropriate steps in initiating consultation with both of the tribes.

Adeline also mentioned that there may have been allotment lands along the Rocky Reach. The status of these lands is unknown. The status of these lands will be investigated as part of the cultural resources inventory.

Guy Moura (CCT) mentioned that the SHPO also should receive a letter from FERC that initiates the Section 106 process. This "initiation letter" should be accompanied by a description of the area of potential effect (APE). Scott (Chelan PUD) will request a letter from FERC and will ask that the study plan be attached in order to provide a description of the APE. Powys inquired whether the USFS needs to have a policy letter from the Wenatchee/Okanogan forests about their involvement with the project.

Study Plan

The group began by discussing the boundary of the APE. The group agreed that the APE would be the Rocky Reach Project boundary and lands immediately adjacent to the boundary and/or likely to be directly impacted by project operations. The Rocky Reach boundary is defined by contour lines on each side of the reservoir beginning at elevation 711 feet MSL at the Rocky Reach Dam upstream to an elevation of 734 at the Wells Project tailrace. The boundary varies in elevation along the reservoir and corresponds to areas likely to be impacted by water surface elevation associated with the probable maximum flood. The APE will include shorelines of islands in the reservoir up to the high water mark and park facilities owned by the PUD. Powys indicated that the PUD would need to identify other agencies (such as BLM or state) that own or manage lands along the project area so that any permits could be obtained. Permitting process usually takes over 30 days to process.

Most of the discussion of the inventory methods was focused on whether diagnostic materials would be collected and curated, or preserved in place. Adeline stated that diagnostics at risk should be collected, analyzed, and curated. Chris Landreau (Yakama Nation) said that the Yakama Nation's policy is to relocate a diagnostic in the nearby area, where the item would not be at risk. Chris (YN) also stated that shovel tests should not be conducted unless the site was eroding or subject to some other type of disturbance. These issues remained unresolved, but the group generally agreed that diagnostics at risk should be collected??? (Vera, is this your understanding??)

The group also discussed whether diagnostics could be collected on private lands. The general understanding was that the survey crew can only observe the private property within the easement boundaries, but no collecting or ground disturbance should take place. Scott said he would get clarification from the SHPO regarding the rights of the survey crew on private lands.

Guy Moura (CCT) asked whether there was monitoring of sites following the 1990 survey of the Rocky Reach project. Scott (PUD) said that he was unaware of any monitoring that had taken place since that time. Adeline (CCT) said that existing memorandums of understanding between the CCT and Chelan PUD should be researched, and that she wasn't sure how the tribal council would address these understandings. She indicated that she would discuss these issues and APE, future development, and erosion with policy level people and that these issues may be addressed in a management plan. She also indicated an interest in discussing existing agreements with the CCT and PUD with Scott at a later date.

Other Business

Next Meeting

To be determined.

Action Items

- ✓ Scott will send revised study plan will be sent to working group by October 25.
- ✓ Scott will research existing MOUs between Chelan PUD and CCT.
- ✓ Scott will get clarification from SHPO regarding survey rights on private lands
- ✓ Scott will request initiation letter from FERC to SHPO.
- ✓ Scott will send list of past investigation reports to working group.

Reference materials are posted on the web site, www.chelanpud.org/relicense.

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- Sign-up Sheet
- Distribution List
- PUD letter to Yakama Nation and Colville Confederate Tribe
- Cultural Resources Field Investigations Study Plan (first draft)
- Section 106 Compliance Table