

Sokolowski, Rosana

From: Smith, Michelle
Sent: Friday, April 20, 2012 10:40 AM
To: 'jon.cofransecso@ferc.gov'
Cc: Pomianek, Kris; Sokolowski, Rosana
Subject: Rocky Reach Project #2145, Entiatqua Trail Feasibility, AIR

Jon,

Please find below responses to your additional information request related to the Entiatqua Trail Feasibility Report.

1. Provide documentation of NMFS's concurrence of the submittal.

Comments from Justin Yeager from NOAA regarding support and permitting

-----Original Message-----

From: Justin Yeager [<mailto:justin.yeager@noaa.gov>]

Sent: Thursday, April 19, 2012 4:07 PM

To: Frantz, Waikele M.

Subject: Entiatqua Trail draft

Waikele,

NMFS has been working with the Chelan PUD to review conceptual plans for the Entiatqua Trail Project near the mouth of the Entiat River. The Chelan PUD has worked to ameliorate the majority of NMFS concerns over the location of the trail, project components, and in-water construction. The mouth of the Entiat River is an important rearing and migration area for both ESA listed Upper Columbia River spring-run Chinook salmon and steelhead. Portions of the project will likely have a beneficial effect to rearing and migrating salmon through the incorporation of large wood and the retention and improvement of shallow water habitat. However, NMFS still has substantial concerns related to the Entiat River portion of the project, but believe that there are various design options that can feasibly move this project forward.

Sincerely,

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2. Provide status of ROW agreements obtained. If not obtained, how do we guarantee obtainment?

Comments from Mayor Keith Vradenburg with the City of Entiat regarding "right of way"

From: Keith Vradenburg [<mailto:kvradenburg.city@entiat.org>]

Sent: Monday, April 16, 2012 2:18 PM

To: Pomianek, Kris

Subject: Entiatqua trail

4/16/2012

Kris,

The City of Entiat is in agreement with the Feasibility Study that Chelan County PUD submitted to FERC on December 28, 2011 regarding the Entiatqua Trail. We (the City) are aware that "right of way" agreements with The City of Entiat will be necessary to accommodate the trail route. We are in complete support of the trail and will be entering into those agreements with Chelan County PUD prior to trail construction.

Keith Vradenburg
Mayor
City of Entiat

- 3. Describe accurately the change in project boundary. If parts of the trail are located outside the existing boundary, how and when will Chelan PUD formally make the request to update the project boundary?** Pending Commission approval of the feasibility study, Chelan PUD will submit the required construction plan and specifications as required under License Article 302. A formal request to approve the revision of project boundaries for the Project to include the entire trail route will be included with the construction plan filing. Also, within 90 days after the trail's completion, Chelan PUD will file for Commission approval revised Exhibit G and Exhibit R (currently known as Exhibit F drawings) as required under License Article 304. Ultimately, the trail will be an extension of the Entiat Park drawings and included within the adjusted Exhibit G boundary.

Please feel free to contact me should you need any additional information.

Regards,

Michelle

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