

APPENDIX C
COORDINATION WITH INDIAN TRIBES

1. March 1, 2004 information request letter to The Klamath Tribes
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MAR - 1 2004

Mr. Gerald Skelton
Cultural Resource Protection Specialist
The Klamath Tribes
P.O. Box 436
Chiloquin, OR 97624

Subject: Comments Requested on the Proposed Larson Creek Fish Passage Project

Dear Mr. Skelton:

The Bureau of Reclamation is proposing to contribute funding to the Larson Creek Fish Passage Project in Medford, Oregon. The Larson Creek drainage is a tributary to Bear Creek in the Rogue River Basin. The project will replace two sections of open canal with approximately 10,200 feet of buried pipeline, restore a section of the creek bed that is currently being used as a canal, and eliminate three fish passage barriers.

A new residential development currently underway prompted the proposal of this fish passage project. The development is located southeast of the intersection of Barnett Road and North Phoenix Road on the east side of the city of Medford. Reclamation funds would be used to replace portions of the open canals operated by Medford Irrigation District and Talent Irrigation District with a buried pipeline along Barnett Road (about 8,000 feet) and along North Phoenix Road (about 2,200 feet). As a result of this action three fish passage barriers in Larson Creek currently used to channel irrigation water will be eliminated and 3 miles of stream channel upstream of the diversions will become accessible to fish. The lower reaches of Larson Creek are currently used by Coho salmon and the project area historically supported Steelhead runs.

We are requesting your assistance to determine if there are resources of interest to the Klamath Tribes tribal members on lands in the project area. In particular, we would like to determine if you have knowledge of Indian sacred sites (per Executive Order 13007), archeological sites, or traditional cultural properties important to the Klamath Tribes. If you have knowledge of such sites or resources or have reason to believe they are present, please inform us so that we can begin more detailed discussions and further involve you and your staff. I can be reached at 503-872-2846.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

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Ms. Connie Schultz
Cultural Protection Specialist
The Confederated Tribes of the
Grand Ronde Community of Oregon
9615 Grand Ronde Road
Grand Ronde, OR 97347

Subject: Comments Requested on the Proposed Larson Creek Fish Passage Project

Dear Ms. Schultz:

The Bureau of Reclamation is proposing to contribute funding to the Larson Creek Fish Passage Project in Medford, Oregon. The Larson Creek drainage is a tributary to Bear Creek in the Rogue River Basin. The project will replace two sections of open canal with approximately 10,200 feet of buried pipeline, restore a section of the creek bed that is currently being used as a canal, and eliminate three fish passage barriers.

A new residential development currently underway prompted the proposal of this fish passage project. The development is located southeast of the intersection of Barnett Road and North Phoenix Road on the east side of the city of Medford. Reclamation funds would be used to replace portions of the open canals operated by Medford Irrigation District and Talent Irrigation District with a buried pipeline along Barnett Road (about 8,000 feet) and along North Phoenix Road (about 2,200 feet). As a result of this action three fish passage barriers in Larson Creek currently used to channel irrigation water will be eliminated and 3 miles of stream channel upstream of the diversions will become accessible to fish. The lower reaches of Larson Creek are currently used by Coho salmon and the project area historically supported Steelhead runs.

We are requesting your assistance to determine if there are resources of interest to the Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde tribal members on lands in the project area. In particular, we would like to determine if you have knowledge of Indian sacred sites (per Executive Order 13007), archeological sites, or traditional cultural properties important to the Grand Ronde. If you have knowledge of such sites or resources or have reason to believe they are present, please inform us so that we can begin more detailed discussions and further involve you and your staff. I can be reached at 503-872-2846.

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Mr. Robert Kenta
Cultural Resources Manager
The Confederated Tribes of the
Siletz Indians
P.O. Box 549
Siletz, OR 97380

Subject: Comments Requested on the Proposed Larson Creek Fish Passage Project

Dear Mr. Kenta:

The Bureau of Reclamation is proposing to contribute funding to the Larson Creek Fish Passage Project in Medford, Oregon. The Larson Creek drainage is a tributary to Bear Creek in the Rogue River Basin. The project will replace two sections of open canal with approximately 10,200 feet of buried pipeline, restore a section of the creek bed that is currently being used as a canal, and eliminate three fish passage barriers.

A new residential development currently underway prompted the proposal of this fish passage project. The development is located southeast of the intersection of Barnett Road and North Phoenix Road on the east side of the city of Medford. Reclamation funds would be used to replace portions of the open canals operated by Medford Irrigation District and Talent Irrigation District with a buried pipeline along Barnett Road (about 8,000 feet) and along North Phoenix Road (about 2,200 feet). As a result of this action three fish passage barriers in Larson Creek currently used to channel irrigation water will be eliminated and 3 miles of stream channel upstream of the diversions will become accessible to fish. The lower reaches of Larson Creek are currently used by Coho salmon and the project area historically supported Steelhead runs.

We are requesting your assistance to determine if there are resources of interest to the Confederated Tribes of the Siletz tribal members on lands in the project area. In particular, we would like to determine if you have knowledge of Indian sacred sites (per Executive Order 13007), archeological sites, or traditional cultural properties important to the Confederated Tribes of the Siletz Indians. If you have knowledge of such sites or resources or have reason to believe they are present, please inform us so that we can begin more detailed discussions and further involve you and your staff. I can be reached at 503-872-2846.

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Ms. Sherri Shaffer
Cultural Resource Manager
Cow Creek Band of the Umpqua
Tribe of Indians
2371 N.E. Stephens, Suite 100
Roseburg, OR 97470

Subject: Comments Requested on the Proposed Larson Creek Fish Passage Project

Dear Ms. Schaffer:

The Bureau of Reclamation is proposing to contribute funding to the Larson Creek Fish Passage Project in Medford, Oregon. The Larson Creek drainage is a tributary to Bear Creek in the Rogue River Basin. The project will replace two sections of open canal with approximately 10,200 feet of buried pipeline, restore a section of the creek bed that is currently being used as a canal, and eliminate three fish passage barriers.

A new residential development currently underway prompted the proposal of this fish passage project. The development is located southeast of the intersection of Barnett Road and North Phoenix Road on the east side of the city of Medford. Reclamation funds would be used to replace portions of the open canals operated by Medford Irrigation District and Talent Irrigation District with a buried pipeline along Barnett Road (about 8,000 feet) and along North Phoenix Road (about 2,200 feet). As a result of this action three fish passage barriers in Larson Creek currently used to channel irrigation water will be eliminated and 3 miles of steam channel upstream of the diversions will become accessible to fish. The lower reaches of Larson Creek are currently used by Coho salmon and the project area historically supported Steelhead runs.

We are requesting your assistance to determine if there are resources of interest to the Cow Creek Band of the Umpqua Tribe of Indians tribal members on lands in the project area. In particular, we would like to determine if you have knowledge of Indian sacred sites (per Executive Order 13007), archeological sites, or traditional cultural properties important to the Cow Creek Band of the Umpqua Tribe. If you have knowledge of such sites or resources or have reason to believe they are present, please inform us so that we can begin more detailed discussions and further involve you and your staff. I can be reached at 503-872-2846.

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