

# RECLAMATION

*Managing Water in the West*

## **Status Report, no. 3, December 8, 2006 to January 23, 2007**

**Savage Rapids Dam Removal and Replacement Pumping  
Facilities  
Grants Pass Project, Oregon  
Pacific Northwest Region**



**U.S. Department of the Interior  
Bureau of Reclamation  
Pacific Northwest Construction Office  
Yakima WA**

## **Mission Statements**

The mission of the Department of the Interior is to protect and provide access to our Nation's natural and cultural heritage and honor our trust responsibilities to Indian Tribes and our commitments to island communities.

The mission of the Bureau of Reclamation is to manage, develop, and protect water and related resources in an environmentally and economically sound manner in the interest of the American public.

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The contractor, Slayden Construction Group, continued working on submittals and requests for information this period. Sixty three RFIs have been sent by the contractor as of January 23, 2007.

Eleven contract modifications, five of which are administrative, have been issued as of January 23, 2007. Only modification no. 010 changes the contract amount, a reduction of \$17,900.00.

High flows in the Rogue River, up to 29,400 cfs, between December 13 and 30, 2006 inundated the excavation as water from the fish ladder overtopped the interim cofferdam. Slayden pumped and performed fish salvage as the flow abated and the water level in the excavation began to fall. The cover photo shows the site with an approximate flow of 20,000 cfs in the river.

The contractor did not perform work at the site other than fish salvage over the holidays.

The week of January 8, 2007 the contractor set up their water control system for the pumping plant excavation and subcontractor, B.J. Equipment Inc., drilled monitoring wells and guide holes around the excavation perimeter. The following week the contractor excavated for the pumping plant sump in the TrPzmv, greenstone, with a Link-Belt 240 LX excavator, reaching elevation 935+/- by January 23, 2007.

The third interagency group meeting was held on January 23, 2007 in Grants Pass and the discussion revolved around the removal of the stoplogs during the non-irrigation season as outlined in the SOP.

The weather this period was seasonal. Safety was adequate, inspection by the PNCO safety officer on January 23, 2007 found a few violations in the contractor's temporary power boxes that were promptly corrected by the contractor. Approximately six contractor employees and three subcontractor employee worked on site this period.

## Photos



Fish salvage in the excavation area.



Fish salvage between the cofferdam and the fish ladder wall.



Drilling perimeter guide holes.



View of excavation, looking easterly.



View of excavation looking easterly. 1/23/07



View of excavation looking westerly. 1/23/07