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CHAIRMAN

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RE: June 21-22, 2005 Technical Work Group meeting

Dear Mr. Henderson,

As I am sure you are aware, the Hopi Tribe was unable to attend the Technical Work Group meeting on June 21 and 22. This inability was due to the ongoing lack of participation funding, which seriously inhibits the ability of the Hopi Tribe to fully and adequately participate in the Adaptive Management Program (AMP). The discussions and recommendations made at the meeting will obviously have direct ramifications on the resources that are to be monitored in 2006 and beyond, and because many of these resources are of cultural concern to the Hopi Tribe, being effectively excluded from the process is distressing. Therefore, in lieu of being present at the meeting, the Hopi Tribe is forwarding the following comments based on the science and budget documents that have been sent out as of the time that this letter was drafted. While a poor substitute for a "seat at the table," it is the only avenue that remains open to the Hopi Tribe until the funding issue is resolved. Because of the very general nature of the Draft Agenda, the Hopi Tribe does not have enough information to specifically "vote" on any of the identified agenda items that identify possible action. Therefore, the Hopi Tribe formally abstains from any votes.

One of the biggest concerns of the Hopi Tribe in the draft 2006 budget (both with and without an experiment) is the elimination of the Terrestrial Monitoring Program. The Hopi Tribe strongly opposes this elimination. Many resources of cultural importance to the Hopi Tribe are being monitored by this Program. Without this monitoring, a vital component of the overall river ecosystem will be missed and the Hopi Tribe cannot gain an understanding of the health of these cultural resources. For the past five (5) years, the Hopi Tribe has coordinated with the Program to ensure that relevant data was being collected, in part, to address and evaluate the system's health from a traditional Hopi perspective. In addition, terminating this portion of the Program means that the hundreds-of-thousands of dollars spent on developing the program were wasted.

Within the fisheries program, there are two activities that have raised specific cultural concerns: the trout removal and the translocation of humpback chub above Chute Falls. Because these were

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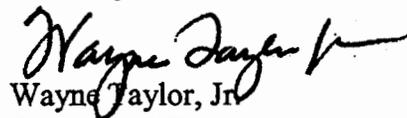
being conducted as experiments, the Hopi Tribe was conditionally supportive of the actions in order to ascertain their effectiveness at benefiting the humpback chub. Before making a decision on the continuance of these activities, the Hopi Tribe would like to extend an invitation to the researches/managers to present the results to the Tribe so that the efficacy of the activities can be evaluated.

Evaluation of the cultural program is difficult given that the entire section dealing with Integrated Tribal Values Monitoring (C2) has been deleted from the Work Plan (June 10th draft). Given the amount of funding in the line item, the Hopi Tribe suspects that little actual resource monitoring can be accomplished if this money is to be divided between five (5) tribes. If the AMP truly wants to incorporate the view and cultural values of the Hopi and other Native American participants, then commensurate funding needs to be devoted to the monitoring and applied research activities of the tribes.

Also within the cultural section of the Work Plan, project C1 identifies monitoring of the full range of cultural resources including cultural landscapes and those of traditional cultural significance. The activities that are proposed, however, are narrowly focused on archaeological sites. Given the proposed removal of the terrestrial monitoring program and the limited funding in the Integrated Tribal Values Monitoring line item, the Hopi Tribe does not see how or where these other aspects of cultural resource monitoring will be accomplished.

The Hopi Tribe requests that these comments be formally entered into the transcripts of the TWG meeting and looks forward to once again being able to fully participate in the AMP.

Sincerely,



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