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Subject: Baker River Project, Project Number P-2150-033

Ms. Magalie R. Salas Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission 888 First Street, NE Washington, DC 20426

Dear Ms. Salas:

The recent federal register notice regarding the Baker River Project, Project Number P-2150-033 asked Federal, State, local and tribal agencies with jurisdiction and/or special expertise with respect to environmental issues to cooperate with you in the preparation of an environmental document pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act. The Seattle District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has a flood control project in conjunction with this Baker River Project. Therefore, we request to be a cooperating agency in the preparation of the environmental documentation for this project. In addition, with FERC as the lead agency, we are also requesting to participate with you in your consultation with the NOAA Fisheries and USFWS regarding Endangered Species Act compliance.

If you have any questions regarding this request please contact Marian Valentine of Seattle District's Hydraulics and Hydrology Section. She can be reached at telephone number (206) 764-3543 or email at marian.l, valentine@usace.army.mil.

Sincerely,

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