

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD: 23 LWG 01 Failed Spillway Bird Wires

SUBJECT: Failed Spillway Bird Wires

Two spillway bird wires were found down across the tailrace during the fish ladder inspection December 22. There is a third wire that is sagging and needs repair. At the time of inspection LWG was spilling to support T1 transformer gasket replacement work and ambient temperatures were below freezing, which resulted in ice buildup on the wires causing them to fail. The general location of the attachment points for the missing bird wires are circled in Photo 1.

- A. Species – N/A
- B. Origin – N/A
- C. Length – N/A
- D. Marks and tags – N/A
- E. Marks and Injuries found on carcass – N/A
- F. Cause and Time of Death – N/A
- G. Future and Preventative Measures – The contract and funding process to replace the wires has been initiated. LWG is currently working with USDA who will be provide a quote and work plan.

Sincerely,

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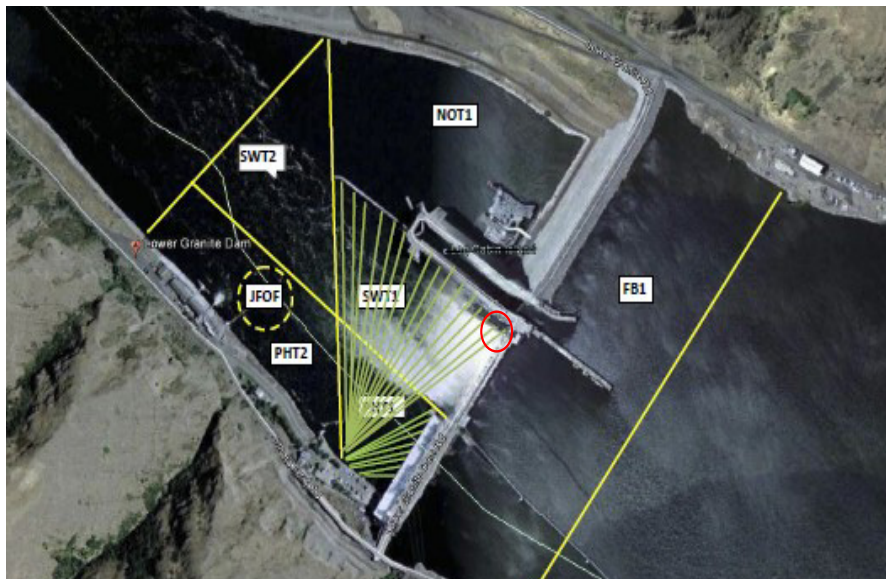


Photo 1. Representation of LWG bird wire array.