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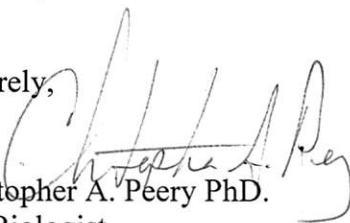
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This letter is to request access to John Day Dam to collect and radio-tag adult Pacific lamprey in order to conduct an evaluation of passage and behavior in the Snake River during 2014. The Walla Walla District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is funding this work through the AFEP program and Steve Juhnke is the primary point of contact. We propose to work with biologists from the Umatilla Tribe, Nez Perce Tribe, CRITFC and University of Idaho to use trapping facilities associated with the north and south-shore fishways to collect adult lamprey. Collected lamprey will be moved to the juvenile fish facility at John Day Dam where they will be anesthetized and surgically outfitted with HD PIT and radio transmitter tags and then transported to the Snake River for release. Depending on the numbers of fish collected and timing, some fish may be held at the juvenile fish facility for up to 48 hours before being tagged and transported off the project. We will coordinate tagging efforts with the biologist manning the lamprey traps to make most efficient use of tagging crews while limiting the amount of time lamprey are held on-site. Expected duration of this work is from 7 July through October 2014. This work will require regular access to the JFF wetlab space and periodic access to fishway trapping areas, as needed, to assist tribal biologist with trapping operations.

Thank you and please do not hesitate to contact me or Mr. Juhnke if you have any questions regarding this evaluation.

Sincerely,


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