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Operations Project Manager  
John Day Lock and Dam  
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Dear Operations Project Manager,

1. I request your approval for access to the John Day Dam Project to conduct a fish passage and survival study in support of the Portland District in 2014, similar to studies we conducted at JDA in 2008 through 2012. The study is a research effort by the Pacific Northwest National Laboratory (PNNL), U. S. Department of Energy.
2. I have enclosed the final Anadromous Fish Evaluation Program proposal, "Juvenile Salmonid Dam Passage and Survival at McNary and John Day Dams, 2014." that describes the research that has been funded by the Portland and Walla Walla Districts for 2014.
3. The lead Portland-District Biologist is Mr. Brad Eppard (503-808-4780). The PNNL Project Managers are Mark Weiland (509-427-5923) and Christa Woodley (530-400-5871). The installation oversight managers will be James Hughes (509-371-6802) and Eric Fischer (509-427-4073); the JDA study oversight manager will be Mark Weiland, and Scott Carpenter (509-531-8324) will be the onsite coordinator and coordinate all study activities closely with Miroslaw Zyndol and Eric Grosvenor. Eric Fischer will lead the fish tagging team operating in the JDA Smolt Monitoring Facility (SMF). John Vavrinc (360-681-3665) will lead the fish release teams.
4. We request project access beginning in mid-February for research teams to locate trailers of electronic equipment, install hydrophones and cables on the spillway and powerhouse forebay deck, and maintain equipment and download data between late April and mid-August. We will need to access the Smolt Monitoring Facility beginning in March to prepare for holding and tagging of fish, which will occur between late April and mid-July. Fish release crews will pick up fish at scheduled hours during the day and night and haul them to release locations upstream and downstream of JDA. A work boat and safety boat may need access to the forebay BRZ to install some equipment.
5. I also have included a Project Impact Statement (File 02), an Activity Hazard Analysis (File 03), a Job-hazard Analysis (File 04), a List of Government Vehicles and Boats (File 05), a list of onsite personnel and private vehicles (File 06), a list of qualified boat operators and activities (File 07), all necessary Material Safety Data Sheets, and our Environmental Safety and Health Plan for the study (File 08), as required by the US Department of Energy.
6. We are in the process of applying for fish collection and transport permits and anticipate approval by Washington, Oregon, and NOAA Fisheries before fish tagging begins in late April 2014. Copies of these permits will be forwarded to you and the project when we receive the permits.
7. Electronic versions of all required project work documents included in this packet have been transmitted by email Tammy Mackey, Eric Grosvenor, and Miroslaw Zyndol.

Sincerely,  
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