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Subject: White Sturgeon Research Program employee access

Dear Mr. Adams:

The purpose of this letter is to request access to Bonneville Dam fish ladders during the large scale winter dewatering process. According to your fish biologist and research coordinator, Andrew Derugin, there can be some to many White Sturgeon in the fish ladders during the dewatering process. Staff from the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) White Sturgeon Research Program would appreciate the opportunity to access these fish in order to collect biological data.

I am requesting access to The Bonneville Dam fish ladders for ODFW employees Kevin Rybacki and Michael Lovejoy for the dates provided by Mr. Derugin (December 2nd and 3rd and around December 8th through 10th, 2020). Michael and Kevin will coordinate closely with Mr. Derugin and follow the protocols provided by the Army Corps of Engineers. I have emailed Mr. Derugin a work plan, an Activity Hazard Analysis (AHA) form, an Accident Prevention Plan (APP), as well as an electronic copy of this letter. Kevin and Michael will also take the ODFW Fall Protection Plan training, as well as obtain the HECP certification online.

Regarding COVID19, strict mitigation protocols will be followed. These include social distancing, the use of facial coverings, and minimizing the duration of our presence on site. Staff will also be traveling to and from the site in separate state-owned vehicles.

We will provide any additional pre-project documentation required of staff working at Bonneville Dam, as well as all necessary contact information so that security clearance and access badges can be issued.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please feel free to contact Kevin Rybacki directly (Office: 971-673-6058 Cell: 775-224-5927). Thank you for considering this request.

Sincerely,

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