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Operations Division

Mr. David Johnson
Program Manager
Department of Fisheries Resource Management
Nez Perce Tribe
Post Office Box 365
Lapwai, Idaho 83540

Dear Mr. Johnson:

This letter is in response to your March 20, 2014 letter, requesting access to the Lower Granite Dam juvenile fish separator, the kelt holding facility and the intake deck to assist in the studies on the effects of kelt passage at the overflow weirs and kelt reconditioning. Nez Perce Tribe personnel will be involved in research on steelhead reconditioning in the Snake River basin.

The work will involve the collection of kelts at the separator and placing them in the kelt holding tanks for condition monitoring. Up to 150 kelts will be transported to Dworshak Fish Hatchery (DFH). Personnel from Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission (CRITFC) will outfit select kelts with PIT tags for either returning to the river, or assisting Blue Leaf in the overflow weir studies at gateway 5A.

Based on the information provided in your letter, we can accommodate your activities, on dates when the juvenile fish facility is operational from March 26, 2014 through July 11, 2014 provided the following requirements are met:

a. Your operations at Lower Granite Dam must be in full compliance with the Endangered Species Act permit and take authorization letter (14-14 CRITFC 49). This permit must be submitted to personnel at Lower Granite Dam prior to any activities related to collection of kelts. In addition, Washington Department of Fish Wildlife Scientific Collection and transportation permit will need to be forwarded to this office and Lower Granite Dam personnel prior to any sampling at the juvenile fish facility.

b. All personnel shall comply with operating project safety and security requirements. An Activity Hazard Analysis must be prepared and approved by Corps personnel prior to starting work at the dam. Corps personnel will review your Activity Hazard Analysis and can assist you if modifications are needed. Since your work requires equipment that may contact river water, the hazard analysis must include a section which details measures to prevent the accidental spread of invasive species. Acceptable measures, online training, and certification (if desired) are detailed at the following websites:
http://protectyourwaters.net/prevention/prevention_generic.php.

<http://www.100thmeridian.org/certificate.asp>. All of your personnel must carry visible photo identification at all times, preferably issued by your agency and approved by the Corps, when engaged in activities on operating project grounds. Non-U.S. citizens are subject to a background check and must provide this office with at least 30 days notice prior to the date access is desired.

Please coordinate your activities with Mr. Marty Mendiola, Operations Project Manager, Lower Granite Dam, or his designee, prior to beginning work at the dam. Mr. Mendiola may be contacted at 509-843-1493, extension 251.

Thank you for your cooperation. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Greg Moody at 509-527-7124 or Gregory.p.moody@usace.army.mil.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Richard D. Werner". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "R".

Richard D. Werner, P.E.
Chief, Operations Division

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