**Columbia River System Operations**

**Environmental Impact Statement**

1. **PROJECT INFORMATION**

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| **P2 Identifier** | N/A |
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| **Technical Lead (TL)** | N/A |
| **Biologist/Coordination** | N/A |

1. **PURPOSE**

The purpose of this project is complete a review of the operations and configurations of 14 federal projects of the Columbia River System, develop alternatives, complete impact analysis of alternatives and document these impacts in an Environmental Impact Statement.

1. **BACKGROUND**

The Corps, BPA, and BOR (co-lead agencies) are jointly developing a comprehensive EIS, referred to as CRSO EIS, to evaluate long-term system operations and configuration of fourteen multiple purpose and related facilities that are operated as a coordinated system within the interior Columbia River basin in Idaho, Montana, Oregon, and Washington. The Corps was authorized by Congress to construct, operate and maintain 12 of these projects for flood risk management, navigation, power generation, navigation, fish and wildlife conservation, recreation, municipal and industrial water supply purposes. The Corps projects that will be addressed in the EIS include Libby, Albeni Falls, Dworshak, Chief Joseph, Lower Granite, Little Goose, Lower Monumental, Ice harbor, McNary, John Day, The Dalles, and Bonneville. BOR was authorized to construct, operate and maintain two of these projects for purposes of irrigation, flood risk management, navigation, power generation, and navigation. BOR projects include Hungry Horse and Grand Coulee. BPA is responsible for marketing and transmitting the power generated by these dams. Together, these action agencies are responsible for managing the system for these various purposes, while meeting their other statutory and regulatory obligations.

The project will be funded by a combination of CRFM, O&M and potentially BPA direct funds. Currently, Programs and RM are in discussions about setting up a facility account to simplify financial management of a multi-stream funding scheme.

1. **STATUS & ISSUES**

* The public scoping period ended February 7, 2017.
* Alternatives development is underway with an estimated completion date of August 31, 2017.

1. **SCHEDULE & COST**

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| **YEAR** | **COST** | **MAJOR ACTIVITIES** |
| **FY17 Actual Obligation** | $6,000,000 | Complete public scoping, develop draft preliminary range of alternatives, describe No Action Alternative. |
| **FY18**  **PBUD** | $8,601,000 | Prepare alternative impact assessment. |

1. **PHOTOS & DRAWINGS**