Title: Documented Petitions for Federal Acknowledgment as an Indian Tribe, 25 CFR 83.

Brief Description of Collection: Submission of this information allows OFA to review applications for the Federal acknowledgment of a group as an Indian tribe. The acknowledgment regulations at 25 CFR Part 83 contain seven criteria that unrecognized groups seeking Federal acknowledgment as Indian tribes must demonstrate that they meet. Information collected from petitioning groups under these regulations provide anthropological, genealogical and historical data used by the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs to establish whether a petitioning group has the characteristics necessary to be acknowledged as having a government-to-government relationship with the United States. Respondents are not required to retain copies of information submitted to OFA but will probably maintain copies for their own use; therefore, there is no recordkeeping requirement included in this information collection.

Type of Review: Extension without change of a currently approved collection.

Respondents: Groups petitioning for Federal acknowledgment as Indian tribes.

Number of Respondents: 10 per year, on average.

Total Number of Responses: 10 per year, on average.

Frequency of Response: Once.

Estimated Time per Response: 2,075 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 20,750 hours.


Alvin Foster,
Chief Information Officer—Indian Affairs.
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Reclamation

Cle Elum Dam Fish Passage Facilities and Fish Reintroduction Project; Kittitas County, WA INT–DES 10–03

AGENCY: Bureau of Reclamation, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (Draft EIS) and Announcement of Public Meeting.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) published a notice in the Federal Register on April 8, 2009 (74 FR 16007) announcing the commencement of work under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) on the Cle Elum Dam Fish Passage Facilities and Fish Reintroduction Project. The Washington State Department of Ecology is a joint lead with Reclamation in the preparation of the Draft EIS, in coordination with the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife and the Yakama Nation. The Bonneville Power Administration has assumed the role of a cooperating agency in the preparation of the Draft EIS. The Draft EIS will also be used to comply with requirements of the Washington State Environmental Policy Act.

The Draft EIS provides information on the analyses related to the construction of downstream juvenile fish passage and upstream adult fish passage facilities at the dam, as well as analyses associated with the implementation of a project to reintroduce fish above the dam. The Draft EIS analyzes the potential environmental, cultural, and socioeconomic effects of the proposed alternatives.

DATES: Written comments on the Draft EIS will be accepted through March 22, 2010.

A public information meeting will be held from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. on February 18, 2010 in Cle Elum, Washington. Oral comments will be taken at the meeting. To be included in the Public Meeting Report, comments should be labeled as public meeting comments and provided to Reclamation at the address given below by February 26, 2010.

Requests for special assistance at the meeting should be submitted by February 9, 2010 (see SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION section, Special Assistance for Public Meetings).

ADDRESSES: Written comments on the Draft EIS should be addressed to the Bureau of Reclamation, Columbia Cascades Area Office, Attention: Candace McKinley, Environmental Protection Specialist, 1917 Marsh Road, Yakima, Washington 98901 or submitted to the following e-mail address: sha-uea-fishpassage@usbr.gov.

The public meeting will be held at the City of Cle Elum Council Chamber Room, 119 West 1st Street, Cle Elum, Washington. Meeting facilities are physically accessible to people with disabilities.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Contact Candace McKinley, Environmental Protection Specialist, at 509–575–5848, ext. 276. Information on this project can also be found at http://www.usbr.gov/pn/programs/ucao_misc/fishpassage/. To receive a copy of the Draft EIS refer to the above contact.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Meeting Information

Requests to make oral comments may be made at the meeting. In order to ensure that all those interested in providing oral comments have an opportunity to do so, oral comments at the meeting will be limited to 5 minutes. Comments will be recorded by a court reporter. Commenters will be called in the order indicated on the sign in list for speaking. Commenters not present when called will be recalled at the end of the other scheduled commenters. Commenters may provide written versions of their oral comments, or other additional written comments, for the meeting record. Longer comments should be summarized at the public meeting and submitted in writing either at the public meeting or identified as meeting comments and mailed as indicated in the DATES section.

Background

Reclamation is evaluating the construction of downstream juvenile fish passage and upstream adult fish passage alternatives at the dam for the Cle Elum Dam Fish Passage Facilities Project. Cle Elum Dam did not include fish passage facilities when constructed in 1933; consequently, fish passage to upstream habitat for fish species was blocked.

As part of the effort to restore fish above Cle Elum Dam, the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, in collaboration with Yakama Nation, is evaluating the implementation of a project to reintroduce fish populations above the dam. The reintroduction plan would involve the transportation and release of adults for natural spawning and potentially hatchery supplementation techniques to restore fish above the dam.

Early in 2001, Yakima River basin interest groups urged Reclamation to incorporate fish passage facilities as part of the reconstruction of Keechelus Dam under the Safety of Dams program. Reclamation determined that fish passage facilities could not be added under existing Safety of Dams authority. However, in the January 2002 Record of Decision for Keechelus Dam Modification EIS, Reclamation committed to seek funding under existing authorities to conduct a feasibility study for providing fish passage at all Yakima Project storage dams. Additionally, Reclamation agreed to mitigation agreement terms and Hydraulic Project Approval conditions with Washington Department of Fish
with the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), 25 U.S.C. 3003, of the completion of an inventory of human remains in the possession of the Denver Museum of Nature & Science, Denver, CO. The human remains were removed from Poinsett County, AR.

This notice is published as part of the National Park Service’s administrative responsibilities under NAGPRA, 25 U.S.C. 3003 (d)(3). The determinations in this notice are the sole responsibility of the museum, institution, or Federal agency that has control of the Native American human remains. The National Park Service is not responsible for the determinations in this notice.

A detailed assessment of the human remains was made by the Denver Museum of Nature & Science professional staff in consultation with representatives of the Chickasaw Nation, Oklahoma; Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma; Osage Nation, Oklahoma; and Quapaw Tribe of Indians, Oklahoma.

In 1934, human remains representing a minimum of one individual were removed from a burial context three miles north of Marked Tree, Poinsett County, AR. In 1994, the human remains were found in the museum’s collections during an inventory and then formally accessioned (DMNS catalogue number A1991.3). No known individual was identified. No associated funerary objects are present.

Based on physical analysis, the human remains are determined to be Native American. Archeological evidence suggests that mound sites in Poinsett County date to the Parkin Phase of the Mississippian nucleation horizon (A.D. 1350–1650). Oral history evidence and historical documentation, supported by linguistic evidence, indicate that the region, including Poinsett County, has long been part of the traditional ancestral homelands and hunting territory of the Quapaw. After further tribal consultation, the remains have been determined to be culturally affiliated with the Quapaw Tribe of Indians, Oklahoma.

Officials of the Denver Museum of Nature & Science have determined that, pursuant to 25 U.S.C. 2001 (9–10), the human remains described above represent the physical remains of one individual of Native American ancestry. Officials of the Denver Museum of Nature & Science also have determined that, pursuant to 25 U.S.C. 3001 (2), there is a relationship of shared group identity that can be reasonably traced between the Native American human remains and the Quapaw Tribe of Indians, Oklahoma.

Representatives of any other Indian tribe that believes itself to be culturally affiliated with the human remains should contact Dr. Chip Colwell-Chanthaphonh, Denver Museum of Nature & Science, 2001 Colorado Blvd., Denver, CO 80205, telephone (303) 370–6378, before March 5, 2010. Repatriation of the human remains to the Quapaw Tribe of Indians, Oklahoma may proceed after that date if no additional claimants come forward.

The Denver Museum of Nature & Science is responsible for notifying the Chickasaw Nation, Oklahoma; Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma; Osage Nation, Oklahoma; and Quapaw Tribe of Indians, Oklahoma that this notice has been published.

Dated: January 21, 2010
Sherry Hutt, Manager, National NAGPRA Program.
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places; Weekly Listing of Historic Properties

Pursuant to (36 CFR 60.13(b,c)) and (36 CFR 63.5), this notice, through publication of the information included herein, is to apprise the public as well as governmental agencies, associations and all other organizations and individuals interested in historic preservation, of the properties added to, or determined eligible for listing in, the National Register of Historic Places from November 9 to November 13, 2009.

For further information, please contact Edson Beall via: United States Postal Service mail, at the National Register of Historic Places, 2280, National Park Service, 1849 C St., NW., Washington, DC 20240; in person (by appointment), 1201 Eye St., NW., 8th floor, Washington DC 20055; by fax, 202–222–2129; or by phone, 202–354–2255; or by e-mail, Edson_Beall@nps.gov.

Dated: January 26, 2010.
J. Paul Loether, Chief, National Register of Historic Places/National Historic Landmarks Program.

KEY: State, County, Property Name, Address/Boundary, City, Vicinity, Reference Number, Action, Date, Multiple Name

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