

**Weber Hydroelectric Project**  
**FERC No. 1744**  
**Comments on Preliminary Draft Recreation Technical Report**  
**Submitted to the Recreation Working Group for 30-day Review 11/15/2016**

<b>Technical Report</b>	<b>Commenter (initials/ agency)</b>	<b>Section Title/ Paragraph</b>	<b>Comment</b>	<b>Resolution</b>
<b>Recreation Study</b>				
	PT/UDWR	N/A	The Utah Division of Wildlife Resources does not have any substantial comments on the Recreational Plan. We feel that the plan was well thought out and analyzed all recreational uses adequately. The UDWR agrees that angling is the primary use of the site and improving angling access is our highest priority of which a part would be improving the trail leaving the site downstream as well as access points to the river. We would like to partner with PacifiCorp, the Forest Service, and Trout Unlimited to make improvements to angling access at this location and we could talk in the future if there is a need for in-stream restoration work.	N/A
	PT/UDWR	Background Information section, paragraph 5	We have finalized our 2013 Weber River Creel report, so you can remove draft when you reference it. The information you referenced should not have changed.	Change has been incorporated
	RB/BOR	N/A	I've reviewed the recreation report and I have no changes/edits or comments on it.	N/A
	KO/FERC	N/A	I have reviewed the draft and have no comments at this time. I look forward to reviewing the complete license application.	N/A
	DA/USFS	N/A	The Forest Service does not have any substantive comments on the report, and we are fine with the report being filed with FERC for public comment.	N/A
	DA/USFS	N/A	One item that is being discussed at the national level in the Forest Service is the need to ensure that all recreation facilities on hydropower projects on National Forest System (NFS) land comply with the Architectural Barriers Act (ABA) of 1968 going forward. ABA rather than ADA applies for facilities on NFS land. The accessibility guidelines can be found here:  <a href="http://www.fs.fed.us/recreation/programs/accessibility/">http://www.fs.fed.us/recreation/programs/accessibility/</a>  I don't know that this is something that needs to be in the report or referenced in it, but I thought I would mention it now.	No text changes have been made to reflect this comment. PacifiCorp will work with the Forest Service on this issue as more information becomes available.

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	CV/AW	Background Information section, para 7, next to last sentence	“...when the Project is operating, there is rarely enough flow in the bypass reach to boat” (add: <i>without suspending generation</i> ).	Change has been incorporated
	CV/AW	Results section, Whitewater Boating Hydrology Analysis, para 4, sentence 2.	“During periods of Project operation, flows greater than 750 cfs are necessary at Gateway gage for a 450 cfs flow, and thus have a whitewater opportunity, in the Study Reach” (add: <i>without reduction of generation</i> ).	Change has been incorporated
		Results section, Whitewater Boating Hydrology Analysis, para 5.	“In short, flows sufficient to boat the Study Reach, from the accessible put-in at the recreation site to a safely accessible take-out downstream <del>are rare</del> ” (add: <i>would continue to be rare (based on <u>the most recent flow data</u>) without interrupting generation</i> ).	Change has been incorporated, with one additional clarification: “the most”.
	CV/AW	Results section, Whitewater Boating Use and Demand Analysis, River Access para 6	Debatable which limits the use more, but I believe the lack of flows is a much bigger deterrent. Both issues need to be worked together.	Consistent with our collaborative process, PacifiCorp intends to work with AW and other stakeholders to discuss potential PM&E measures that may be beneficial to recreation users.
	CV/AW	Results section, Whitewater Boating Needs Analysis, para 3, next to last sentence	‘Additionally, due to the run-of-river design and lack of water storage at the Weber Hydroelectric Project, the Project cannot provide flows sufficient to augment whitewater boating opportunities without significantly compromising generation.’  AW: Federal Power Act suggests this isn’t a deterrent, however.	The comment does not suggest a change. PM&E measures required to address project impacts are being developed in cooperation with the various Project stakeholders.
	CV/AW	Results section, Recreation Needs Analysis, Current Needs, para 8	“One surprising result of the survey and trail camera data was the small number of kayakers.”  AW: Why is this surprising? As stated previously there has rarely been sufficient flows for recreation in this reach.	Surprising was related to the fact that of the 11 trips reported in 2016, only 5 boaters were observed in the camera data. Text has been revised to reflect the issue more accurately.

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	CV/AW	N/A	<p>What is also lacking from the document is a discussion around potential ways in which the whitewater recreation could be restored to historical levels. Specifically, weekly suspension of generation when inflows exceed the 450 cfs that was determined to be the minimum preferred flow for whitewater recreation flows. The timing of such releases would need to be determined, but weekday evenings and weekends are possibilities. In addition, assistance with negotiating access to the identified potential takeout just upstream of the Davis and Weber Counties Canal Company's diversion structure or any other legal access that can be identified for use during such releases.</p>	<p>Consistent with our collaborative process, PacifiCorp intends to work with AW and other stakeholders to discuss potential PM&amp;E measures that may be beneficial to recreation users.</p>
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