



IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

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September 12, 2016

Mark Stenberg, PacifiCorp
822 Grace Power Plant Road
Grace, ID 83241

**RE: IDFG Review of Ashton Hydroelectric Project (FERC Project No. P-2381)
Wildlife Enhancement Plan, 2016 Update. FERC License Article 405.**

Dear Mark:

Idaho Department of Fish and Game (IDFG) reviewed the updated Wildlife Enhancement Plan (WEP) for the Ashton Hydroelectric Project. The updated plan describes the complete enhancement measures developed in consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) and IDFG to fulfill PacifiCorp's requirements of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) License Article 405.

On August 3, 1987, the FERC issued PacifiCorp (formerly Utah Power and Light) a license for the Ashton-St. Anthony Hydroelectric Project, effective January 1, 1988. License Article 405 required development of a Wildlife Enhancement Plan (WEP) in consultation with resource agencies and filed with the FERC on June 30, 1989.

An update to the 1995 WEP was undertaken in 2015 by PacifiCorp in consultation with IDFG and USFWS and finalized in 2016. Major enhancements to the 1995 WEP were needed to address changes in wildlife management focus; the need to address expiring wetland preservation leases, the acquisition of new conservation easements, and the acquisition of abandoned lands.

IDFG acknowledges that all measures in the new plan, (whether existing, new, or modified) have been reviewed and accepted by IDFG. IDFG understands the updated WEP will replace the FERC approved 1995 WEP and that PacifiCorp intends to implement the measures described in the updated WEP for the remaining term of the license (expiring December 31, 2027).

If you have questions, please contact the Region's Environmental Staff Biologist, Tom Bassista at 525-7290.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "James E White".

James E White
Regional Supervisor

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cc-electronic: Gary Vecellio (IDFG-HQ)
Cary Myler (USFWS-Chubbuck)

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