



HIP Project Review Comment Tracking

Project Information:

Project Name: Chesnimnus Creek
Proposed Implementation: Summer 2026
BPA Project #: 2007-393-00
Contract #: 84044 REL 48
Sponsor: Nez Perce Tribe
Designer: Applied Science and Engineering
Area Lead: André L'Heureux, EWU, Lower Snake Lead
COR/PM: Tracy Hauser, EWU-4

HIP Review Team:

HIP Program Lead: Daniel A. Gambetta, ECF
BPA EC Lead: Thomas DeLorenzo, EC
BPA Technical Lead: Sean P. Welch, P.E., EWL
NMFS Branch Chief: Bill Lind, NMFS, Southern Snake Branch Chief
NMFS Biologist: Cortney Brown
NMFS Engineer: Jeff Brown, NOAA Fisheries, West Coast Region
USFWS Field Office: Kessina Lee, La Grande Field Office
USFWS Reviewer: Graham Shaw

Documents Reviewed:

Chesnimnus Creek 15% Designs
 Chesnimnus Creek 30% Designs
 Chesnimnus Creek 30% BDR
 Chesnimnus Creek 80% Designs
 Chesnimnus Creek 80% BDR

Activity Categories:

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1c - Headcut and Grade Stabilization	High
1f - Bridge and Culvert Removal or Replacement	Medium
1h - Installation of Fords	Medium
2a - Improve Secondary Channel and Floodplain Connectivity	High
2b - Set-back or Removal of Berms, Dikes and Levees	High
2c - Protect Streambanks Using Bioengineering Methods	Low
2d - Install Habitat-Forming Instream Structures	Medium
2e - Riparian and Wetland Vegetation Planting	Low
2f - Channel Reconstruction	High
5b - Road Decommissioning	Medium
Overall Project Risk	High

Review Timeline:

Date Completed

- Conceptual Review (typically 15%)
 - Site visit, if needed Not Started
 - Sponsor to submit conceptual design to EC Lead and COR 7/19/2024
 - EC Lead to submit concept to HIP Review Team to initiate review 7/23/2024
 - EC Lead to send design package to appropriate HIP Review members 7/23/2024
 - EC Lead to compile comments and forward to Sponsor 7/26/2024
 - Sponsor to provide responses to EC Lead Not Started
 - HIP Review Team and Sponsor to resolve "open" comments Not Started
 - EC Lead to notify Sponsor to proceed to preliminary design 7/26/2024
- Preliminary Design or Alternatives Analysis Review (typically 30%)
 - Sponsor to submit preliminary design to EC Lead and COR 3/26/2025
 - EC Lead to submit design package to HIP Review Team 3/26/2025
 - EC Lead to submit design to NMFS Engineer if applicable 3/26/2025
 - NMFS Engineer approves project, if applicable 4/15/2025
 - EC Lead to compile comments and forward to Sponsor 4/15/2025
 - Sponsor to provide responses to EC Lead Not Started
 - HIP Review Team and Sponsor to resolve "open" comments Not Started
 - EC Lead to notify Sponsor to proceed with design 4/15/2025
- Permit Level Design Review (typically 60% to 80%)
 - Sponsor to submit design package to EC lead and COR 8/11/2025
 - EC Lead to submit design package to HIP Review Team 8/11/2025
 - EC Lead to compile comments and forward to Sponsor Not Started
 - Sponsor to provide responses to EC Lead Not Started
 - HIP Review Team and Sponsor to resolve "open" comments 10/15/2025
 - EC Lead to notify Sponsor to proceed to final design 10/15/2025
- Final Design Package (100%)
 - Sponsor to submit final designs to EC Lead and COR Not Started
 - EC Lead and BPA Technical Lead to verify no critical changes Not Started



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Comments:

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1	BPA Functiona l	7/23/202 4	-	-	<p>For future design submissions, please include the HIP4 General Conservation Measures Applicable to All Actions as well as the Category Specific Conservation Measures in the plan packet. These conservation measures can be found in the HIP4 Handbook or provided by the EC Lead.</p> <p>At the 15% Design stage, the currently applicable HIP categories are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1c) Headcut and Grade Stabilization • 1f) Bridge or culvert removal or replacement • 2a) Improve secondary channel and floodplain connectivity • 2b) Set-back or removal of berms, dikes, and levees • 2d) Install habitat forming in-stream structures • 2e) Riparian and wetland vegetation planting • 5b) Road decommissioning <p>These categories may change as plans develop.</p>				For Information Only



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2	BPA Functiona l	7/23/202 4	15% Designs		On the 80% design sheets, please provide potential locations of any staging areas which would be needed outside the general project area so that Cultural Resources can include those locations for survey and consultation.				Closed
		9/2/2025	80% Designs		Staging areas and access included in 80% designs. Closing comment.				
3	BPA Functiona l	7/23/202 4	15% Designs	-	Will trees and material used for habitat structures be sourced from the project area or from outside sources? Wood and materials from other locations may require additional EC.				Closed
		9/2/2025	80% Designs		Discussed with engineer on coordination call. Closing comment.				
4	BPA Functiona l	7/23/202 4	15% Designs	-	Will geotechnical surveys be required prior to advancing designs? If so, please provide locations of proposed ground disturbance so that Cultural Resource review can be prioritized for these areas.				Closed
		3/26/202 5	30% designs		Update 3/26/25: Coordination with cultural on 106 is ongoing for pre-project Geotech. Comment closed.				



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5	BPA Functiona l	3/26/202 5	30% Designs	-	The designs note that the road to be relocated is a Forest Service road and a small portion of the project overlaps with Forest Service land. What, if any, coordination with the FS has been completed and will be required? Has the FS indicated that it wishes to be involved with design review/EC? Please provide contacts at FS to EC Lead for coordination.				To be Addressed at Next Review
		9/24/202 5	80% Designs		Coordination with FS personnel continues following check-in call with Laurel Faurot.				
6	BPA Functiona l	7/23/202 4	15% Designs	-	Consider the potential need for splitting project into multiple phases for implementation. If the project can not be reasonably completed in one work window, please plan to involve EC lead early in planning for the proper ESA, NEPA, and other compliance required for multi-year implementation.				For Information Only
7	NMFS	9/11/202 5	80% Designs	-	I've reviewed the 80% designs for the Chesnimnus restoration project, and I have no comments to add. To the extent that the project has elements relating to fish passage, the designs are consistent with NMFS passage guidance. It appears that the designers incorporated Brian's earlier comments to the extent they were able.				Closed