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RE: NOAA Fisheries Access to Bonneville Project

The purpose of this letter is to request continued access to the Bonneville Project in 2015, specifically the Juvenile Fish Monitoring Facility (JFMF), Second Powerhouse intake deck, and Second Powerhouse DSM. Access is needed to conduct various activities, including:

- 1) Conduct the COE Portland District funded study: "Evaluation of Fish condition and Gatewell Residence Time for Juvenile Salmonids in a Modified Gatewell at the Bonneville Dam's Second Powerhouse" (BPS-P-15-1), COE contact Jonathan Rerecich, (503)808-4779, NMFS contact Randall Absolon, (509)542-4050.
- 2) A BPA-funded evaluation of PIT-tag detection efficiency at the Second Powerhouse Corner Collector, NMFS contact Sandy Downing (206) 860-5604.
- 3) Separation-by-code recapture and collection of biological data from PIT-tagged juvenile Chinook salmon and steelhead. Target species include holdover fall Chinook salmon from a prior COE Walla Walla District transportation evaluation as well as wild Chinook salmon and wild and hatchery steelhead from a BPA-funded study. The NMFS contact for these activities is Tiffani Marsh (206) 860-3235.

Our Bonneville Project POC is expected to be Ida Royer (541) 374-2541. We are aware of the pre-project documentation required of researchers working at Bonneville Project. This documentation will be provided to Tammy Mackey and Ida Royer prior to February 15, 2015. Thank you for considering our request for project access.

Sincerely,

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