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Brett Call
Operations Project Manager
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
John Day Lock and Dam
P.O. Box 823
Rufus, OR 97050

Re: Request for Access

Dear Mr. Call:

This letter is a request for access to the adult fish ladder counting facilities at John Day Dam in 2022 and for the duration of the count year, scheduled to end February 2023. Four Peaks Environmental Science & Data Solutions (Four Peaks) has been contracted by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) to manage the USACE Adult Fish Counting Program at the USACE Snake and Columbia River dams from February 2022 through February 2023. This research is being funded by USACE and is detailed in contract no. W912EF19C0002. The purpose of this letter is to describe our anticipated activities and needs at John Day Dam to meet contract requirements.

Fish counting will occur at the south and north fish ladders at John Day Dam. Full-time access is needed to these facilities to meet research requirements.

Chris Peery is the COTR for this contract, managed from the Walla Walla District, and Bob Wertheimer is coordinating activities at Portland District Projects, including Bonneville, The Dalles, and John Day dams. We have coordinated with Nathan McClain and Michael Lotspeich, and will continue to work closely with them and Project staff to minimize our impacts on operations. We have attached to this letter:

1. Project work plan
2. Project impact statement
3. Job hazard analysis

For this project, we will not be handling fish that require state or federal permits.

This letter serves as a written request to the USACE to conduct this research at John Day Dam. We appreciate your consideration of this request. If you have any questions or comments regarding this research, please contact me at ekoontz@fourpeaksenv.com or by phone at (206) 428-3077 ext. 701.

Sincerely,



Elliot Koontz
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