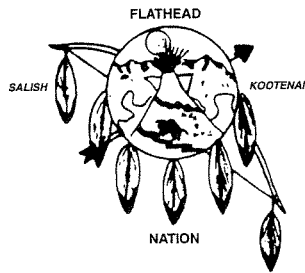


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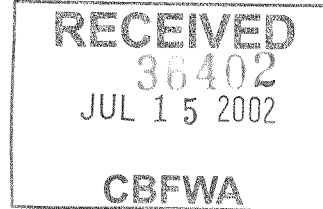


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July 3, 2002

Steve Wright, BPA Administrator  
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Dear Mr. Wright:

Thank you for meeting with members of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes (Tribes) including myself on Friday, April 12, 2002. It was helpful to identify some of the key issues still facing the Tribes and the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) in the funding of Projects #24018 and #24019.

Following the meeting the Tribes received two letters from Sarah McNary containing BPA's interpretation of the meeting and how BPA intends to proceed in providing funding to the Tribes. This letter is to inform you that the Tribes do not agree with BPA's recommendation to move forward with the projects at the current proposed funding level.

In fact, it was our understanding that Bob Austin, Sarah McNary, and Phil Keys would come to the Flathead Indian Reservation for a field visit and to continue discussions on adequate funding levels prior to making a decision. And, since our tentatively scheduled field visit coinciding with the NWPPC meeting in Montana in May did not coordinate with BPA staff schedules, the Tribes at this time would like to cordially invite you to the Flathead Indian Reservation to further continue these discussions on July 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> of this year.

There are several issues we would like to further discuss with BPA at the above proposed July meeting. Specifically, the Tribes would like to reiterate how strongly we feel about the funding restrictions placed on the projects and hope you will reassess BPA's interpretation of the Tribe's habitat acquisition proposal. We are greatly concerned about the lack of resources delegated for the acquisition of habitat related to resident fish, and the denial of funding for the WL/sharp-tailed grouse element (as previously approved by the region in the multi-tiered process of 1999-2000).

July 3, 2002

We believe that your decision to fund only portions of Projects #24018 and #24019 is based on a failure to recognize the tie to sub-basin level mitigation and is inconsistent with the newly adopted NWPPC Fish and Wildlife Program. The Tribes are also concerned that the BPA funding of projects are also inconsistent with NWPPC, ISRP, and CBFWA approval and recommendations. However, since the Tribes are spending Tribal dollars to cover the portions that were carried forward from previous years, further debate on the issue seems irrelevant. Therefore, we will send (under a separate cover letter) statements of work for BPA to proceed with the separate contracts as stated in your letter dated April 17, 2002 for Flathead Lake Monitoring and Watershed Coordination.

It is the Tribe's desire to provide your office with all the information needed in order to come to a complete agreement. At this time, we want it to be known that continuing to imply agreement and attempting to force the Tribes to accept funding at less than 25% of the previously approved level is not acceptable. Therefore, it is imperative that we follow through with a field visit and meet to further discuss these issues.

Please contact my office to confirm your availability in July. I look forward to BPA's visit to the Flathead Nation and the culmination of this important process.

Sincerely,



Fred Matt,  
Tribal Council Chairman

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