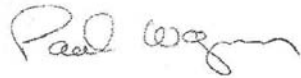


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TO: Bernard Klatte, COE Portland District, FPOM Co-Chair
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FROM: Paul Wagner, FPAC Chairperson

SUBJECT: Closure of the Bonneville Powerhouse II Corner Collector

DATE: June 9, 2008

The Fish Passage Advisory Committee (FPAC) has been informed that the FPOM group will be discussing the closure date of the B2CC at their June 12, 2008 meeting. It has been brought to our attention that the COE has stated that they cannot close the B2CC on August 31st, 2008, and alternatively they have proposed closing the B2CC either two days early (August 29, 2008) or two days late (September 2, 2008). We would like to remind the FPOM group that the 2008 Fish Operations Plan (Page 22) states,

The second powerhouse corner collector (5 kcfs discharge) will operate from early March to August 31, 2008. The March start date will be set to accommodate a passage study for migrating steelhead kelts and a potential passage study of juvenile fish released from the Spring Creek National Fish Hatchery. A 2-hour outage will occur the week of April 7 to remove research equipment.

Because of this clear language in the 2008 Fish Operating Plan, it would be our desire to have the B2CC operated through the date stated, August 31st, 2008. The COE has discussed the possibility of closing the corner collector two days earlier or two days late due to August 31 falling on a holiday weekend. We do not agree with closing the B2CC two days early and decreasing fish protection. If the COE chooses to close the B2CC two days late, the COE will need to provide a minimum spill level of 50 Kcfs during any additional time that the B2CC be

operated since the operation of the B2CC without spill is known to create a condition that is favorable to predation during the summertime period.

We understand that August 31st, 2008 falls on a holiday weekend and it is difficult to get personnel to work on these days; however, it is the responsibility of the COE to provide the machinery and manpower to operate according to the 2008 Fish Operations Plan.