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4 February, 2005

Mr. David Wills
Fish Passage Advisory Committee
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Dear Mr. Wills;

The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife is requesting a Sort-by-Code system action for 7,500 PIT tagged steelhead being released in the Grande Ronde subbasin. These fish are part of the LSRCP compensation program for steelhead, and monitored under ODFW Project #40800 732002 through the NE Region Fish Research and Development Office. The PIT tagged fish represent two groups (3,750 PIT tags in each group): 1) A standard production group with both volitional and forced release strategies; and 2) A fall brood that uses early returning adults as broodstock to shift run timing and potentially reduce straying into the Deschutes River.

We have PIT tagged a subsample of these two groups of steelhead to indicate smolt outmigration timing and survival, and to provide timing of returning adults as they migrate back up the Columbia and Snake Rivers. Because we wish the PIT tagged fish to represent the groups as a whole, we would like them to be treated in the same way as non-PIT tagged (run of the river) fish at all transport sites, including Lower Granite, Little Goose, Lower Monumental, and McNary dams. These specific PIT tags will be transported, bypassed, or remain undetected at the same rate as non-PIT tagged fish.

Location of Actions:	Lower Granite, Little Goose, Lower Monumental, and McNary dams
Duration and Start Date:	Entire season SbyC is operational in 2005
General Action request:	Place all tag codes (100%) into "Monitor Mode", No action is taken
Action 1:	Wallowa stock steelhead production smolts released at Wallowa Fish Hatchery (Spring Creek), approximately 3,750 PIT tags

Wallowa stock fall brood steelhead smolts released at
Wallowa Hatchery (Spring Creek), approximately 3,750
PIT tags

We appreciate your consideration of our SbyC system action request, as these results are critical to our evaluation of whether we achieve LSRCP goals, and to monitor smolt outmigration and smolt-to-adult return patterns.

Sincerely,



Gerold C. Grant
Project Leader

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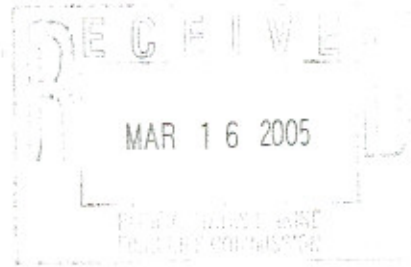
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11 March, 2005

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Dear Mr. Marvin;

This letter certifies that the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife has coordinated with the appropriate Regional fisheries resource managers in out action request for the sort by code system for Wallowa stock steelhead released in 2005.

Sincerely,

Gerold C. Grant
Project Leader