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Re:

Jocko River Basin HYDROSS Modeling

Dear John:

Pursuant to your discussion last week with Rich Aldrich, I'm addressing your question about the federal team's review of the above referenced modeling work by the Tribes' contractor, HKM.

The federal team reviewed the model over the last quarter of calender year 2005. The review revealed no substantive problems in the model, and no major changes are recommended. The review did find several nomenclature problems, though. First, the flow values labeled "natural flow" at some stations were problematic. Second at all stations, the term "stockwater diversions" needs refining.

It was a good exercise for the federal and tribal technical teams to undertake this review and find no major problems. We look forward to working on the next basin.

Sincerely

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