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			Geum macrophyllum			2			
			Cirsium spp.			2			
			Juncus ensifolius			1			
			Juncus articulatus			trace			
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		ricea (C.	Geum macrophyllum		20	3			
		Ribes spp.	Galium spp.		2	2			
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		s alk	Cinna latifolia		trace	10			
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		Mahonia repens	Koeleria macrantha	(K. cristata)	10-15	20			
		Symphoricarpos albu	Phleum pratense		2-10	2			
			Poa pratensis			2			
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	Pinus ponderosa	Spiraea betulifolia	Carex geyeri	15	15	25			
		Mahonia repens	Elymus glaucus		12	25			
		Rosa woodsii	Arnica cordifolia		2	2			

APPENDIX G

BAKER BIRD CLUB OBSERVATIONS WITHIN THE MASON DAM VICINITY

"PHILLIPS LAKE AND SURROUNDING AREA (including dredge tailings) BIRD SIGHTINGS
We saw others outside this area, including wood duck, Brewer's sparrow, Swainson's hawk, Virginia rail,
vesper sparrow, and I've seen (in the past) a warbling vireo and gray catbird at the dredge park, and a
veery at both the dredge park and the Powder River trail. I also picked up a rock wren at the railroad
depot trail through the tailings.

Tree swallow Oregon junco American robin Western bluebird Brown-headed cowbird Cassin's finch Red crossbill Pine siskin Clark's nutcracker Red-breasted nuthatch White-breasted nuthatch Canada goose Mountain chickadee Evening grosbeak Common raven Red-winged blackbird Spotted towhee Snadhill crane Yellow-rumped warbler (Audubon's) Brewer's blackbird Opsrey Common loon Western/Clark's grebe Killdeer -Ring-billed gull Gadwall Ruby-crowned kinglet Mallard Red-shafted flicker Williamson's sapsucker Song sparrow Calliope hummingbird Western meadowlark Black-billed magpie Red-tailed hawk Bald eagle Sharp-shinned hawk Violet-green swallow Kingfisher Cliff swallow Pygmy nuthatch Steller's jay Ring-necked duck American coot Turkey vulture Cinnamon teal Mountain bluebird American avocet Green-winged teal Northern shoveler Pied-billed grebe American kestrel Northern rough-winged swallow White-crowned sparrow American dipper Townsend's solitaire Savannah sparrow

4/28/07 and 5/5/07

Mourning dove
Great gray owl
Barn swallow
Black-capped chickadee
Spotted sandpiper
Vaux[] s swift
Eurasian starling
California quail
Yellow warbler
Merlin
Common Yellowthroat
Chipping sparrow
Common merganser

Hairy woodpecker

APPENDIX H

NOXIOUS WEED ASSESSMENT

Noxious Weed Assessment

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1.0 Introduction

Baker County has applied to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) to develop hydroelectric energy at the existing Mason Dam. Mason Dam is located in Baker County, Oregon approximately 15 miles southwest of Baker City off of State Highway 7. The majority of the Project is located within the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest.

Mason Dam was built by the US Bureau of Reclamation (BOR) on the Powder River for irrigation, water delivery, and flood control. Water is stored behind Mason Dam in Phillips Lake (or Phillips Reservoir), and released during the irrigation season by Baker Valley Irrigation District. Water is generally stored between October and March and released April through September (Baker County 2006). Releases average approximately 10 cfs (cubic feet per second) between October and January, increase to an average 20 to 50 cfs during February and March and generally remain above 100 to 200 cfs through the remainder of the year.

1.1 Weed Assessment Study Area

The study area for the noxious weed survey consists of 100 feet beyond the area that contains the powerhouse and tailrace facilities, and the substation to the interconnect with IPC (Idaho Power) transmission line. It also includes 50 feet on each side of the underground power line that will be placed with in the Black Mountain Road right of way. See Exhibit 7.5.1 for a map showing the Mason Dam noxious weed study area.

2.0 Study Goals and Objectives

The goals of the noxious weed survey of the Mason Dam Hydroelectric Project was to evaluate the effects of project construction, operation and maintenance, and other related activities on the location, distribution and abundance of noxious weed infestation in the Project area (see Exhibit 7.5.1). For the survey, the term "noxious weed" includes species listed on the Baker County Weed Control Noxious Weed List (see Exhibit 7.3) and any additional noxious weeds on the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest list (see Exhibit 7.4).

3.0 Methods

The noxious weed survey of the Mason Dam study area was performed using commonly accepted botanical survey methods to systematically locate and identify noxious weed presence and distribution. Survey methods are straight forward, and involve visually searching the study area for the presence of noxious weeds.

The objective was to measure the density and presence of individuals within a given area. Line transects provided the most efficient, cost-effective method to quantify this measurement. Noxious weeds from the Baker County Weed Control Noxious Weed List (Exhibit 7.3) and the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest list (Exhibit 7.4) were

documented on Forest Service forms, Invasive Plant field form (found in Exhibit 7.6 Attachment G) and Rangeland General Form (found in Exhibit 7.6 Attachment H). Noxious weeds are defined as any plants listed on Baker County's noxious weed list (Exhibit 7.3) and the Forest Service (Exhibit 7.4). Identification references for noxious weeds are listed in the bibliography.

3.1 Pre Field Screening

Existing information on noxious weeds in and near the Project area is limited. No known dedicated noxious weed surveys had been conducted in Forest Service-owned portions of the study area. A spreadsheet defining the features required for identification of noxious weeds generally requires a flowering and identifiability time table. Exhibit 7.1 summarizes the floral start and end time pertaining to identification.

3.2 Field Methods

Noxious and invasive weed species were observed during the Vegetation and TES studies. Field surveys were done using three linear transects, measuring 300' paralleling the Black Mountain Road, during the surveys that were conducted June-August in 2007 (BCWD 2007). As noted in section 2.0 of the combined Vegetation and TES report, the Mason Dam study area was subject to a complete vascular plant survey during the fall of 2007, July and August of 2008. During these surveys, a running list was maintained with notes pertaining to the location of noxious/invasive weed concentrations. The timing of the surveys were done to better quantify all noxious/invasive weeds present based on their identifiable time (ECW 2009).

4.0 Results

A total of 211 vascular plant species were observed and verified to species/subspecies during these surveys. Of the above 211 plant species 13 are on the noxious/invasive weed lists provided by Baker County (Exhibit 7.3) and Forest Service (Exhibit 7.4). In December 2008, the locations of the previously noted weed populations were mapped and the number of individuals tallied. The data collected during the previous surveys for the related botanical resources allowed these weed concentrations to be readily relocated. The weather during Fall 2008 was relatively mild and the ground was snow-free in early December. Some of the species had senesced and detailed data was not able to be collected. However, most of the weed species were still intact and able to be censused. In particular, all of the Baker County Class A and B weeds were still recognizable. Tables 1 and 2 provide an evaluation of which previously observed species were in suitable condition for an accurate late season census and which species were not. The following criteria were used to evaluate the accuracy of the late season census:

• Excellent: Species was readily identifiable in previously noted occurrences and able to be mapped in other small patches that were encountered. It is not likely that any occurrences were missed or species numbers underestimated due to the late mapping date.

- **Good:** Species was readily identifiable in previously noted occurrences. Some small patches may have been missed or the numbers slightly underestimated due to the late mapping date.
- Fair: Evidence of species visible in previously noted occurrences, allowing a general location to be mapped, but no tally possible. Some patches may have been missed
- **Poor**: Species observed during July 2008 surveys not able to be re-located. There were no noxious or invasive species in the Mason Dam study area that fell into this mapping category.

The December mapping included all species listed on the Baker County 2008 Noxious Weed List and the species listed as invasive species in the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest (WWNF) Invasive Plant Program EIS (http://www.fs.fed.us/r6/w-w/projects/invasive-plants/index.shtml). The WWNF Invasive Plant EIS addressed all 40 invasive species known on the WWNF and assigned each species a treatment priority by Ranger District (see Appendix A). According to the Regional Forester's List for the entire Pacific Northwest (PNW)(received in February 2009), there are additional invasive species that occur in the study area. These species are listed in table 2. Some of these species had been mapped as they can affect special habitats (e.g., sweet clover). However, other species, such as orchard grass and stinging nettle, which are invasive in western Oregon are not necessarily invasive in this locale. These species were not mapped as they were not identified as invasive species prior to the field work, and there was no indication that the species were acting as invasives during the field surveys.

However, as noted in section 6.4 of the TES/Vegetation report, the species of greatest concern in the study area due to (1) their highly invasive nature, (2) proximity to special habitats and (3) proximity to construction or staging areas are diffuse knapweed, creeping and bull thistles, teasel and sulfur cinquefoil. (ECW 2009)

5.0 Discussion/Recommendation

5.1 Discussion

Though construction details and project design have not been formulated, project related activities, especially ground disturbing activities will have potential impacts on noxious weeds establishing themselves in the project area. These activities include construction of the powerhouse, power line, substation, and travel in and out of the project area.

Project-related disturbance has a very high potential to spread noxious weeds with in the project site and onto adjacent land. Steps must be taken to minimize that potential. Since the project site includes NFD RD 1145 (Black Mountain Road), a well-traveled arterial road, all Baker County and US Forest Service listed species present on the site must be given high priority status for treatment.

5.2 Recommendation

For this study area, there are two types of management strategies to be considered, Site-specific or Adaptive Management approach. Due to the sensitivity of the surrounding

areas the management strategies must be consistent with an Early Detection, Rapid Response approach. For the following reasons, we submit that the noxious weed management strategies should not take a site-specific approach, but an adaptive management approach of the project area.

- 1. Considering the relatively small elements of scale, we believe it would be erroneous to focus on specific sites (including along the road or around structures), and potentially exclude areas of future weed encroachment of the species currently present.
- 2. This site-specific approach has the potential to ignore other species that may encroach once the site is opened to project-related disturbance.
- 3. The very nature of the noxious weed species present on the site requires a comprehensive rather than exclusive focus. Inherent within the nature of invasive noxious weeds is their ability to occupy new sites.

An adaptive management approach should be implemented consistent with the way Baker County treats other "A" and "B" listed weeds. Past history on similar projects have taught us that this approach will provide results that are more effective. We propose that the study area will be grid surveyed in June and again in September for the first 2 years post-project completion for all "A" and "B" listed weeds. Within this time frame, all noxious weeds will be treated using site-appropriate herbicides, consistent with the programmatic Forest Service noxious Weeds. After the initial 2 years, the site will be monitored and treated using effective methods, timing, and rates of appropriate herbicides.

Current EIS limitations, Scotch Thistle-Onopordum ancathium and Canada thistle-Circium vulgare, are best treated with a late spring or mid-fall application of Picloram (Tordon 22K). Unfortunately, with current court injunction limitations in place, there are no effective herbicide options available for Whitetop – Cardia draba. As the programmatic EIS is finalizes and in place, there may be additional options available for treatment of these weeds. For this reason, we highly recommend that these options be updated periodically to reflect current available herbicide technologies.

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d Noxious Weed List lik Watch List-Few Known			inty Wood De	nartmant		
Common Name (Scientific Name)	Occurrence within Project Area	Flowering ID Start	ID End		SFS Listed Baker Priority Level	District Acres
Musk Thistle (Carduus nutans)	No	Flowers in Early June	*	Yes	1	0
Mediterranean Sage (Salvia aethiopis)	No	June	July	Yes	1	0
Dyers Woad (Istasis tinctoria)	No	April	July	Yes	NL	
Common bugloss (Anchusa officianalis) Moved from an "A" Designated Weed in 2006-07 to a "Watch List" Weed in 2008	No	May	October *	Yes	1	0
	nated-Mandatory				1	
Common Name (Scientific Name)	Occurrence within	ID Start	ID End	U	SFS Listed Baker	l District
(Section 1 (anne)	Project Area			PNW	Priority Level	Acres
Tansy ragwort (Senecio jacobaea)	No	July	September	Yes	NL NL	

	Common Name (Scientific Name)	Occurrence within Project Area	Flowering ID Start	ID End	U PNW	SFS Listed Baker Priority Level	d · District Acres
	Leafy spurge (Euphorbia esula)	No	mid-May	June **	Yes	1	51.60
	Rush skeletonweed (Chondrilla juncea)	No	July	September	Yes	1	0
DG8,1145104	Spotted knapweed (Centaurea maculosa)	Yes	August	September *	Yes	1	0
DIGALITATION .	Diffuse knapweed (Centaurea diffusa)	Yes	June	September *	Yes	1	417.85
	Dalmation toadflax (Linaria dalmatica)	No	July	September	Yes	1	258.36
DDA1555007	Yellow star-thistle (Centaurea solstitialis)	No	June	Frost *	Yes	1	9.93

"A" Designated	-Mandatory Cont	trol County-w	vide Continue	ed		
Common Name (Scientific Name)	Occurrence within Project Area	Flowering ID Start	ID End	PNW	Priority	District
Perennial pepperweed (Lepidium latifolium)	No	May	September	Yes	NL	Acres
Purple loosestrife (Lyrum salicaria)	No	June	September	Yes	1	0
Black henbane (Hyoscyamus niger)	No	May	September	Yes	NL	
Jointed goatgrass (Aegilops cylindrica)	No	June	August *	No	NL	
Buffalobur (Solanum rostratum)	No	Mid- Summer	September *	No	NL	

	Common Name (Scientific Name)	Occurrence within Project Area	Flowering ID Start	ID End	PNW	SFS Listed Baker Priority Level	District Acres
PDL 237528	Japanese knotweed (Polygonum cuspidatum)	No	July	October	Yes	1	0
	Scotch thistle (Onopordum acanthium)	Yes	Purple Flower In June	*	Yes	2	88.78
©) Sp. Datay con	Yellow flag iris (Iris pseudacorus) Recently added to list in 2008	No	April	May	No	NL	
	Salt Cedar (Tamarix ramosissima) Recently added to list in 2008	No	April	October *	No	NL	
	Whitetop (Lepidium draba)	No	Flower in early May	September	Yes	2	104.34

	"B" Design	ated-Widespread	and/or of Hig	h Concern			
	Common Name (Scientific Name)	Occurrence within Project Area	Flowering ID Start	ID End	PNW	SFS Listed Baker Priority Level	d District Acres
TRANSPORTS	Russian knapweed (Centaurea repens)	No	June	October	Yes	2	Actes
	Canada/Bull thistle (Cirsium vulgare)	Yes	July	October *	Yes	2	470.91
	Venice mallow (Hibiscus trionum)	No	June	End of August	No	NL	
	Yellow toadflax (Linaria vulgaris)	No	Flowering May Fruiting August	October November	No	2	0
	Dodder (Cuscuta campestris)	No	June	October	No	4	0
	Chickory (Cichorium intybus)	No	As early as March June	October	Yes	NL	

		Widespread and/or					
	Common Name (Scientific Name)	Occurrence within Project Area	Flowering ID Start	ID End	PNW	SFS Listed Baker Priority Level	District Acres
	Teasel (Dipsacus fullonum)	Yes	July	October *	Yes	2	22.02
Swilliam Statutes	Common Tansy (Tanacetum vulgare)	No	July	October	Yes	NL	
	Klamathweed (Hypericum perforatum)	No	June	September *	No	NL	0
	Puncturevine (Tribulus terrestris)	No	July	October	Yes	3	0
	Myrtle spurge (Euphorbia myrsinites) Moved from an "A" Designated Weed in 2006-07 to a "B" Designated Weed in 2008	No	May	June **	No	NL	
	Sulfur cinquefoil (Potentilla recta) Recently added in 2008	Yes	Late May	October	Yes	2	80.89

	"C" Desig	nated-Widespread a	and/or Modera	ate Concern			
	Common Name (Scientific Name)	Occurrence within Project Area	Flowering ID Start	ID End	PNW	SFS Listed Baker Priority Level	District Acres
	Poison hemlock (Conium maculatum)	No	June	September	Yes	3	0
	Morningglory (Convolvulus arvensis)	No			Yes	1	0
Sandrova Istration	Russian thistle (Salsola iberica)	No	Flowering July Fruiting August	Frost Winter	Yes	3	0
	Medusahead wildrye (Taeniatherum caput-medusae)	No	May	September	Yes	1	0
	Kochia (Kochia scoparia)	No	July	September	Yes	NL	
© Ted Beller	Common mullein (Verbascum thapsis)	Yes	June	*	Yes	NL	

	Common Name	Occurrence	Flowering	ID End	U	SFS Listed	
	(Scientific Name)	within Project Area	ID Start		PNW	Priority	District
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2 St. Many's College of California	Moth mullein (Verbascum blattaria)	No	June	September	No	NL	
	Bur buttercup (Ranunculus testiculatus)	No	May	July	No	NL	
	Water hemlock (Cicuta douglasii)	No	June	September	No	NL	
	Common Name	Occurrence	Flowering	ID End	U	SFS Listed	<u> </u>
	(Scientific Name)	within	ID Start			Baker	District
		Project Area			PNW	Priority Level	Acres
	Slender Meadow Foxtail	NO				1	Acres
	(Alopecurus myosuroides)						
	Broadleaved Pepperweed (lepidium latitollum)					1	
	Squarrose Knapweed (Centaurea Triumfettii)	No	June	September		1	
	Silverleaf Nightshade (Solanum elaeagnifolium)	No				1	

	Common Name (Scientific Name)	Occurrence within	Flowering ID Start	ID End	USFS Listed Baker District		
		Project Area			PNW	Priority Level	Acres
	Clary Sage (senecio sp.)	No				1	
3	Stinking Willie (Senecio jacobaca)	No				1	3.0
	Creeping Thistle (Cirsium arvense)		July	October		2	470.9
	Italian thistle (Cirsium subniveum)		July	October		1	2.19
	Houndstounge (Cynoglossum officinale)		June	September		3	210.8
	Scotchbroom (Cytisus scoparius)		May	June ***		1	.32

- Identified by fruit until hard frost the genus Euphorbia is recognizable year-round
- vegetatively identifiable most of the year
- Not Listed NL