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SUBJECT: Lower Granite Lock and Dam, Letter Supplement No. 1 to DM 28,
Allocation of Project Lands

Division Engineer, North Pacific

1. The purpose of this letter supplement is to obtain approval to re-allocate 34 acres from project structures to wildlife management intensive. The tract is located on the north side of the subject reservoir at river mile 135.
2. The site described above was reserved in the original Master Plan for the location and construction of a debris removal facility. Being only four miles downstream from the confluence of the Snake and Clearwater Rivers, the facility was intended to collect and dispose of debris at this upper reach of the reservoir which would have substantially reduced the debris problem downstream through the remaining 27 miles of reservoir. This decision has been reversed and it is no longer intended to use this site for that purpose.
3. Adjacent land downstream from the subject tract is currently allocated for wildlife management intensive. It is smaller than the subject tract (contains a total of 20 acres) and somewhat isolated from other intensive wildlife lands. The combination of the two would make an area large enough for active management practices. Bordering the upstream boundary of the 34-acre tract are approximately 140 acres of shoreline land which have been sold under two separate transactions to Whitman County for industrial use and access. This is not reflected on the attached land use maps since the most recent sale took place in early 1977 and the land use map was not revised. They have several developments on these lands; however, the developments are located far enough away and are of the type that would not be detrimental to wildlife activities. The Camas Prairie Railroad is on the landward side of the 34-acre plot.
4. The area is well suited for wildlife management as it gently slopes toward the reservoir and the lower part is subirrigated. Management will be aimed at providing winter cover for upland game and spring brood pasture for geese. In their study of wildlife of the lower Clearwater River, the University of Idaho found that geese produced on Hog Island, located nine

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miles upstream from Lewiston on the Clearwater River, travel downstream to the Wilma-North Clarkston area to brood their young. Also, an artificial island constructed near Wilma offers additional potential for wildlife in the area. It is proposed that pasture be provided along the shoreline and irrigated cover vegetation be planted on the drier uplands.

5. Attached are five copies of the map showing the 34-acre tract and adjoining lands. Your approval of this requested change will be noted and the necessary adjustment will be made at the next revision of the map.

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As stated

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TO: District Engineer, Walla Walla

The letter supplement is approved subject to the clarification in paragraph 2 that an alternative debris disposal plan has recently been submitted and approved.

FOR THE DIVISION ENGINEER:

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