



**US Army Corps
of Engineers** ®
Walla Walla District

**LOWER SNAKE RIVER CHANNEL MAINTENANCE
IMMEDIATE NEED DREDGING FOR COMMERCIAL
NAVIGATION ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT**

**TIERED FROM THE LOWER SNAKE RIVER
PROGRAMMATIC SEDIMENT MANGEMENT PLAN FINAL
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT DATED AUGUST
2014**

Appendix G

**Idaho SHPO NHPA Section 106 Concurrence Letter dated June 8,
2022**



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**RE: Snake River Navigation Channel Maintenance Dredging,
Lewiston, Nez Perce County, Idaho / SHPO Rev. No. 2022-564**

Dear Mr. Hall:

Thank you for consulting with our office on the above referenced project. We understand the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), is proposing to conduct maintenance dredging activities to meet the immediate need of providing a 14-foot navigation channel depth in the lower Snake River and lower Clearwater River in Washington and Idaho. The 14-foot minimum depth is the depth required to safely pass large boats and barges. In order to ensure a depth of 14-feet and to be consistent with prior dredging actions, the USACE would dredge up to a depth of 16-feet. The 16-foot depth includes one foot of advance measures and one foot to account for mechanical inaccuracies of the dredging equipment.

On 12 May 2022, our office received an inventory report prepared by Leah Bonstead of USACE detailing the results of an archival study that documented historic properties within or adjacent to the proposed area of potential effects (APE). The proposed work within the Idaho portion overlaps with three unevaluated to the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) resources (10NP92, 10NP148, and 10NP149). In addition, the dredging activities would occur within the estimated location of the NRHP-eligible Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail (10NP511). In each case the proposed work would be carried out within the existing waterway where the sites if still present are inundated.

The USACE has stated that the proposed undertaking will not affect archaeological sites since the dredging activity represents material that has accumulated within the demonstrated vertical and horizontal limits of past dredging actions. Furthermore, the USACE has stated that the work is occurring within historic properties of religious and cultural significance to Indian tribes. However, the proposed action will not have an adverse effect on these resources as the work represents only maintenance of the existing channel. In accordance with the recommendations of the archival study,

the USACE has determined that character defining attributes that may make the identified historic properties eligible for the NRHP would not be adversely affected by the proposed project. After careful consideration, our office concurs with these findings as presented.

Pursuant to 36 CFR 800.5, we have applied the criteria of effect to the proposed undertaking. Based on the information received 12 May 2022, we find the proposed project undertaking will have **no adverse effect** to historic properties.

In the event that cultural material is inadvertently encountered during the implementation of this project, work shall be halted in the vicinity of the finds until they can be inspected and assessed by the appropriate consulting parties. If you have any questions, or the scope of the work changes, please contact me at chris.shaver@ishs.idaho.gov or (208) 488-7467.

Sincerely,



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