



FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

Lucky Peak Master Plan Revision

Ada, Boise, and Elmore Counties, Idaho

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Walla Walla District (USACE) has conducted an environmental analysis in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended. The draft Environmental Assessment (EA) dated October 2024, for the Lucky Peak Master Plan Revision (MP) which addresses the need for USACE to revise the 1988 Lucky Peak Project MP in portions of Ada, Boise, and Elmore counties, Idaho.

The draft EA, incorporated herein by reference, evaluated various alternatives that would update the 1988 Master Plan within Lucky Peak Project lands. The EA identifies, describes, and analyzes potential environmental effects associated with the proposed action for revising the 1988 Master Plan for management of recreation, natural and cultural resources for Lucky Peak Project lands which encompass portions of Ada, Boise, and Elmore counties of Idaho. The revised MP is a strategic land use management document that guides the comprehensive management and potential development Project lands.

In addition to a "no action" alternative, three alternatives were evaluated, as required by 40 CFR 1505.2(b). The alternatives included Alternative 1: No Action, Alternative 2: Balance Use, Alternative 3: Recreation Focus, and Alternative 4: Wildlife Focus. Screening criteria helped eliminate those alternatives that could not or practically meet the proposed action purpose and need. When setting up screening criteria, USACE closely re-evaluated the purpose and need of the proposed action, which is "to manage all Lucky Peak recreational, natural, and cultural resources in a comprehensive manner that complies with applicable laws and USACE policies, including current USACE land classification standards." After screening, Alternative 2: Balance Use (Proposed Action) was carried forward for further analysis, as well as Alternative 1: No Action alternative for comparison purposes.

If implemented the Proposed Action Alternative could provide for regional needs, resource capabilities and site suitability, and a comprehensive recreation program. For all alternatives, the potential effects were evaluated, as appropriate. A summary assessment of the potential effects of the recommended plan are listed below in Table 1.



Table 1: Summary of Potential Effects of the Recommended Plan

Resource	Insignificant effects	Insignificant effects as a result of mitigation*	Resource unaffected by action
Tribal Trust Resources	-	-	X
Aesthetics and Visual Resources	-	-	X
Noise	-	-	X
Air Quality	-	-	X
Land Use	X	-	-
Recreation	X	-	-
Vegetation	-	-	X
Wildlife	X	-	-
Wetlands	-	-	X
Water Quality	-	-	X
Aquatic Resources	-	-	X
Threatened and Endangered Species	X	-	-
Geologic Features and Soil	-	-	X
Socioeconomics and Environmental Justice	-	-	X
Cultural and Historic Resources	-	-	X
Climate Change	-	-	X

All practicable and appropriate means to avoid or minimize adverse environmental effects were analyzed and incorporated into the recommended plan and no compensatory mitigation is required to update the 1988 MP. The MP revision is conceptual and is not intended for details of design or administration. The revised MP would not authorize any new site-specific actions and any detailed management and administration functions would be addressed if any future actions are proposed and would use best management practices. No compensatory mitigation is required as part of the recommended plan.

Public review of the draft EA and FONSI will be completed on 30 November 2024. All comments USACE receives during the public review period will be responded to in the Final EA and FONSI and made available on the USACE Lucky Peak Master Plan Revision webpage at <https://www.nww.usace.army.mil/Locations/District-Locks-and-Dams/Lucky-Peak-Dam-and-Lake/Lucky-Peak-Master-Plan/>.

Pursuant to section 7 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended, USACE determined that the recommended plan would have no affect to any listed species on Project lands. Any future proposed actions would be subject to a sperate NEPA analysis.

Pursuant to section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers determined that historic properties would not be adversely affected by the recommended plan. Any future proposed actions would be subject to a sperate NEPA analysis.

Pursuant to the Clean Water Act of 1972, as amended, no permissions or permits were required, and any future proposed actions would be subject to a sperate NEPA analysis.



All applicable environmental laws have been considered and coordination with appropriate agencies and officials has been completed. Refer to Section 4 (Compliance with Applicable Environmental Laws and Regulations and Executive Orders) in the EA. USACE considered effects under treaty rights, NEPA, Endangered Species Act, Clean Water Act, the Clean Air Act, the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act, the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act, the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act, and American Indian Religious Freedom Act and found the Proposed Action in compliance. USACE also considered Executive Orders 11988 (Floodplain Management), 11990 (Protection of Wetlands), 12898 (Environmental Justice), 13007 (Native American Sacred Sites), and 13175 (Consultation and Coordination with Indian Tribal Governments) and found the Proposed Action in compliance.

All applicable laws, executive orders, regulations, and local government plans were considered in evaluation of alternatives. Based on this report, the reviews by other Federal, State and local agencies, Tribes, input of the public, and the review by my staff, it is my determination that the recommended plan would not cause significant adverse effects on the quality of the human environment; therefore, preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement is not required.

Date

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