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Please find attached the ISRP review (document ISRP 2012-5) of Project #2002-059-00, *Yankee Fork Salmon River Restoration*. This ISRP review was received on March 21, 2012 and was based on the submittal received from Bonneville and the Shoshone Bannock Tribe on February 16, 2012.

The submittal received indicated that since the last review the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes has worked with the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, Trout Unlimited, U.S. Forest Service and the landowner to gather information and refine the proposal in an attempt to address the concerns raised by the ISRP in its previous review (ISRP document 2008-11). This restructured proposal, not only is intended to address the previous ISRP reviews, but to present a refined approach to address restoration needs in the Yankee Fork Salmon River. The goal of this proposal is to increase juvenile spring/summer Chinook salmon abundance and survival through increases in suitable habitat (rearing, high flow refugia, riparian and wetland) and increase the physical quality of environmental characteristics.

The most recent ISRP review (ISRP document 2012-5) provided a *Meets Scientific Review Criteria (Qualified)* recommendation. The ISRP has requested that a proper narrative form be completed for this restructured proposal, and that additional details and analysis are needed before implementation of the project proceeds.

Based on the ISRP review and findings the project does not warrant a decision from the Fish and Wildlife Committee at this time. Currently, Bonneville and the sponsor are addressing the ISRP concerns and are anticipating a response in the near future. Their goal is to have a favorable review by the ISRP and a recommendation from the Council in time to initiate the restoration aspects of this project during the upcoming field season.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

Thanks, Mark