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Sent: Tuesday, November 27, 2018 9:35 AM
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Subject: Re: ROC Proposed Action

All,

Thank you for your dedication so far in reviewing the ROC on LTO propose action, and providing comments in the Google doc. I'm doing the same, and in doing so, noticed a couple of things that you could help with so we could be better prepared for our live edit session this afternoon. Please do not change any existing comments, but consider and implement the following food for thought as you continue to review and edit.

-- Though we are using this for internal discussion, write the comments as if they were directed to Reclamation. This will save time in any transmission of comments. If you intend for a comment to be for someone other than Reclamation, explicitly say so in the comment (e.g., NOAA-GC, please confirm).

-- Comments should improve the description of the proposed action when incorporated, and not include musings or thoughts that, when read, leave Reclamation wondering what to do with the comment. For example, "Please provide the specific flow criteria that are being operated to in this month." Or "Please indicate the process by which this decision would be made."

-- Don't belabor over comparing what is proposed against the current RPA. That's a separate exercise that Barb is/will be working on. Comment on the biological need. For example: "This does not include any response in operations to presence of fish at location X. It has been shown that species Y will have increased outmigration success if Z is done." [I don't think this is terrible for the internal discussion component. It can be helpful for others to see what is in the current RPA.]

-- We should be explicit in our comments why we are confused or don't understand the text (for example, "This is not clear. Please specify why this is different than in the previous paragraph" or "what component this is supposed to apply to" or "how this translates into an operational criteria").

Thanks!

-Garwin-

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On Sun, Nov 25, 2018 at 5:54 PM Howard Brown - NOAA Federal <howard.brown@noaa.gov> wrote:

Folks,

First of all, welcome to the ROC on LTO Proposed Action Review Team. Things are moving very fast with this project and we are adapting to the situation very quickly, so please forgive this short email but I promise that I will make it up to you later with some kind of food...consider it food for your thoughts!

Attached, you will find the draft proposed action from Reclamation for the ROC on LTO. Please keep this on a very close hold right now and keep conversations about this to our review team. I will explain more on Monday when we meet at 11 to discuss a plan of attack for reviewing and commenting.

Howard

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