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In reply refer to: FERC090223E

Andrew Fecko, Resource Planning Administrator  
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RE: Proposed Area of Potential Effect (APE) for Placer County Water Agency's Middle Fork American River Project (FERC Project No. 2079), Placer County, CA

Dear Mr. Fecko:

Thank you for your 16 December 2009 letter initiating consultation with me on behalf of the FERC for the above referenced project. PCWA is specifically requesting my concurrence regarding the establishment of the APE for this project. PCWA proposed APE was developed in consultation with the Eldorado National Forest Archaeologist Katie Parr and Darrel Cruz, the Tribal Historic Preservation Officer for the Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California.

For the purposes of the proposed project, the APE consists of all the lands within the existing FERC project boundary and within a 200-foot area surrounding any project facility or feature, project recreation facility or feature, or any disturbance area associated with a project betterment referred to as the Hell Hole Seasonal Storage Increase. There are a few exceptions and the proposed APE does not include lands above any tunnels because no ground disturbance activities will occur in these areas. The tunnels are tens to hundreds of feet underground. However, where the tunnel vents or surge tanks or any associated surface features are present, they will be included in the APE.

The APE is shown in Attachment B of your letter. After reviewing both the narrative and graphic descriptions of the APE, I find this satisfactory pursuant to 36 CFR 800.4(a)(1). If there should be any changes to the APE in the future, please submit changes for concurrence.

Thank you for considering historic properties as part of you project planning and I look forward to continuing consultation on this project. Please direct any questions or concerns that you may have to Amanda Blosser, Project Review Unit architectural historian, at 916-654-7372 or at [ablosser@parks.ca.gov](mailto:ablosser@parks.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

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