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STREAM DISCHARGE TECHNICAL NOTES

STATION ID: 32A105
STATION NAME: Walla Walla River at Beet Road
WATER YEAR: 2005
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Introduction

Watershed Description

The Walla Walla River is a tributary of the Columbia River, joining the Columbia just above Wallula Gap in southeastern Washington. The headwaters of the Walla Walla River lie in the Blue Mountains of northeastern Oregon. The Walla Walla River supports populations of spring Chinook salmon, summer steelhead, and bull trout. Land use in the watershed is mostly dryland and irrigated agriculture.

Gage Location

The gage house is located on the left bank near the Frog Hollow and Beet Road intersection at river mile 36.5. It is located approximately a quarter mile downstream of the Gardena Farms Irrigation District #13 diversion. The period of record for this station is June 2002 to the present.

Table 1.

Drainage Area (square miles)	125(Streamstats)
Latitude (degrees, minutes, seconds)	46° 01' 25" N
Longitude (degrees, minutes, seconds)	118° 25' 33" W

Discharge

Table 2. Discharge Statistics.

Mean Annual Discharge (cfs)	113
Median Annual Discharge (cfs)	45
Maximum Daily Mean Discharge (cfs)	650
Minimum Daily Mean Discharge (cfs)	18
Maximum Instantaneous Discharge (cfs)	921
Minimum Instantaneous Discharge (cfs)	15
Discharge Equaled or Exceeded 10 % of Recorded Time (cfs)	247
Discharge Equaled or Exceeded 90 % of Recorded Time (cfs)	23
Number of Days Discharge is Greater Than Range of Ratings	0
Number of Days Discharge is Less Than Range of Ratings	8

Note: Statistics displayed in Table 2 may not include values in which the predicted discharge exceeds the range of ratings.

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The period in which the discharge is less than the range of ratings indicates that the reported discharge is less than 1/2 the lowest measured discharge. The actual discharge may be lower than the reported discharge.

Error Analysis

Table 3. Error Analysis Summary.

Logger Drift Error (% of discharge)	0
Weighted Rating Error (% of discharge)	11.7
Total Potential Error (% of discharge)	11.7

Rating Table(s)

Table 4. Rating Table Summary

Rating Table No.	5	6	7
Period of Ratings	10/1/04 to 3/8/05	12/7/04 to 7/20/05	6/15/05 to 9/30/05
Range of Ratings (cfs)	11 to 2850	8.6 to 2850	23 to 2850
No. of Defining Measurements	14	16	9
Rating Error (%)	11.4	11.8	11.8

Rating Table No.	601		
Period of Ratings	7/20/05 to 9/30/05		
Range of Ratings (cfs)	8.6 to 2850		
No. of Defining Measurements	16		
Rating Error (%)	11.8		

Rating Table No.			
Period of Ratings			
Range of Ratings (cfs)			
No. of Defining Measurements			
Rating Error (%)			

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Stage Record

Table 5. Stage Record Summary

Minimum Recorded Stage (feet)	2.80
Maximum Recorded Stage (feet)	5.30
Range of Recorded Stage (feet)	2.50
Number of Un-Reported Days	0
Number of Days Qualified as Estimates	0
Number of Days Qualified as Unreliable Estimates	0

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Stage data has been edited to correct for the differences between logger and staff gage readings. These differences were minimal throughout the water year.

Modeled Discharge

Table 6. Model Summary

Model Type (Slope conveyance, other, none)	n/a
Range of Modeled Stage (feet)	n/a
Range of Modeled Discharge (cfs)	n/a
Valid Period for Model	n/a
Model Confidence	n/a

Surveys

Table 7. Survey Type and Date (station, cross section, longitudinal)

Type	Date
n/a	n/a

Activities Completed

Installed new GPS antenna
