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STREAM DISCHARGE TECHNICAL NOTES

STATION ID: 35B150
STATION NAME: Tucannon River at Marengo
WATER YEAR: 2008
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Introduction

Watershed Description

The Tucannon River Watershed is located in southeastern Washington State in Garfield and Columbia counties. It flows into the Snake River, four miles upstream of Lyons Ferry.

Historically, the lower elevation areas were covered with canyon grasslands and shrub-steppe vegetation. Much of this land has now been converted to livestock and crop production. Coniferous forests still dominate the higher elevations of the watershed.

The Tucannon River is one of the few Snake River tributaries in this area that contains a spring run of Chinook salmon, *Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*.

Gage Location

The Tucannon River at Marengo stream gage is located 12 miles east of Hwy 12 just off the Tucannon River Road. The station is located on the left bank just downstream from the county bridge.

Table 1.

Drainage Area (square miles)	161 (Streamstats)
Latitude (degrees, minutes, seconds)	46° 26' 25" N
Longitude (degrees, minutes, seconds)	117° 45' 01" W

Discharge

Table 2. Discharge Statistics.

Mean Annual Discharge (cfs)	183
Median Annual Discharge (cfs)	127
Maximum Daily Mean Discharge (cfs)	1140
Minimum Daily Mean Discharge (cfs)	57
Maximum Instantaneous Discharge (cfs)	1380
Minimum Instantaneous Discharge (cfs)	54
Discharge Equaled or Exceeded 10 % of Recorded Time (cfs)	340
Discharge Equaled or Exceeded 90 % of Recorded Time (cfs)	71
Number of Days Discharge is Greater Than Range of Ratings	0
Number of Days Discharge is Less Than Range of Ratings	0

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

Narrative

Peak flow occurred on May 19, 2008.

Error Analysis

Table 3. Error Analysis Summary.

Logger Drift Error (% of discharge)	1.1
Weighted Rating Error (% of discharge)	12.1
Total Potential Error (% of discharge)	13.2

Rating Table(s)

Table 4. Rating Table Summary

Rating Table No.	4	5	
Period of Ratings	10/1/07 to 5/19/08	5/2/08 to 9/30/08	
Range of Ratings (cfs)	29 to 1500	36 to 1500	
No. of Defining Measurements	14	15	
Rating Error (%)	13.3	10.2	

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Narrative

Channel scour caused by seasonal runoff in the middle of May led to the shift to rating #5. Eight discharge measurements were taken throughout the water year, ranging from 70 to 760 cfs.

Stage Record

Table 5. Stage Record Summary

Minimum Recorded Stage (feet)	4.03
Maximum Recorded Stage (feet)	6.46
Range of Recorded Stage (feet)	2.43
Number of Un-Reported Days	3
Number of Days Qualified as Estimates	8
Number of Days Qualified as Unreliable Estimates	0

Narrative

Unreported days were caused by ice-impacted data. The dataset following an ice-impacted period is qualified as an estimate until a manual primary gage index reading can be obtained.

Modeled Discharge

Table 6. Model Summary

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

Surveys

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

Type	Date
n/a	n/a

Activities Completed

Installed a laser level pad and associated reference marks.
