Lake Roosevelt Policy Issues

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Lake Roosevelt Incremental Storage Releases

Permitting Process & Timeline

* Secondary Use Permit S3-30486 issued 2008
  181 cfs / 30,000 ac-ft / 10,000 acres
  for replacement of Odessa groundwater with surface water

* Secondary Use Permit S3-30486 issued 2008
  122 cfs / 15,000 ac-ft / instream flow

* Water Right Certificate S3-30556 (Dec. 2010)
  305 cfs / 37,500 ac-ft for instream flow
  (25,000 ac-ft for mitigation and new M&I permits)

NEPA (June 2009)
Water Service Contracts (June 2010)
2009 Water Releases (July/Aug)

* Trust Water Certificate (Dec. 2010)
  12,500 ac-ft
  25,000 ac-ft
  37,500 ac-ft

* Ecology M&I Permits
  - 25,000 ac-ft
  - 100+ Applicants
  - Notice to applicants of processing order, Winter 2009
  - New Permits 2010 to 2015

* Odessa Groundwater Wells to Standby Status
  (~10-20 superseding certificates will issue in 2011 to 2013)
Policy Issues

• HG issues
• Splitting applications by purpose
• When is water needed?
  - 6 year / 20 year planning for existing systems
  - Phasing for new systems
• Municipal water law interpretation
• Discretion on “remaining in line” for future supply
• Application amendment vs. priority date
Appeals Update

- CELP / Columbia Riverkeepers Court of Appeals
- Corral Creek appeal (PCHB)
- Keene Road (PCHB)
What’s Next?

- Finalize Bureau contract
- Finalize policy decisions
- SEPA Addendum / Supplement
- OCR legislation