

HANFORD NATURAL RESOURCE TRUSTEE COUNCIL

FINDING 98-04

The Hanford Natural Resource Trustee Council (NRTC) would like to commend the U.S. Department of Energy (USDOE) for developing the *draft Hanford Site Biological Resource Management Plan* (BRMaP) and *draft Hanford Site Biological Resource Mitigation Strategy Plan* (BRMiS) and implementing them as working drafts. After one year's experience with the documents, we are pleased to see USDOE distribute these documents for review, thereby moving one step closer to final adoption. These documents are vital in managing the Hanford Site's valuable biological resources. In the last year, we have seen these draft documents used by several programs for actions occurring under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act and the National Environmental Policy Act. The mitigation actions developed in accordance with these documents have aided in sustaining the Hanford Site ecosystem.

The NRTC and USDOE share a common goal in seeing the principles of ecosystem management and good stewardship practices employed at Hanford. The draft BRMaP and BRMiS are a good start toward this goal. We strongly encourage USDOE to finalize and implement these draft documents. We also encourage periodic (3-5 years) public reviews and revisions to reflect ever-changing circumstances. Fully implemented, these documents will serve as a cornerstone to carrying out USDOE's Land and Facility Use Policy.

While our principal desire is to see the documents finalized, our BRMaP/BRMiS work group has identified several specific areas of concern. NRTC participants will address these concerns in their individual comments. Once comments have been assembled, we urge USDOE to initiate stakeholder meetings. It is hoped that such meetings will allow trustees and others to affect resource management decisions and policy and ensure the final documents are based on sound principles of ecosystem management and good stewardship practices.

CERTIFICATION

Finding 98-04 was adopted by consensus of the Hanford Natural Resource Trustee Council with 3 abstentions and no separate opinions.

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Dear Mr. Ward

The Hanford Natural Resource Trustee Council appreciates the opportunity to comment on the *draft Hanford Site Biological Resource Management Plan (BRMaP)* and *draft Hanford Site Biological Resource Mitigation Strategy Plan (BRMiS)*. Our comments are contained in the enclosed finding.

The Trustees' principal desire is to see the BRMaP and BRMiS finalized and implemented site-wide. We also encourage periodic (3-5 years) public reviews and revisions to reflect ever-changing circumstances. Council participants have already expressed or will express specific concerns about the documents in their individual comments. We encourage the Department of Energy to hold stakeholder meetings to address the comments and ensure the final documents are based on sound principles of ecosystem management and good stewardship practices

Again, thank you for the opportunity to comment. If you have any questions on this matter, please contact me at (360) 407-7112, or Jay McConnaughey at (509) 736-3095.

Sincerely

Geoff Tallent
Chair

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Finding 98-04 Commenting on the *draft Hanford Site Biological Resource Management Plan (BRMaP)* and *draft Hanford Site Biological Resource Mitigation Strategy Plan (BRMiS)*.

- Support
- Object
- Abstain
- Support with separate opinion (below)

Signature: Dan Landeen

Name: Dan Landeen

Trustee Organization: Nez Perce Tribe

Date: 6/15/98

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Name: SUSAN C HUGHES

Trustee Organization: STATE OF OREGON

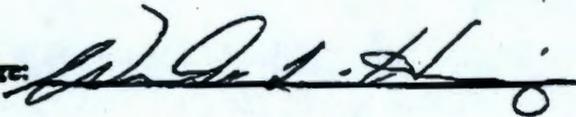
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Finding 98-04 Commencing on the draft Hanford Site Biological Resource Management Plan (BRMAP) and draft Hanford Site Biological Resource Mitigation Strategy Plan (BRMIS).

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Signature: 

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Date: July 10, 1998

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and *draft Hanford Site Biological Resource Mitigation Strategy Plan (BRMiS)*.

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Signature:



Name: Geoff Tallent

Trustee Organization: State of Washington

Date: July 27, 1998

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