

HANFORD NATURAL RESOURCE TRUSTEE COUNCIL  
FINDING 98-05

The Hanford Natural Resource Trustee Council (Council) recognizes the Environmental Restoration Program's effort to restore locally derived native vegetation at the site of the former Gable Mountain Pond (Project 16-A-25 Emergency Extension at Gable Mountain Pond) as part of U.S. Department of Energy's (USDOE) Radiation Area and Remedial Action (RARA) program. We also recognize Bechtel Hanford Inc.'s (Bechtel) effort to perform the actual restoration. These efforts are consistent with the National Environmental Policy Act's recognition of the importance of restoring and maintaining environmental quality and the USDOE Secretarial Land and Facility Use Policy.

We appreciate Bechtel's efforts to restore this 5-acre site and to keep the Council informed about the status of this activity. Presentations regarding this project were appreciated and help foster and maintain communication with the Council and the Hanford contractors.

We concur with the monitoring for this restoration effort and the collection of data such as cover, frequency, and density of both shrub and understory species. We encourage Bechtel to establish permanent transects at this site so that the progression of the restoration effort can be compared from year to year. We also encourage the use of permanent transects on all other restoration and mitigation projects that Bechtel may be involved with in the future.

In summary, the NRTC applauds the Environmental Restoration Program's management of the natural resources. It is consistent with USDOE policy and demonstrates responsible stewardship. We look forward to seeing this type of commitment on future RARA projects.

CERTIFICATION

Finding 98-05 was adopted by consensus of the Hanford Natural Resource Trustee Council with abstentions and separate opinions (attached)

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Trustee Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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*12/10/98*

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Signature: Wendell L. Hannigan

Name: Wendell L. Hannigan

Trustee Organization: YAKAMA NATION

Date: Dec 10, 1998

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Signature: Susan C. Hugh

Name: Susan C. Hugh

Trustee Organization: State of Oregon

Date: 12-9-98

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Signature: Da Mosich

Name: DAVID MOSICH

Trustee Organization: STATE OF WASHINGTON

Date: 12/11/98

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Signature: Dan Landeen

Name: Dan Landeen

Trustee Organization: Nez Perce Tribe

Date: 12-10-98