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Subject: 2010 Implementation Monitoring for PACFISH/INFISH and the 1998 Biological Opinions for Salmon, Steelhead, and Bull Trout

To: Forest Supervisors, Colville, Deschutes, Fremont-Winema, Malheur, Ochoco, Okanogan-Wenatchee, Umatilla, Wallowa-Whitman

REPLY DUE DECEMBER 31, 2010

Region 6 of the Forest Service has made commitments through the PACFISH and INFISH Management Strategies to improve aquatic resources found in the Interior Columbia River Basin. Since the Region began implementing these strategies, and in some cases even before, there has been marked improvement in management of aquatic resources. This effort is recognized and commended.

In order to meet the terms of the 1998 PIBO BiOps, implementation monitoring is required with respect to livestock grazing. It is expected that FS line officers will continue to work with their staffs and grazing permittees to ensure that IM requirements are met for 2010. Compliance with this requirement is being monitored and will be presented to the Deputy Team during their annual review. We greatly appreciate the work that was accomplished throughout the Region in 2009 and look forward to your continuing monitoring efforts for the 2010 grazing season.

As in previous years, the Implementation Monitoring Program will rely on coordination between the Implementation Monitoring Task Team members and Field Unit Coordinators. Field Unit Coordinators are the local point of contact for those aspects of the monitoring program, including training, which are not activity-specific. The Regional counterparts, members of the Interagency Implementation Monitoring Task Team and Field Unit Coordinators are listed in Enclosure 1.

Enclosure 2 of this directive explains the Regional Deputy Team's Monitoring Program requirements under the PACFISH/INFISH Biological Opinions (PIBO) for 2010. Grazing is the only management activity that is required to be reported in 2010.

Data should be entered into the PACFISH/INFISH Implementation Monitoring database by December 31, 2010. Questions about the Implementation Monitoring program should be directed to Dan Fissell at 541-467-5117 or Tom Hilken at 503-808-2822 or your Implementation Monitoring Task Team representative. Questions concerning the purpose for the Implementation Monitoring program or workload questions under the sample scheme should be directed to the region's PACFISH/INFISH Representative, Jose Linares at 503- 808-2955.

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Enclosures:



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