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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Council Members

**FROM:** Jeff Allen, Idaho Office

**SUBJECT:** Presentation by the Upper Snake River Tribes

At the Council Meeting in Boise, representatives of the Shoshone-Paiute Tribes, the Burns Paiute Tribe and the Shoshone Bannock Tribes will brief the Council on current projects and programs.

The Shoshone-Paiute Tribes will present an overview of their current BPA-funded programs: Duck Valley Fisheries O&M, Duck Valley Habitat Enhancement Program and Southern Idaho Wildlife Mitigation Program. The Tribes will also discuss their efforts to establish a Quagga/Zebra Mussel Prevention Program for the headwater areas of the East Fork Owyhee River both on the Reservation and in conjunction with the Nevada Department of Wildlife at Wildhorse Reservoir in Northern Nevada.

The Burns Paiute Tribe has 3 current projects under BPA funding including; Logan Valley Wildlife Area, Malheur River Wildlife Mitigation Area and Evaluate Life History of Native Salmonids in the Malheur Subbasin. Logan Valley and Malheur River wildlife areas were both purchased in 2000 and are credited under the Lower Snake wildlife inundations losses. The management of the wildlife areas is to maintain or increase habitat units to offset inundations losses created by the federal hydropower system. Life history of native salmonids started in 1998 and their main focus has been bull trout and redband trout research with a shifting effort to suppress non native salmonids within the subbasin in an effort to increase native salmonids populations.

At the time the Council Meeting packet was distributed, we had not yet received information from the Shoshone Bannock Tribes about their representative or the specific issues they will cover. If that information comes before the Council meeting, we will forward it to you.

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