

BLM STUDY REVIEW of HELLS CANYON COMPLEX STUDIES

Peregrine Falcon Surveys in Hells Canyon

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1. INTRODUCTION

This chapter is an inventory for the presence of Peregrine falcons in the vicinity of Hells Canyon Dam and the seasonal use of the study area.

2. CONCLUSION

This paper listed no purpose or objective so no conclusions or recommendations were made. The area from Hells Canyon Dam to the Black Mountains on the Oregon side of the Snake River was surveyed for peregrine falcons. One active nest was located near Hells Canyon Dam.

3. STUDY ADEQUACY

There was no description of habitats made before or after surveys were made. Since no purpose or objectives were listed, it cannot be determined if the paper is complete. The study found one nest but would be no aid in locating other nests.

4. BLM CONCLUSIONS and RECOMMENDATIONS

CONCLUSIONS

I find the information not to be useful, other than a peregrine falcon used a cliff near Hells Canyon Dam. The question is; is there habitat for more nests and is that habitat also occupied?

RECOMMENDATIONS

The B.L.M. most likely doesn't have any peregrine falcon habitat but I would like to see a complete survey of Hells Canyon for active falcon nests.