

BLM Study Review of Hells Canyon Complex Studies

Non-Native Exploration, Settlement, and Land Use of the Greater Hells Canyon Area, 1800s to 1950s

Technical Report Appendix E.4-11

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1.INTRODUCTION

The Arrowrock Group, Inc. was contracted by Idaho Power Company to conduct a historic literature survey of the greater Hells Canyon area from the 1800s to the 1950s concerning Euro-American settlement and land use.

2.CONCLUSION

The contractor completed the literature search and compiled an informative report that presented a framework to discuss their findings complete with end notes. They compiled an extensive Selected Bibliography. They also collected a list of source and references such as oral histories, photographic collections, archives and other primary data sources to aid further study of the Hells Canyon area. Clear, crisp historic photographs illustrated the text.

3.STUDY ADEQUACY

I judged the report as excellent, and it will be a touchstone publication for this area for years to come. A report like this is never truly done, as there are many issues, themes and ideas to spin off and pursue.

The report met the goals set in *Study Plan 8.4.4*

4.BLM CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

CONCLUSIONS: I concluded that this report was necessary and has filled a large gap that had existed in the data.

RECOMMENDATIONS: The report created an excellent framework to understand Euro-American history of the Hells Canyon area. Additional studies could easily be amended to this report to continue shedding light on the past culture of the Canyon area. The Arrowrock Group listed specific, discrete projects that IPC could complete or contract for that would continue this fine effort of documenting Euro-American history in the Hells Canyon Complex.

