

**BLM Study Review of Hells Canyon Complex Studies**  
An Archival Review and Ethnographic Study for the Relicensing of the  
Hells Canyon Complex Hydroelectrical Plants Hells Canyon, Idaho-Oregon

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**1.INTRODUCTION**

Idaho Power Company contracted Epochs Past to conduct an archival review and an ethnographic study to uncover any information pertaining to the Hells Canyon area.

**2.CONCLUSION**

Epochs Past found only a limited amount of direct data pertaining to the Hells Canyon project area. But the contractor's literature search was extensive, his data and framework for presenting and discussing available data was well done and will be useful for future investigations. An extensive bibliography was compiled.

**3.STUDY ADEQUACY**

I found the study to be adequate.

This report could be related to *Study Plan 8.4.5*.

**4.BLM CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

**CONCLUSIONS:** I concluded that the report was adequate and it provided a useful overview of the project area

**RECOMMENDATIONS:** The contractor recommends performing oral histories to fill gaps in the existing information.