

BLM STUDY REVIEW of HELLS CANYON COMPLEX STUDIES

Survey Methodology for Cliff-Nesting Raptors in Hells Canyon
Illustrated with a Preliminary Assessment of Raptors from Big Bar
To the Hells Canyon Dam

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1. INTRODUCTION

This paper discusses raptor survey methods that could be used to survey nesting raptors in Hells Canyon Complex. Recommendations were made on survey methods and procedures.

2. CONCLUSION

No conclusions were necessary as recommendations were made on how to proceed.

3. STUDY ADEQUACY

This report provides good information for raptor nesting inventory procedures if inventory is necessary to develop PM&E's.

4. BLM CONCLUSIONS and RECOMMENDATIONS

CONCLUSIONS

Inventory is necessary, but coordinate activities of all interested parties before initiating actions. Methods delegated would be helpful to insure accuracy and completeness for future surveys.

RECOMMENDATIONS

This report is useful only if BLM plans to initiate nesting raptor surveys. Coordinate inventories with all Federal and State agencies, private companies and contractors to reduce wildlife disturbance.