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MEMORANDUM

TO: Fish and Wildlife Committee Members

FROM: Jeff Allen, Idaho State Staff

SUBJECT: Update on the Yankee Fork habitat restoration progress by Shoshone-Bannock Tribe

BACKGROUND:

Presenter: Danny Stone, Policy Analyst and Evelyn Galloway, Project Manager, Shoshone- Bannock Tribe.

Summary: The F& W, Shoshone Bannock Tribes, will be presenting a short presentation on the 2008-2018 Accord implemented projects throughout the Yankee Fork Salmon River. The Yankee Fork Inter-Disciplinary team was established in 2010, which includes Shoshone Bannock Tribes, BOR, TU, USFS, etc. A Yankee Fork Tributary Assessment was completed, along with several reach assessments to start the implementation processes of habitat restoration actions in the Yankee Fork.

Background: Beginning in 2012, the Tribes exercised the program flexibility designed to improve project implementation through the Fish Accords to re-program funding that successfully completed a restoration at Pond Series 3. During 2013, the Tribes provided funds that were carried over from the previous

year to implement another project at Pond Series 2. In 2014 the Tribes were able to implement a large restoration project in the Preacher's Cove reach and the Forest Service was able to cost-share with the Tribes to implement a large wood project in the Upper Yankee Fork. During 2015 and 2016, the Tribes have proposed a project that would bring the West Fork Yankee Fork confluence back into its historical placement in the watershed. Each of these projects, as well as future projects in the Bonanza City reach, will improve anadromous and resident fish habitat in the Yankee Fork; ultimately setting the stage for more abundant returns of anadromous fish throughout the system.