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MEMORANDUM

TO: Fish and Wildlife Committee members

FROM: Lynn Palensky

SUBJECT: Project Review: Status on Wildlife Review

BACKGROUND:

Presenters: Lynn Palensky and Mark Fritsch

Summary: Wildlife Review: Staff will update the Committee on the status of the ongoing wildlife projects review (see below). No action necessary.

The wildlife projects were reviewed as a category last in 2009 where funding recommendations were approved through FY 2014. Once the Wildlife Advisory Committee created in the 2014 Program completed its work in October 2015 this review cycle began. Because these are long term projects by nature and largely engaged in operations and maintenance and possibly with long-term stewardship agreements, we structured the review to be based on results, accomplishment, management plans and reporting on challenges like fires, public access, weed management, monitoring and evaluation. This review is intended to refresh our review since 2009 and assist the managers in strengthening their management of the Program's wildlife lands.

The ISRP review began last week. The sponsors just submitted all the necessary reports and project summary and the ISRP is in the process of review. Up next is a two-day meeting for sponsors to present their projects to the ISRP. The meeting is scheduled for April 18-19 in the Council offices and they are full days with back to back presentations. We encourage all the sponsors to attend for the two days and participate

in the afternoon discussion on focus topics on day two. Also attending that meeting will be Council staff and Bonneville staff. Project partners and Council members are invited to attend. As always, these meetings are open public meetings. More information on the meeting schedule can be found on our website at:
<https://www.nwcouncil.org/fw/reviews/2017wildlife/>

Staff anticipates final council recommendations on these projects by September this year.