

Hanford Reach National Monument

Final Comprehensive Conservation Plan and Environmental Impact Statement Adams, Benton, Grant and Franklin Counties, Washington

Type of Action:	Administrative
Lead Agency:	United States Department of the Interior, Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS)
Cooperating Agencies:	Army Corps of Engineers; Bureau of Reclamation; U.S. Department of Energy (Including Bonneville Power Administration); Federal Highway Administration; Washington State Departments of Ecology, Fish and Wildlife, and Natural Resources; Adams, Benton and Grant Counties; City of Richland, Washington
Consulting Governments:	Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation, Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation, Nez Perce Tribe
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Abstract: Eight alternatives, including a No Action Alternative, are described, compared and assessed for the Hanford Reach National Monument (Monument). Alternative A is the No Action Alternative, as required by National Environmental Policy Act regulations. The Environmentally Preferred Alternative is B-1. The FWS has selected Alternative C-1 as its Preferred Alternative.

Alternative A: No Action—Continuation of Existing Management: Alternative A assumes no change from existing management and thus provides a baseline for evaluating impacts in the other alternatives. There would be no major changes in habitat management or public use programs.

Alternative B: Restoration Emphasis: Alternative B would provide a greater emphasis on the conservation, protection and monitoring of natural and cultural resources. Public use would be secondary to habitat protection; restoration would be a priority.

Alternative B-1: Restoration Emphasis, No Hunting: Alternative B-1 is a variation of Alternative B that discontinues hunting on the Monument.

Alternative C: Concentration of Facilities, Passive Protection Emphasis: Alternative C concentrates on protecting and conserving natural and cultural resources by creating extensive areas that are free of development. Restoration is still a top priority, but large areas are open to public use.

Alternative C-1: Concentration of Most Facilities, Passive Protection Emphasis: Alternative C-1 is similar to Alternative C, but with modifications in public use and facilities based on public comment on the draft CCP.

Alternative D: Public Use Emphasis: Alternative D emphasizes increasing public access and recreational opportunities. Restoration is de-emphasized, but protection of sensitive natural and cultural resources is continued.

Alternative E: Alternate Public Use Emphasis: Alternative E combines the public use emphasis of Alternative D with the open space concept of Alternative C. Sensitive natural and cultural resources are still protected.

Alternative F: Restoration, Control Of Public Use Emphasis: Alternative F uses the restoration and protection emphasis of Alternative B as a base, although it allows public use in more areas. Protection of natural and cultural resources is accomplished through a user permit system.