

**Questions and Answers for RFP
Literature Review and Cultural Resources Field Survey,
North Fork Walla Walla River RM 6.5-9.5**

Question 1: *Is there flexibility in this schedule if agency review or permitting takes longer than expected?*

Answer 1: The contract is being funded by BPA and our FY closes October 31, 2026, so we are in a use or lose spending scenario. If circumstances arise beyond the contractor's control, we may consider amending the contract to extend, etc.

Question 2: *Could you confirm whether this federally owned parcel is included in the APE for this RFP, and if so, whether WWBWC has secured (or is pursuing) the necessary right-of-entry or survey permissions from the managing federal agency?*

Answer 2: The BLM parcel is no longer included in the project scope and will be edited out of the contractual agreement with the chosen CR firm that is awarded to the contractor.

Question 3: *If an OR SHPO permit is needed/required for site delineation and the permit cannot be obtained prior to the initial field mobilization, we would need to remobilize a crew to the project area to complete this work, adding cost and schedule risk.*

Answer 3: If this scenario arises, we are in support of modifying and compensating the contractor if mutually agreed upon negotiated in a contract modification. In the interim, please submit a bid package under the best-case scenario, assuming that the contractor can fulfill all task deliverables in a timely manner. If circumstances beyond the contractors control made contractual amendment necessary, the WWBWC shall consider alternative means to address as develop a modified agreement based upon real-time circumstances to facilitate completion of the remaining tasks with the existing contractor. Albeit unlikely, it may become necessary to re-advertise the remaining tasks based upon funding stipulations.