

Kilarc-Cow Creek Project FERC Project No. P-606 Response to FERC by PG&E -
Additional Information Request in Letter dated September 3, 2009

Honorable Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First Street NE, Docket Room
Washington, DC 20426-001

Subject: Comment on information submitted by PG&E

Dear Secretary Bose;

Please refer to the picture of "Whitmore Falls" in Attachment K of PG&E's response. Yes, Steelhead would be able to jump this barrier (if they happen to be there when the flow is this high). But what about the other 355 days with lower flows? There are no habitat studies or anecdotal records of Salmon or Steelhead above the falls.

Since Salmon (& Steelhead?) are documented below the falls, Whitmore Falls (on private land) will have to be blown up to permit passage. Then much money and time will be needed to monitor Old Cow Creek to at least Kilarc/Fern Road. Numerous private parcels exist on this stretch and access by kayak is possible.

The second barrier (falls about 2 miles) in the bypass reach above the hydro plant does not have a "plunge pool" at it's top. (Reported by timber management personnel)

Yes, more aquatic habitat is needed, but since Salmon/Steelhead are in South Cow Creek it seems to be more effective to concentrate our resources there. Public access to South Cow Creek does not exist, except by trespass, until the Ponderosa Way bridge crossing.

Some accommodation of water flow in the bypass reach must be possible to retain the Kilarc reservoir and recreation facility. Local cooperation will be very effective to improve Old Cow as a viable resource.

Green power is needed in today's world and the Kilarc site is ideal for this. Solar, wind experiments might be done here and a needed cell tower could be installed.

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