

TMT update on the progress of installing the B2 CC pit tag antenna

As has been the case from the inception of this project the Action Agencies have been keeping the region up to speed on the ambitious schedule to compress a two year project into one. The progress to date has been amazing. Though few thought the schedule was possible, the corner collector PIT tag Antenna was placed in the channel on March 23. Slayden Construction Company will be turning it over to Digital Angel (DA) on Friday April 7. Digital Angel, the antenna manufacturer, will then be responsible for the electronics testing and calibration of the antenna, initially in the dry. A tentative schedule of 10 days has been outlined. Because of the uncertainties associated with testing this first of its kind antenna it is impossible to say, at this time, whether the 10 day schedule is sufficient. The Corps and BPA feel that this testing is a very necessary task to assess and correctly calibrate this system. Once dry testing has been completed short 4-6 hour wet tests will need to occur. This will require Bonneville Project to open and close the B2CC a few times prior to when it goes operational for the season.