

United States Government

Department of Energy  
Bonneville Power Administration

# memorandum

DATE: September 9, 2013

REPLY TO  
ATTN OF: KEC-4

SUBJECT: Environmental Clearance Memorandum

TO: Anne Creason  
Project Manager – KEWL-4

**Proposed Action:** Wallicut – Baker Bay property structure removal funding

**Fish and Wildlife Project No. and Contract No.:** 2010-073-00

**Categorical Exclusion Applied (from Subpart D, 10 C.F.R. Part 1021):** B1.23 Demolition and disposal of buildings

**Location:** Pacific County, Washington; Township 10 North, Range 11 West, Section 34 and 27

**Proposed by:** Bonneville Power Administration (BPA)

**Description of the Proposed Action:** BPA proposes to fund the Columbia Land Trust for the demolition of one house and associated out buildings as well as the decommissioning and/or removal of a well and septic tank on the property, referred to as the Wallicut – Baker Bay property in Pacific County, Washington. BPA holds a conservation easement on the property for fish and wildlife conservation purposes to ensure that the habitat values on the property are always protected as partial mitigation for the construction and operation of the Federal Columbia River Power System. The CLT provides long-term stewardship of the land and will guide its environmental restoration. The Wallicut – Baker Bay property provides habitat for fish and wildlife species in the Columbia River estuary including coho and chinook salmon, steelhead, Columbia white-tailed deer, Roosevelt elk, and river otter. The structure removal is being completed in anticipation of future environmental restoration on the property. BPA will conduct further environmental review as additional environmental restoration activities are identified.

**Findings:** The removal of the existing house and associated structures will allow the area to be returned to a natural state. BPA has determined the action will have no effect to threatened and endangered species or environmental resources such as wetlands or floodplains. BPA has completed section 106 consultations and the project activities will be monitored in accordance with the report recommendations.

BPA has determined that the proposed action complies with Section 1021.410 and Appendix B of Subpart D of the Department of Energy's (DOE) National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Regulations (57 FR 15144, Apr. 24, 1992, as amended at 61 FR 36221-36243, July 9, 1996; 61 FR 64608, Dec. 6, 1996, 76 FR 63764, Nov. 14, 2011). The proposed action does not present any extraordinary circumstances that may affect the significance of the environmental effects of the proposal. The proposal is not connected [40 C.F.R. 1508.25(a)(1)] to other actions with

potentially significant impacts, has not been segmented to meet the definition of a categorical exclusion, is not related to other proposed actions with cumulatively significant impacts [40 C.F.R. 1508.25(a)(2)], and is not precluded by 40 C.F.R. 1506.1 or 10 C.F.R. 1021.211. Moreover, the proposed action would not (i) threaten a violation of applicable statutory, regulatory, or permit requirements for environment, safety, and health, (ii) require siting and construction or major expansion of waste storage, disposal, recovery, or treatment facilities, (iii) disturb hazardous substances, pollutants, contaminants, or Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act-excluded petroleum and natural gas products that pre-exist in the environment such that there would be uncontrolled or unpermitted releases, (iv) have the potential to cause significant impacts on environmentally sensitive resources, or (v) involve genetically engineered organisms, synthetic biology, governmentally designated noxious weeds, or invasive species, unless the proposed activity would be contained or confined in a manner designed and operated to prevent unauthorized release into the environment and conducted in accordance with applicable requirements.

This proposed action meets the requirements for the Categorical Exclusion referenced above. We therefore determine that the proposed action may be categorically excluded from further NEPA review and documentation.

*/s/ Jesse Wilson*  
Jesse Wilson  
Environmental Project Manager

Concur:

*/s/ Stacy Mason*  
Stacy Mason  
NEPA Compliance Officer

Date: *September 11, 2013*

Attachment(s):  
Environmental Checklist for Categorical Exclusions

# Environmental Checklist for Categorical Exclusions

Name of Proposed Project: Wallicut – Baker Bay property structure removal funding

Work Order #: 2010-073-00

This project does not have the potential to cause significant impacts on the following environmentally sensitive resources. See 10 CFR 1021, Subpart D, Appendix B for complete descriptions of the resources. This checklist is to be used as a summary – further discussion may be included in the Categorical Exclusion Memorandum.

Environmental Resources	No Potential for Significance	No Potential, with Conditions (describe)
1. Historic Properties and Cultural Resources A cultural consultation and cultural resource survey was conducted for the structure removal activities with a finding of no effect. In accordance with the cultural resource report recommendations a cultural resource monitor will be present during any ground disturbance below two feet in depth. In the event any archaeological or historical material is encountered during project activities, the following actions should be taken: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Stop work in the vicinity and notify the BPA environmental lead, a BPA archaeologist, appropriate BPA Project staff, interested Tribes, Oregon SHPO, and the appropriate county, state, and federal agencies as soon as possible.</li><li>• Implement reasonable measures to protect the discovery site, including any appropriate stabilization or covering.</li><li>• Take reasonable steps to ensure the confidentiality of the discovery site, including restricting access.</li></ul>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. T & E Species, or their habitat(s) None present in the project area.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Floodplains or wetlands No effect from structure removal to adjacent floodplains or wetlands.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Areas of special designation None present in the project area.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Health & safety Asbestos will be removed with appropriate health and safety mitigation measures.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Prime or unique farmlands None present in the project area.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. Special sources of water None present in the project area.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. Other (describe)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Signed: /s/ Jesse Wilson

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