

# Categorical Exclusion Determination

Bonneville Power Administration

Department of Energy



**Proposed Action:** Deumling/Zena Stewardship Funding

**Project No.:** 2011-003-00, Contract # BPA-008415

**Project Manager:** Dorie Welch – KEWM-4

**Location:** Amity Quadrangle, in Polk County, Oregon (near Salem, Oregon).

**Categorical Exclusion Applied (from Subpart D, 10 C.F.R. Part 1021):** B1.20 Protection of cultural resources, fish and wildlife habitat.

**Description of the Proposed Action:** Purchase equipment to complete stewardship obligation for Deumling/Zena properties.

BPA provided funding for the acquisition of two conservation easements over certain real property in Polk County, Oregon owned by Sarah Deumling. BPA provided this funding to partially fulfill its fish and wildlife mitigation responsibilities under the Pacific Northwest Electric Power and Conservation Act, 16 U.S.C. § 839(b)(h)(10), and consistent with its obligations under the agreements among BPA and Sarah Deumling (Sponsor), and the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW). In exchange, BPA was granted conservation easements on the properties. BPA and the State of Oregon have subsequently entered into a programmatic Memorandum of Agreement, dated October 22, 2010, in which BPA agreed to provide funding for operations and maintenance on properties in the Willamette River Basin acquired prior to 2010 in partnership with ODFW, which includes the Deumling/Zena properties.

BPA proposes to provide a total fund of \$347,280.00 for stewardship, divided as follows:

- a. \$83,736.85 has already been provided to Sponsor through reimbursable contracts between BPA and the ODFW.
- b. BPA will make a one-time lump sum payment of \$85,000.00 from which Sponsor will draw monies as needed to purchase equipment needed for stewardship.
- c. The remaining \$178,543.15 shall be provided via annual reimbursable contract between BPA and ODFW over the next 8 years.

**Findings:** In accordance with Section 1021.410(b) 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), BPA has determined that the proposed action:

- (1) fits within a class of actions listed in Appendix A of 10 CFR 1021, Subpart D;
- (2) does not present any extraordinary circumstances that may affect the significance of the environmental effects of the proposal; and

(3) has not been segmented to meet the definition of a categorical exclusion.

Based on these determinations, BPA finds that the proposed action is categorically excluded from further NEPA review.

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