

United States Government

Department of Energy
Bonneville Power Administration

memorandum

DATE: June 15, 2010

REPLY TO
ATTN OF: KEP-4

SUBJECT: Environmental Clearance Memorandum

to: Elizabeth Johnson – TFR-The Dalles
Natural Resource Specialist

Proposed Action: Perform routine access road maintenance within the McNary-Ross No. 1 transmission line corridor

Budget Information: Work Order # WO-00261150-01

PP&A Project No.: PP&A 1694

Categorical Exclusion Applied (from Subpart D, 10 C.F.R. Part 1021): B1.3, Routine maintenance activities...for structures, rights-of-way, infrastructures such as roads, equipment... routine maintenance activities, corrective....are required to maintain... infrastructures...in a condition suitable for a facility to be used for its designed purpose.

Proposed by: Bonneville Power Administration (BPA)

Location: The project area is located along the BPA McNary-Ross No. 1 transmission line right-of-way (ROW) from structures 117/1 to 118/5 in Klickitat County, Washington. The site is managed by the BPA “The Dalles” District.

Description of the Proposed Action: BPA proposes to perform routine road maintenance activities along existing access roads, both on and off (Ha-o-AR-125-1, 125-2, BC-AR-32) the transmission line right-of-way (ROW). The maintenance includes: recurring maintenance to the roadbed and drainage, rerocking, blading, installing water bars, installing drain dips, and/or other minor light road improvements. All work will occur in areas previously disturbed during installation. The project area covers approximately 2.5 miles of road. The property is under the ownership of SDS Lumber Company and other private parties. Work will be conducted in late June or early July 2010, depending on weather.

Findings: BPA has determined that the proposed action complies with Section 1021.410 and Appendix B of Subpart D of the Department of Energy (DOE) National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Regulations (57 Fed. Reg. 1512.2, April 24, 1992). 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, 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; or (iv) adversely affect environmentally sensitive resources.

With the actions identified on the attachment, 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/ Joseph C. Sharpe, for:
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Environmental Protection Specialist

Concur: /s/ Katherine S. Pierce
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NEPA Compliance Officer

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Attachment:
Environmental Checklist

Environmental Checklist for Categorical Exclusions

Name of Proposed Project: Perform routine access road maintenance within the McNary-Ross No. 1 transmission line corridor.

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Prepared by: Fred Walasavage **Routing:** KEP-4 **Date:** 6/7/10

This project has been found to not adversely affect the following environmentally sensitive resources, laws, and regulations:

Environmental Resources	No Adverse Effect	No Adverse Effect with conditions
1. Cultural Resources All work will be performed on existing access roads – No cultural impacts.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. T & E Species, or their habitat(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Floodplains or wetlands	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Areas of special designation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Health & safety	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Prime agricultural lands	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. Special sources of water	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. Consistency with state and local laws and regulations	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9. Pollution control at Federal facilities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10. Other	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>