

United States Government

Department of Energy  
Bonneville Power Administration

# memorandum

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REPLY TO  
ATTN OF: KEPR-4

SUBJECT: Environmental Clearance Memorandum

to: Joseph Cela  
Project Manager – NWFR-PSB-2

**Proposed Action:** Demolition of a vacant house within the property boundary of Bonneville Power Administration's (BPA) Ross Complex

**PP&A Project No.:** PP&A-1734

**Budget Information:** Work Order # 00254358

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

**Location:** Ross Complex in Clark County, Washington

**Proposed by:** BPA

**Description of the Proposed Action:**

BPA proposes to demolish a house that it owns located in Clark County, Washington. The house is a part of the Ross Complex, yet outside the Ross Complex fence line. The abandoned house is a liability to BPA as it is in poor condition and in need of costly renovations. Allowing the house to remain abandoned creates a risk of illegal residence. The house exists on a .54 acre lot in a suburban neighborhood. A thorough environmental review was completed on the property to ensure any substances considered a hazard to the environment would be safely removed as a part of the demolition. All work will be conducted on BPA property.

**Findings:**

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, April 24, 1992, as amended at 61 FR 36221-36243, July 9, 1996; 61 FR 64608, Dec. 6, 1996). 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 action with potentially significant impacts, is not related to other proposed actions with cumulatively significant impact [40 C.F.R. 1508(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 release, or (iv) adversely affect environmentally sensitive resources. The proposal will not affect any listed threatened or endangered species, or critical habitat under the Endangered Species Act, or Essential Fish Habitat under the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act.

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/ Chad Browning

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Environmental Scientist

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

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Attachment  
Environmental Checklist for Categorical Exclusions

## Environmental Checklist for Categorical Exclusions

**Name of Proposed Project:** Decommissioning of House on Ross Complex Property

**Work Order #:** 00254358                      **PP&A Project No.:** PP&A-1734

**Prepared by:** Chad Browning                      **Routing:** KEPR-4                      **Date:** 7/14/10

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

Environmental Resources	No Effect	No Effect with conditions
1. Cultural Resources*	<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

List supporting documentation attached (if needed):

\* A completed evaluation by Applied Archaeological Research Inc. with concurrence from the Washington SHPO determined the house was not eligible for consideration to the National Register of Historic Places.