

memorandum

DATE: August 22, 2011

REPLY TO
ATTN OF: KEP-4

SUBJECT: Environmental Clearance Memorandum

to: Richard Heredia
Project Manager – TELF-TPP-3

Proposed Action: Fairview-Rogue Access Road Maintenance Project

PP&A Project No.: 1990

Categorical Exclusions 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 designated purpose.

Location: The project is located in Coos County, Oregon, and includes the Townships, Ranges, and Sections listed below:

Township	Range	Sections
27S	12W	26
28S	12W	8, 17, 18

Proposed by: Bonneville Power Administration (BPA)

Description of the Proposed Action: BPA proposes to perform road maintenance activities along the access roads of the BPA Fairview-Rogue 230-kV transmission line between Fairview Substation and State Highway 42. Approximately 8,800 feet of selected roads, which lay on and off of the BPA right-of-way (ROW), will be maintained as part of the proposed project. The proposed access road project is part of on-going operations and maintenance along this line and this work is proposed for 2011.

Project work includes: grading and shaping of roads; placing and compacting road surfacing; ditch maintenance; and placement of waterbars. No new roads would be constructed as part of this project. Equipment that would be likely to be used for this project, and would be likely to disturb the ground, would include a combination of the following: a dump truck, a bulldozer, a backhoe, an excavator, a grader, and work trucks. Following construction, all disturbed areas would be stabilized for erosion and sediment control, and seeded with an appropriate seed mix.

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-Steven Fishery Conservation and Management Act, or historic properties under the National Historic Preservation 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/ Joseph C. Sharpe, for:

Oden Jahn

Physical Scientist (Environmental)

Concur: /s/ Katherine S. Pierce

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NEPA Compliance Officer

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Attachment:

Environmental Checklist for Categorical Exclusions

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Name of Proposed Project: Fairview-Rogue Access Road Maintenance Project

Work Order #: 00220499 PP&A Project No.: 1990

Prepared by: Oden Jahn Routing: KEPR-4 Date: 8/12/11

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 On July 28, 2011, the SHPO concurred with BPA's determination of "No Historic Properties Affected". BPA received no response from the tribes. If cultural resources are discovered during the course of construction, all work shall cease immediately and an environmental representative should be notified. Work may not resume until the site has been cleared by the SHPO and appropriate tribes.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2. T & E Species, or their habitat(s) Known populations of marbled murrelet, western snowy (coastal) plover, western lily, coho salmon, short-tailed albatross, and northern spotted owl do not occur in or near the project area. The project area does not provide the required habitat conditions for the above-mentioned species and there would be no removal or alteration of potential or critical habitat. Further, there would be no project activities in or near water resources. For the above reasons, it was determined that this project would have "No Effect" on these listed species, critical habitat and Essential Fish Habitat.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
3. Floodplains or wetlands No fill, discharge, or removal of material is permitted within wetlands or waterways.	<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 type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
9. Pollution control at Federal facilities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10. Other	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>