

memorandum

DATE: September 3, 2014

REPLY TO
ATTN OF: KEC-4

SUBJECT: Environmental Clearance Memorandum

TO: Christine Kimball
Project Manager – TERR-3

Proposed Action: LURR 20140456 - Salmon Creek Avenue Pathway Project

Categorical Exclusion Applied (from Subpart D, 10 C.F.R. Part 1021): B4.9 Multiple use of powerline rights-of-way

Location: Clark County, WA

Proposed by: Bonneville Power Administration (BPA)

Description of the Proposed Action: BPA proposes to approve Land Use Review Request 20140456 which would authorize Clark County Public Works to cross BPA fee-owned property. Clark County Public Works plans to construct a new multiuse pathway along NE Salmon Creek Avenue in Vancouver, Washington. The pathway would run from the Washington State University Vancouver campus entrance along Salmon Creek Avenue and connect with Pleasant Valley Park. The path would cross BPA's Ross-Lexington No. 1 line between structures 5/4 and 6/1.

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, 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/ Elizabeth Siping
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Reviewed by:

/s/ Gene Lynard
Gene Lynard
Supervisory Environmental Protection Specialist

Concur:

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

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Attachment(s):
Environmental Checklist for Categorical Exclusions

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Name of Proposed Project: LURR 20140456 Salmon Creek Ave.

Work Order #: 00184006

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.

<u>Environmental Resources</u>	<u>No Potential for Significance</u>	<u>No Potential, with Conditions (describe)</u>
1. Historic Properties and Cultural Resources No effect determination based on a Cultural Resources Survey completed by Archaeological Services, LLC and concurrence received from SHPO on June 12, 2014. Addition no effect determination by BPA and concurrence received from SHPO on August 11, 2014.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. T & E Species, or their habitat(s) Determination of "No Effect" for federally listed species was prepared by Clark County on June 27, 2014 for Washington State Department of Transportation.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Floodplains or wetlands A Wetland Delineation and Habitat Assessment prepared for Clark County in December 2013 found wetlands in their project area but not on BPA property.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Areas of special designation None present.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Health & safety	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Prime or unique farmlands Prime Farmland and Farmland of Statewide/Unique Importance is designated in the project area; however, the area is currently not in use and negligible amounts of potential farmland would be impacted.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. Special sources of water None present.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. Other (describe)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Supporting Documentation:

- *Cultural Resources Survey of the Salmon Creek Avenue Multi-Use Pathway Project Area, Clark County, Washington* prepared by Archaeological Services, LLC for Clark County on January 22, 2014.
- *Salmon Creek Avenue Pathway* letter prepared by Clark County to WDOT on June 27, 2014.
- *Salmon Creek Avenue Multi-Use Pathway Project Wetland Delineation and Habitat Assessment Report* prepared by ESA Vibil-Agrimis for Clark County on December 2014.
- *Clark County – Farm Soils Map* consulted July 2014.

Signed: /s/ Elizabeth Siping

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