

memorandum

DATE: July 18, 2012

REPLY TO
ATTN OF: KEPR-4

SUBJECT: Environmental Clearance Memorandum

TO: Todd Nicholson
Supervisory Civil Engineer – TELF-TPP-3

Proposed Action: Ostrander-Troutdale No. 1, Structure 16/1, Access Road Improvement Project

PP&A Project No.: 2413

Categorical Exclusions Applied (from Subpart D, 10 C.F.R. Part 1021): B1.3, Routine maintenance

Location: Project activities would take place between Mannthey Road and the Ostrander-Troutdale No. 1 transmission line right-of-way (ROW) near Structure 16/1, in Multnomah County, Oregon. The Townships, Ranges, and Sections are listed below:

Township	Range	Section(s)
1S	4E	12
1S	5E	7

Proposed by: Bonneville Power Administration (BPA)

Description of the Proposed Action: BPA proposes to grade approximately 600 feet of existing access road and place 100 tons of 3½-inch-minus crushed aggregate. The existing road surface aggregate would be graded to a depth no greater than six inches and redistributed within the existing road prism. New aggregate would be placed on top of the graded surface and compacted to the desired density. Additionally, six new rolling drain dips would be installed to facilitate road drainage. Some minor vegetation removal may be necessary to accommodate the equipment used for this project. Equipment likely to be used on this project would be a motor-grader, vibratory road roller, back-hoe, dump trucks, and work trucks.

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/ Oden Jahn

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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: Ostrander-Troutdale # 1 Structure 16/1 Access Road Improvement Project

Work Order #: 00133524

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.

Environmental Resources	No Potential for Significance	No Potential, with Conditions (describe)
1. Historic Properties and Cultural Resources	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
No project activities would take place outside of the existing, previously disturbed, road prism. 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.		
2. T & E Species, or their habitat(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Populations of Willamette daisy, water howellia, Bradshaw's desert parsley, Kincaid's lupine, Columbian white-tailed deer, bull trout, Nelson's checker-mallow, northern spotted owl, and Pacific Salmonids occur far outside of the project area. Further, the project area does not provide the required habitat conditions for the above-mentioned species. For the above reasons, it was determined that this project would have "No Effect" on these listed species, critical habitat, and EFH.		
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 or unique farmlands	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. Special sources of water	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. Other (describe)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

List supporting documentation attached (if needed):

Signed: /s/ Oden W. Jahn

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