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Department of Energy
Bonneville Power Administration

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REPLY TO
ATTN OF: KEP-4

SUBJECT: Supplement Analysis for the Transmission System Vegetation Management Program FEIS
(DOE/EIS-0285/SA-64)

to: Truman Conn – TFP
Regional Manager, Walla Walla Region

Proposed Action: Vegetation Management for Substations and Non-Electric Facilities in the Walla Walla Region *(See Attachment A for a complete list of facilities)*

Proposed by: Bonneville Power Administration (BPA).

Description of the Proposal: BPA proposes to manage vegetation inside and around electrical substations and associated facilities. Vegetation management within the substation shall include the bare ground management of all graveled areas. These areas shall primarily be maintained with the use of herbicides. The management of vegetation outside the substation and associated facilities shall include: 1) bare ground management of perimeter roads and parking areas; 2) mechanical and/or spot herbicidal control of some broadleaves and noxious weeds; 3) mowing, fertilizing, and broadleaf control of landscaped lawn areas; 4) weed control in ornamental shrub areas; and 4) areas requiring only mechanical control to manage unwanted/danger trees, grasses, and shrubs.

Analysis: Please see the attached booklets. Each booklet contains detailed checklists, drawings, aerial photographs, and topographic maps for the resources present and the mitigation measures to be applied.

Findings: This Supplement Analysis finds that 1) the proposed actions are substantially consistent with the Transmission System Vegetation Management Program FEIS (DOE/EIS-0285) and ROD, and; 2) there are no new circumstances or information relevant to environmental concerns and bearing on the proposed actions or their impacts. Therefore, no further NEPA documentation is required.

/s/ Ken Hutchinson

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Attachments

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Official File – KEP-4 (EQ-14)

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Attachment A

Franklin District Substations

Substation	County, State	Substation	County, State
Badger Canyon	Benton, WA	Mesa	Franklin, WA
Baxter	Franklin, WA	McNary	Umatilla, OR
Boardman	Morrow, OR	Pendleton	Umatilla, OR
Burbank	Walla Walla, WA	Ralston	Adams, WA
Connell	Franklin, WA	Ringold	Franklin, WA
Eagle Lake	Franklin, WA	Ritzville	Adams, WA
Eltopia	Franklin, WA	Riverview	Franklin, WA
Franklin	Franklin, WA	Roundup	Umatilla, OR
Freewater	Umatilla, OR	Sacajawea	Walla Walla, WA
Glade	Franklin, WA	Sagehill	Franklin, WA
Hat Rock	Umatilla, OR	Schrag	Adams, WA
Hatton	Adams, WA	Scooteney	Franklin, WA
Horse Heaven	Benton, WA	Slatt	Morrow, OR
Ione	Morrow, OR	Sun Harbor	Walla Walla, WA
LaGrande	Union, OR	Taylor Flats	Franklin, WA
Levey	Franklin, WA	Walla Walla	Walla Walla, WA
Lower Monumental	Walla Walla, WA		

Lewiston District Substations

Substation	County, State	Substation	County, State
Brinkens Corner	Latah, ID	Lewiston Mtc. HQ	Nez Perce, ID
Chambers	Whitman, WA	Little Goose	Adams, WA
Clarkston	Whitman, WA	Lower Granite	Garfield, WA
Delight Sub.	Franklin, WA	Pomeroy	Garfield, WA
Dworshak	Clearwater, ID	Riparia	Adams, WA
Hatwai	Nez Perce, ID	East Grangeville	Lewis, ID

Attachment A Cont.**Ashe District Substations**

Substation	County, State	Substation	County, State
Alfalfa	Yakima, WA	Midway	Benton, WA
Ashe	Benton, WA	Richland Switch	Benton, WA
Benton Switch	Benton, WA	Snipes	Benton, WA
Grandview	Benton, WA	White Bluffs	Benton, WA
Hanford	Benton, WA	White Swan	Yakima, WA
Mabton	Yakima, WA	Moxee	Yakima, WA
Red Mountain	Benton, WA		