

United States Government

Department of Energy  
Bonneville Power Administration

# memorandum

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REPLY TO  
ATTN OF: KEP-4

SUBJECT: Environmental Clearance Memorandum

TO: Olga Bocharov – TELF- TPP-3  
Jacob Grinolds – TFBV/Snohomish

**Proposed Action:** Bridge and access road maintenance

**PP&A Project No.:** PP&A 1718

**Categorical Exclusion Applied (from Subpart D, 10 C.F.R. Part 1021):** B1.3 Routine maintenance activities for ... rights-of-way, infrastructures...required to maintain and preserve infrastructures in a condition suitable for the facility to be used for its designated purpose.

**Location:** Project is located in the NE/4 Sec 14, Township 32 North, Range 5 East, Snohomish County, WA

**Proposed by:** Bonneville Power Administration (BPA), Snohomish District

**Description of the Proposed Action:** The project consists of replacing an existing wooden bridge deck on a BPA access road to structures in mile 32 of the Monroe – Custer No. 1 transmission line corridor. Work includes furnishing materials and rebuilding the wood deck with low curb rails and reflectors. Both access road approaches will require re-grading and rocking. No fill or other construction materials are allowed at or below the high water line of the underlying stream. No in-stream activities are to occur in any water body or wetland. Erosion control best management practices are to be utilized to protect surface waters both during and after construction.

**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 National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Regulations (57 Fed. Reg. 1512.2, April 24, 1992). 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, 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.

BPA has determined the project will have “No Effect” on cultural resources or historic properties as protected under the National Historic Preservation Act. 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.

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, or (iv) adversely affect environmentally sensitive resources.

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/ Mark Martin

Mark Martin

Environmental Protection Specialist

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:** Monroe – Custer No. 1 Bridge Deck in mile 32. (ExpenseProject)

**Work Order #:** N/A                      **PP&A Project No.:** PP&A 1718

**Prepared by:** Mark Martin                      **Routing:** KEP/Cov                      **Date:** 6/29/10

**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"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In the event that any archaeological material is encountered during construction, the environmental lead will immediately be notified and work halted in the vicinity of the finds until they can be inspected and assessed.</li> </ul>		
2. T & E Species, or their habitat(s)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Working in and near the stream construction equipment will be kept clean and free of leaks and will be checked daily for leaks or accumulation of oil or grease.</li> <li>• No work is to take place or material added at or below the high water line.</li> <li>• Bridge work is to be completed prior to improving road.</li> </ul>		
3. Floodplains or wetlands	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Excess soil is to be disposed of off-site.</li> </ul>		
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"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Comply with the state approved in-water work window of July 1-August 31.</li> </ul>		
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):