

United States Government

Department of Energy
Bonneville Power Administration

memorandum

DATE: July 30, 2010

REPLY TO
ATTN OF: KEP-4

SUBJECT: Environmental Clearance Memorandum

TO: Rick Ross
Project Manager – TELF-TPP-3

Proposed Action: Ostrander-Troutdale No. 1 transmission line access road maintenance including grading and rocking of road surfaces and installation of water bars and cross drain culverts

Budget Information: Work Order #: Unavailable

PP&A Project No.: PP&A #1740

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

Location: The proposed project is located within the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) Ross District, in Clackamas County, Oregon.

Proposed by: BPA

Description of the Proposed Action: BPA proposes to rebuild and/or repair existing access road and right-of-way road that provides access to the Ostrander-Troutdale No.1 transmission line and right-of-way access for motile sites between mile/structure 10/1 to 17/3 and one site on the Big Eddy-Troutdale 63/1 – 63/2 line. Project work includes, but is not limited to:

- Reshaping, grading and compacting existing road surfaces and turnouts
- Hauling, placing, and shaping of aggregate and riprap
- Constructing or reconditioning of water bars, drain dips and outlet ditches
- Watering and compacting subgrade and aggregate
- Placing geotextile fabric
- Cleaning cross drain culverts

All proposed work will occur within the existing road prism and should not result in disturbance outside of previously disturbed roadbed. No unauthorized construction activities will occur in any water body including streams, ponds, wetlands, etc. No machinery, construction equipment, or vehicles will be allowed in any stream or other water body unless authorized by a permit.

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.

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 un-permitted releases; or (iv) adversely affect environmentally sensitive resources.

With the actions identified on the attachment, 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/ John Howington

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Concur: /s/ Katherine S. Pierce Date: July 30, 2010
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Attachments:
Environmental Checklist for Categorical Exclusions

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Name of Proposed Project: Ostrander-Troutdale Access Road Maintenance

Work Order #: Unavailable **PP&A Project No.:** PP&A-1740

Prepared by: John Howington **Routing:** KEP-4 **Date:** 7/20/10

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"> In the event that any archaeological material is encountered during access road maintenance, the environmental lead will immediately be notified and work halted in the vicinity of the finds until they can be inspected and assessed. 		
2. T & E Species, or their habitat(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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 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"/>
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):

- ESA Effects Determination