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Trespassers discharge firearms, vandalize transmission line corridor *BPA offers reward of up to \$25,000 for info leading to arrest and conviction*

Marion, Montana – The Bonneville Power Administration is offering a reward of up to \$25,000 for tips about trespassing, recreational shooting and vandalism on power line corridors near Marion, Montana.

The specific location of the problem activity is north of Little Bitterroot Lake off of Pleasant Valley Road. In addition to shooting, individuals tore down signs.

“Shooting near power lines is dangerous,” said BPA Kalispell District Manager Mike McCracken. “It can damage equipment and cause power outages that jeopardize safety and cost Northwest ratepayers money.”

Through the Crime Witness Program, BPA offers up to \$25,000 for information that leads to the arrest and conviction of individuals committing crimes against BPA facilities and infrastructure. If you have information about illegal or suspicious activity on BPA property, call BPA’s 24-hour toll-free, confidential Crime Witness hotline at 800-437-2744. If you see illegal or suspicious activity happening in real time, first contact local law enforcement. For more details about the program, visit the Crime Witness [website](#).

About BPA

The Bonneville Power Administration, headquartered in Portland, Oregon, is a nonprofit federal power marketer that sells wholesale, carbon-free hydropower from 31 federal dams in the Columbia River Basin. It also markets the output of the region’s only nuclear plant. BPA delivers this power to more than 140 Northwest electric utilities, serving millions of consumers and businesses in Washington, Oregon, Idaho, western Montana and parts of



California, Nevada, Utah and Wyoming. BPA also owns and operates more than 15,000 circuit miles of high-voltage power lines and 261 substations, and provides transmission service to more than 300 customers. In all, BPA provides nearly a third of the power generated in the Northwest. To mitigate the impacts of the federal dams, BPA implements a fish and wildlife program that includes working with its partners to make the federal dams safer for fish passage. It also pursues cost-effective energy savings and operational solutions that help maintain safe, affordable, reliable electric power for the Northwest. www.bpa.gov

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