

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: Robert Macy
Project Manager – TELF-TPP-3

Proposed Action: Perform routine access road maintenance to the Rockdale Microwave site.

Budget Information: Work Order #180709

PP&A Project No.: 1389

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

Proposed by: Bonneville Power Administration (BPA), Covington District

Location: The project is located on the existing access road to the Rockdale Microwave site near the summit of Snoqualmie Pass in Section 18, T22 North, Range 11 East, Willamette Meridian, King County, Washington.

Description of the Proposed Action: The proposed action is to perform routine maintenance on existing BPA access road. The project is to repair roadside fill, re-grade and resurface the roadbed and to install water bars to minimize or eliminate future roadbed erosion events. All work is to take place outside of the high water line of all nearby water courses.

The work is necessary to provide year-round access to the transmission system and continued system reliability.

Findings: BPA has determined that the proposed action complies with Section 1021.410 and Appendix B of Subpart D of the Department of Energy (DOE) 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 unpermitted releases; or (iv) adversely affect environmentally sensitive resources.

Environmental Checklist for Categorical Exclusions

Name of Proposed Project: Access Road Maintenance Activities for the Rockdale Microwave Radio Site.

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Prepared by: Mark Martin Routing: KEP/Covington Date: 10/7/09

This project has been found to not adversely affect the following environmentally sensitive resources

Environmental Resources	No Effect	No Effect with conditions
1. Cultural Resources <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. 	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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