

United States Government

Department of Energy  
Bonneville Power Administration

# memorandum

DATE: August 25, 2011

REPLY TO  
ATTN OF: KEPR-4

SUBJECT: Environmental Clearance Memorandum

TO: Shelley Fenton  
Realty Specialist – TERR-3

**Proposed Action:** Tualatin Hills Park and Recreation District request for use of right-of-way (ROW) for Westside Trail

**Budget Information:** Work Order 00184006, Task 1

**Categorical Exclusion Applied (from Subpart D, 10 C.F.R. Part 1021):** B4.9: Grant or denial of requests for multiple use of a transmission facility rights-of-way...

**Location:** Beaverton, Washington County, Oregon  
Sections 4 and 5, Township 2 South, Range 1 West  
Sections 20, 29 and 32, Township 1 South, Range 1 West

**Proposed by:** Bonneville Power Administration

**Description of the Proposed Action:** Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) proposes to grant a request submitted by Tualatin Hills Park and Recreation District (THPRD) to construct portions of their proposed regional trail on existing BPA transmission line ROW in the City of Beaverton, Oregon. THPRD's trail sections would be located on portions of existing BPA fee-owned right-of-way property along the BPA Keeler-Oregon City No. 2 and Oregon City Stub 115-kilovolt transmission line corridors, as well as adjacent non-BPA utility right-of-way. THPRD is responsible for satisfying all Federal, State and local permitting and environmental requirements relating to planning, construction, and maintenance of their proposed trail.

THPRD proposes to construct three sections of a pedestrian trail, known as the "Westside Trail," that will be an approximately 10-foot wide paved surface with 2-foot gravel shoulders on each side. The Westside Trail Segments #1, 4 & 7 are existing gaps in the southern half of the Trail between Barrows Road and Davis Road totaling approximately 1.42 miles in length and will be located on undeveloped land on existing utility and transmission line right-of-way corridors. Segment #1 is 0.39 miles long between SW Barrows Road and SW Scholls Ferry Road. Segment #4 is 0.64 miles long between SW Galena Way and SW Rigert Road. Segment #7 is 0.39 miles long between SW Burntwood Road and Davis Road. The northerly limit of this segment runs through Mt. Williams Park and is owned by the Park District and the City of Beaverton. THPRD will plan, construct, own, and maintain the trail. Work on the trail segments is scheduled to begin in early 2012.

**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 (DOE) National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Regulations (57 FR 15144, Apr. 24, 1992, as amended at 61 FR 36221-36243, July 9, 1996; 61 FR 64608, Dec. 6, 1996). 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.

No cultural artifacts or historic properties were identified during an intensive survey of the project area and literature review by a third party archaeological firm. Based on this, BPA has determined the project will have “No Effect” on cultural resources or historic properties as protected under the National Historic Preservation Act.

No threatened or endangered species, critical habitat, or other sensitive areas are known to exist within the project area. Based on this, 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.

Based on the provisions 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/ Makary A. Hutson

Makary A. Hutson  
Environmental Project Manager

Concur:

/s/ Katherine S. Pierce

Katherine S. Pierce  
NEPA Compliance Officer

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Attachment:

Environmental Checklist for Categorical Exclusions

## Environmental Checklist for Categorical Exclusions

**Name of Proposed Project:** Tualatin Hills Park and Recreation District Westside Trail

**Work Order #:** 00184006, Task 01      **PP&A Project No.:** N/A

**Prepared by:** Makary A. Hutson      **Routing:** KEPR-4      **Date:** 8/22/2011

**This project has been found to not adversely affect the following environmentally sensitive resources, laws, and regulations:**

Environmental Resources	No Adverse Effect	No Adverse Effect with conditions
1. Cultural Resources In the event that any archaeological material is encountered during construction, the BPA 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 THPRD is responsible for satisfying all Federal, State and local permitting and environmental requirements relating to planning, construction, and maintenance of their regional trail on BPA right-of-way property.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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 THPRD is responsible for satisfying all Federal, State and local permitting and environmental requirements relating to planning, construction, and maintenance of their regional trail.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
9. Pollution control at Federal facilities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10. Other – Visual Impacts	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Signed: /s/ Makary A. Hutson

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