

United States Government

Department of Energy
Bonneville Power Administration

memorandum

DATE: September 16, 2011

REPLY TO
ATTN OF: KEC-4

SUBJECT: Environmental Clearance Memorandum

TO: Patty Smith
Project Manager – KEWU-4

Proposed Action: Prosser Hatchery Storage Shed

Budget Information: Work order 266311 Task 01

Fish and Wildlife Project No.: 1997-013-25

Categorical Exclusion Applied (from Subpart D, 10 C.F.R. Part 1021): B1.15; Siting, construction (or modification), and operation of support buildings and support structures... within or contiguous to an already developed area.

Location: Prosser, Benton County, WA

Proposed by: Bonneville Power Administration (BPA)

Description of the Proposed Action: BPA proposes to fund the construction of a storage shed at the Prosser Hatchery. The proposed size of the building would be 40' x 48' x 14'. The building would have a concrete floor and overhead doors, and would be divided into three bays. The building would be used for storage, for routine maintenance activities, and as a locker room for hatchery staff. The area where the shed would be located is within the footprint of the existing hatchery and the ground is already disturbed. Currently, the area where the shed would be constructed is vacant. Construction equipment would use only existing access roads for construction. No water bodies would be affected by the construction of the building.

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.

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/ Hannah Dondy-Kaplan
Hannah Dondy-Kaplan
Environmental Project Manager

Concur:

/s/ Katherine S. Pierce Date: September 16, 2011
Katherine S. Pierce
NEPA Compliance Officer

Attachment:
Environmental Checklist for Categorical Exclusions

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Name of Proposed Project: Prosser Hatchery Storage Shed

Work Order #: 266311

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 Prior surveys were completed for the hatchery construction	<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 type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

List supporting documentation attached (if needed):

Signed: /s/ Hannah Dondy-Kaplan

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