

memorandum

DATE: August 7, 2014

REPLY TO
ATTN OF: KEC-4

SUBJECT: Environmental Clearance Memorandum

TO: Charlene Belt
Project Manager – TERR-3

Proposed Action: LURR 20140464 – Spencer May – Fence Construction

Categorical Exclusion Applied (from Subpart D, 10 C.F.R. Part 1021): B4.9 Multiple use of powerline rights-of-way.

Location: Vancouver, WA

Proposed by: Bonneville Power Administration (BPA)

Description of the Proposed Action: BPA proposes to approve land use review request 20140464, which would authorize the adjacent landowner, Spencer May, to construct a fence in BPA fee-owned right-of-way. The fence would be constructed with woven steel that is attached to wooden posts and grounded every 50 feet. The fence would be located between structures 34/4 and 34/5 on BPA's North Boneville-Ross No 1 line. The portion of the fence in the right of way will encompass approximately 0.25 acres and is intended to enclose a garden.

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, 76 FR 63764, Nov. 14, 2011). 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, has not been segmented to meet the definition of a categorical exclusion, 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, (iv) have the potential to cause significant impacts on environmentally sensitive resources, or (v) involve genetically engineered organisms, synthetic biology, governmentally designated noxious weeds, or invasive species, unless the proposed activity would be contained or confined in a manner designed and operated to prevent unauthorized release into the environment and conducted in accordance with applicable requirements.

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/ Elizabeth Siping
Elizabeth Siping
Environmental Project Manager

Reviewed by:

/s/ Gene Lynard
Gene Lynard
Supervisory Environmental Project Manager

Concur:

/s/ Katherine S. Pierce
Katherine S. Pierce
NEPA Compliance Officer

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Attachment:
Environmental Checklist for Categorical Exclusions

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Name of Proposed Project: LURR 20140464 – Spencer May – Fence Construction

Work Order #: 184006

This project does not have the potential to cause significant impacts on the following environmentally sensitive resources. See 10 CFR 1021, Subpart D, Appendix B for complete descriptions of the resources. This checklist is to be used as a summary – further discussion may be included in the Categorical Exclusion Memorandum.

Environmental Resources	No Potential for Significance	No Potential, with Conditions (describe)
1. Historic Properties and Cultural Resources No potential to effect historic properties.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. T & E Species, or their habitat(s) Previously disturbed area.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Floodplains or wetlands No floodplains or wetlands are present in the project area.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Areas of special designation None present.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Health & safety	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Prime or unique farmlands Previously disturbed area.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. Special sources of water None present.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. Other (describe) N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Signed: /s/ Elizabeth Siping

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