

Categorical Exclusion Determination

Bonneville Power Administration
Department of Energy



Proposed Action: Washougal 17th St. and NE 380th Ave. Paving

LURR No: 20150442

Project Manager: Dawneen Dostert - TERR-3

Location: Clark County, WA

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

Description of the Proposed Action: Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) is proposing to allow Cougar Creek Acres Home Owners Association (HOA) to pave 17th Street and NE 380th Ave. which are existing gravel roads on BPA fee-owned right-of-way (ROW). The roads are within BPA's North Bonneville-Ross No. 1 and North Bonneville-Troutdale No. 1 transmission line corridor. The paving is proposed from the beginning of NE 17th St., which starts at NE Hughes Rd., and continues for 1,600 feet, where 17th St. turns into NE 380th Ave. Paving would continue for 270 feet to the entry gate for Cougar Creek Acres HOA. All paving will be done on existing gravel road.

Findings: In accordance with Section 1021.410(b) 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), BPA has determined that the proposed action:

- (1) fits within a class of actions listed in Appendix B of 10 CFR 1021, Subpart D (see attached Environmental Checklist);
- (2) does not present any extraordinary circumstances that may affect the significance of the environmental effects of the proposal; and
- (3) has not been segmented to meet the definition of a categorical exclusion.

Based on these determinations, BPA finds that the proposed action is categorically excluded from further NEPA review.

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Date: November 6, 2015

Attachment: Environmental Checklist

Categorical Exclusion Environmental Checklist

This checklist documents environmental considerations for the proposed project and explains why the project would not have the potential to cause significant impacts on environmentally sensitive resources and would meet other integral elements of the applied categorical exclusion.

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Project Site Description

The project is located at 17th St. and NE 380th Ave. in Washougal, Washington. The site is on BPA's North Bonneville-Ross No. 1 and North Bonneville-Troutdale No. 1 transmission corridor. It is currently a gravel road. The project vicinity is rural with sparse residences.

Evaluation of Potential Impacts to Environmental Resources

Environmental Resource Impacts	No Potential for Significance	No Potential for Significance, with Conditions
1. Historic and Cultural Resources	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<u>Explanation:</u> The proposed activities do not have the potential to affect historic or cultural resources. No historic properties or cultural resources are known to occur on the proposed site.		
2. Geology and Soils	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<u>Explanation:</u> Approximately 1,870-feet of existing gravel road on BPA ROW would convert to an impermeable paved surface.		
3. Plants (including federal/state special-status species)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<u>Explanation:</u> No impacts; no vegetation is present on existing roads.		
4. Wildlife (including federal/state special-status species and habitats)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<u>Explanation:</u> No wildlife habitat removed; no special-status species present.		
5. Water Bodies, Floodplains, and Fish (including federal/state special-status species and ESUs)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<u>Explanation:</u> No water bodies, floodplains, or fish are present.		

6. **Wetlands**

Explanation: No wetlands are present.

7. **Groundwater and Aquifers**

Explanation: No new wells or use of groundwater proposed.

8. **Land Use and Specially Designated Areas**

Explanation: No change to land use. There are no specially designated areas.

9. **Visual Quality**

Explanation: The new road would be paved and would be consistent with existing appearance.

10. **Air Quality**

Explanation: Small amount of dust and vehicle emissions anticipated during construction activities. Paving would reduce dust emissions resulting from use of the existing gravel road.

11. **Noise**

Explanation: Temporary, intermittent noise during construction.

12. **Human Health and Safety**

Explanation: No impact to human health and safety.

Evaluation of Other Integral Elements

The proposed project would also meet conditions that are integral elements of the categorical exclusion. The project would not:

- Threaten a violation of applicable statutory, regulatory, or permit requirements for environment, safety, and health, or similar requirements of DOE or Executive Orders.

Explanation, if necessary:

- Require siting and construction or major expansion of waste storage, disposal, recovery, or treatment facilities (including incinerators) that are not otherwise categorically excluded.

Explanation, if necessary:

- Disturb hazardous substances, pollutants, contaminants, or CERCLA excluded petroleum and natural gas products that preexist in the environment such that there would be uncontrolled or unpermitted releases.

Explanation, if necessary:

- 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, such as those of the Department of Agriculture, the Environmental Protection Agency, and the National Institutes of Health.

Explanation, if necessary:

Landowner Notification, Involvement, or Coordination

Description: BPA is working with the Cougar Creek Acres HOA who is proposing the project.

Based on the foregoing, this proposed project does not have the potential to cause significant impacts on any environmentally sensitive resources.

Signed: /s/ Elizabeth Siping
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Date: November 6, 2015