

Categorical Exclusion Determination

Bonneville Power Administration

Department of Energy



Proposed Action: Material Yard Lease Near North Bend Maintenance Headquarters (*update to previous categorical exclusions issued on January 18, 2017 and January 4, 2018*)

Project No.: P01482

Project Manager: Jennifer Bachman, TEP-CSB-2

Location: Coos County, Oregon

Categorical Exclusion Applied (from Subpart D, 10 C.F.R. Part 1021): B1.24 Property Transfers

Description of the Proposed Action: Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) is proposing to temporarily lease a 4.3 acre parcel of land to be used as a material yard in support of the North Bend Maintenance Headquarters (MHQ) Upgrade Project (Project). The Project activities associated with the maintenance headquarters remodel project and the material yard lease were addressed in two previous categorical exclusions (CX) issued on Jan. 18, 2017 and Jan. 4, 2018.

In addition to the work described in those CXs, BPA would also like to install a stormwater retention ditch at the southern end of the leased parking lot, and grade the existing gravel lot to minimize its variable slopes. The area where these newly proposed ground disturbance activities would take place has already been analyzed in the previous two CXs; however, the ground disturbance activities were not accounted for.

Approximately 170 cubic yards of material would be graded off the existing gravel parking lot and removed offsite or reused to line the bottom of the stormwater ditch, if possible. The stormwater retention ditch would be approximately 120 ft. long by 5 ft. wide by 1 ft. deep. The total surface area of soil disturbance associated with the stormwater retention ditch and grading, is approximately 11,200 sq. ft. (0.25 acre).

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: March 6, 2018

Attachment(s): 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 North Bend Maintenance Headquarters (MHQ) is located approximately 6 miles north of the town of North Bend, Oregon on the southern Oregon coast. The proposed lease site is located approximately 0.6 mile north of the North Bend MHQ on Wildwood Road. The Pacific Coast Highway 101 is approximately 850 feet to the west of the parcel, and a church is immediately across the street to the east. Coastal residences, Ocean Pines RV Park, undeveloped coastal shrub and tree properties, and small commercial/industrial complexes surround the lease lot. The Pacific Ocean and the Oregon Dunes National Recreation Area are located immediately west of Highway 101.

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 type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<u>Explanation:</u> The BPA archaeologist determined on March 2, 2018 that there is no potential for the existence of intact cultural resources in this area, and no need for additional section 106 consultation. Should any cultural resources be discovered during project activities, then all project work must stop, and the EC lead should be notified immediately.		
2. Geology and Soils	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<u>Explanation:</u> Best Management Practices (BMPs) such as erosion and sedimentation fences would be implemented to mitigate potential effects to adjacent properties.		
3. Plants (including federal/state special-status species)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<u>Explanation:</u> There are no documented occurrences of any plants listed under the Endangered Species Act (ESA) in the project area; therefore, the proposed project would not have an effect on ESA-listed plant species. A No Effect Memo has been developed and explains this conclusion in more detail.		
4. Wildlife (including federal/state special-status species and habitats)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<u>Explanation:</u> There are no documented occurrences of any wildlife species listed under the ESA in the project area, nor is there suitable habitat for any ESA-listed wildlife species known to occur in Coos County. No designated critical habitat exists in the project area. Therefore, the project would not have an effect on ESA-listed wildlife species or designated critical habitat. A No Effect Memo has been developed and explains this conclusion in more detail.		

5. **Water Bodies, Floodplains, and Fish**
(including federal/state special-status species and ESUs)

Explanation: There are no water bodies or floodplains present within the project area.

6. **Wetlands**

Explanation: There are no wetlands present within the project area.

7. **Groundwater and Aquifers**

Explanation: The maximum soil disturbance depth would be 12 inches. No groundwater or aquifers are expected to be impacted by project activities. BMPs would be implemented, if necessary.

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

Explanation: No permanent change to the existing land use is proposed; there are no special designations on the property.

9. **Visual Quality**

Explanation: No significant long-term visual impacts would occur as a result of this project.

10. **Air Quality**

Explanation: Temporary dust and vehicle emissions during material yard usage may occur. BMPs would be implemented to keep dust and emissions to a minimum.

11. **Noise**

Explanation: Temporary increase in ambient noise levels during material yard usage may occur.

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 coordinated the lease agreement with the underlying landowner of the project area, Hauser Community Church.

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

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Date: March 6, 2018