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ENVIRONMENT, FISH & WILDLIFE

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In reply refer to: EC-4

To: People interested in the Middle Fork John Day River Stream Restoration Project

The Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) is proposing to fund the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs to implement a stream restoration project on land owned in fee-title by the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs in Grant County, Oregon. This letter explains what is being proposed, outlines our environmental review process and schedule, and requests your comments.

Proposal: BPA is proposing to restore habitat and stream function on a segment of the Middle Fork John Day River. The project is a continuation of an ongoing stream restoration targeting river reaches named Vincent to Caribou Phase 2 and Vincent to Vinegar Project. The proposed work will include removal of a portion of the Sumpter Valley Railway Middle Fork Spur, a National Register listed railroad grade, reconnecting alcoves and side channels to reactivate the floodplain, removal of rip rap and rock barbs, placement of large woody debris, and riparian planting. Project work is intended to increase the complexity of instream and riparian habitat along this stretch of the river.

Environmental Review: To understand the potential environmental impacts of this proposal, BPA will prepare an environmental review. The review will describe anticipated impacts to natural and human resources and include mitigation measures that would help avoid or minimize impacts. We are asking for your comments to help determine the issues that should be addressed. During this process, BPA will work with federal, state and local agencies, Tribes, potentially affected landowners, and other interest groups. The proposed schedule for the environmental review process is as follows:

Scoping comment period	March 25, 2019 thru April 25, 2019
Environmental Review completed	May 15th, 2019
Implementation begins	Summer 2019

How to Comment: Please send your comments by April 25, 2019 and reference the **Middle Fork John Day River Stream Restoration Project**. All comments will be available on the project website at www.bpa.gov/goto/MiddleForkJohnDay. There are several ways to comment:

Meeting: Open House **Date:** April 18, 2019, 4:00 – 6:00 PM

Location: ODF John Day Unit Office
415 Patterson Bridge Road
John Day, OR 97845

Mail: Bonneville Power Administration Public Affairs – DKE-7 P.O. Box 14428 Portland, OR 97291-4428	Toll-free: 800-622-4519 FAX: 503-230-4019 Online: www.bpa.gov/comment
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For More Information: If you have any questions regarding the environmental process, please contact me at 503-230-5564 or email at cjhamel@bpa.gov, or Luca De Stefanis, Contract Environmental Protection Specialist, Motus, at ltdestefanis@bpa.gov or 503-230-5263.

Thank you for your interest in our work.

Sincerely,

/s/ Chad J. Hamel

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Enclosures:

Project Map

Comment Form

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