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In reply refer to: TEP-TPP-1

To: People Interested in the Boyer-Tillamook Access Road Improvement Project

Proposal:

Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) is proposing to improve a portion of the access road system for its existing 115-kilovolt Boyer-Tillamook Transmission Line located in Tillamook and Yamhill counties, Oregon. The proposed project would improve 13 miles of access roads. Associated activities would include resurfacing roads, adding drainage, widening existing roads, constructing three small sections of new road, maintaining culverts, and constructing outlet ditches and retaining walls. In addition, five new bridges and an arch pipe would be built, four of which would replace culverts that currently block fish passage for anadromous and resident fish.

Comment Opportunity:

We have prepared a preliminary environmental assessment (EA) to analyze the potential environmental consequences of the proposed project and would like to hear your views. This preliminary EA has been prepared to fulfill BPA's responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act. The preliminary EA is available on the project website at www.bpa.gov/goto/BoyerTillamookAccessRoads, or is enclosed for your review if you previously requested it.

If you did not receive a copy of the preliminary EA with this letter and would like one, please call our toll-free document request line: 1-800-622-4520. Leave a message requesting a copy with your name, mailing address, and the project title: Boyer-Tillamook Access Road Improvement Project.

Please send any comments you may have by <u>October 21, 2013</u>, so that they may be considered in our decision on this project. There are several ways that you can comment:

Mail comments to: Bonneville Power Administration

Public Affairs – DKC-7 P.O. Box 14428

Portland, OR 97293-4428

FAX comments to: 503-230-4019

Submit comments *on-line*: www.bpa.gov/comment

When commenting, please refer to the project title: Boyer-Tillamook Access Road Improvement Project.

For More Information:

Visit the project website at www.bpa.gov/goto/BoyerTillamookAccessRoads. If you have questions regarding the environmental process, please contact the environmental project lead, Kara Hempy-Mayer, at 503-230-4982, or by e-mail at klhempymayer@bpa.gov. If you would like more project information, please call me, Jim Semrau, at 360-619-6629, or jesemrau@bpa.gov. You can also reach us toll free at 1-800-282-3713.

Thank you for your interest in our work.

Sincerely,

/s/ James Semrau

Jim Semrau BPA Project Manager

Two enclosures (if requested):

Preliminary EA Comment Form