

# Categorical Exclusion Determination

Bonneville Power Administration  
Department of Energy



**Proposed Action:** Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs Office Building Maintenance

**Project No.:** 2008-303-00

**Project Manager:** Eric Leitzinger, EWL-4

**Location:** Jefferson County, OR

**Categorical Exclusion Applied (from Subpart D, 10 C.F.R. Part 1021):** B1.3 Routine Maintenance

**Description of the Proposed Action:** Bonneville Power Administration proposes to fund the Confederated Tribe of Warm Springs, as part of the Columbia Basin Fish Accords, to perform routine maintenance activities on three existing office buildings for the Branch of Natural Resources staff at the Warm Springs Reservation tribal headquarters in Warm Springs, Oregon. Maintenance work would include replacing roofs, gutters, and downspouts; replacing windows and exterior entry doors; repairing HVAC ducting and vapor barriers; and updating smoke alarms and emergency lighting. There is no ground disturbance associated with the work and all work would take place on existing structures built in the 1980s.

**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, Jul. 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.

/s/ Carolyn Sharp

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Concur:

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Date: May 9, 2019

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

Project activities would take place on existing office buildings located approximately 1 mile north of Highway 26 and the Deschutes River within the Warm Springs Indian Reservation in Jefferson County, Oregon. The collection of office buildings is located within parking lots and landscaping at the intersection of NW Dry Creek Trail and Holliday Street, while the surrounding landscape is undeveloped shrub steppe hillsides and canyons of juniper and sagebrush.

## Evaluation of Potential Impacts to Environmental Resources

Environmental Resource Impacts	No Potential for Significance	No Potential for Significance, with Conditions
1. <b>Historic and Cultural Resources</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<u>Explanation:</u> The buildings were constructed in the 1980s and are not eligible for listing. The proposed action does not involve any ground disturbance.		
2. <b>Geology and Soils</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<u>Explanation:</u> There are no ground-disturbing activities proposed with this action; thus, no potential to affect geology or soils.		
3. <b>Plants</b> (including Federal/state special-status species and habitats)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<u>Explanation:</u> There are no ground-disturbing activities proposed with this action and all work is on existing buildings surrounded by parking and landscaping; thus, no potential to affect plants.		
4. <b>Wildlife</b> (including Federal/state special-status species and habitats)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<u>Explanation:</u> There is no ground disturbance, and no modification of habitat. Maintenance work will take place on existing structures at the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation's tribal offices. Noise and disturbance would not exceed that of ongoing operations and use of the facility.		
5. <b>Water Bodies, Floodplains, and Fish</b> (including Federal/state special-status species, ESUs, and habitats)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<u>Explanation:</u> There are no water bodies, floodplains, or fish in the project area; therefore, there would be no effect.		
6. <b>Wetlands</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<u>Explanation:</u> There are no wetlands in the project area; therefore, there would be no impacts to wetlands.		

7. **Groundwater and Aquifers**

Explanation: The project does not involve ground disturbance; therefore, there would be no impact to groundwater or aquifers.

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

Explanation: The underlying land use would not change as a result of this project.

9. **Visual Quality**

Explanation: Project involves in-kind replacement of building materials. The visual quality would not change as a result of this project.

10. **Air Quality**

Explanation: Project involves in-kind replacement of building materials. There would be no changes to air quality during or after maintenance activities.

11. **Noise**

Explanation: Construction noise would be minor and temporary and would occur during daylight hours. Operational noise would not change.

12. **Human Health and Safety**

Explanation: The construction contractor would be required to manage waste according to acceptable regulatory practices and mandate that workers comply with OSHA health and safety standards. There would be 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: No hazardous substances, pollutants, or contaminants have been identified in the construction materials to be disturbed or disposed. The buildings were originally constructed in the 1980s. Roof materials are 20 years old. HVAC duct work involves replacing uninsulated, bent metal ducting. The construction contractor would be required to manage the waste according to acceptable regulatory practices and mandate that workers comply with OSHA health and safety standards.

- 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:

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**Landowner Notification, Involvement, or Coordination**

Description: Project activities would take place on the Warm Springs Reservation. The Tribe owns the land and the buildings on which the maintenance activities would be implemented.

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

Signed: /s/ Carolyn Sharp  
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