

# ***WELCOME***

**Proposed Project: BPA's  
Caribou Substation and  
Lower Valley Energy's  
Transmission Line**

**OPEN HOUSE  
SCOPING MEETING**



# How to Participate

- Speak with BPA, Forest Service and Lower Valley Energy staff who will explain the proposal and answer your questions.
- Ask for more information on specific topics at the different stations.
- Provide your comments and ideas so they can be addressed.
- Tell us what issues need to be addressed in the Environmental Assessment.
- Ask to be put on the mailing list to stay informed.

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# Proposed Schedule

Public Scoping Meeting	June 6, 2006
Public Scoping Comments due	July 14, 2006
Preliminary Environmental Assessment Available	Winter 2006
Public Comment on the Preliminary EA	Winter 2006/2007
Final Environmental Assessment Available	Spring 2007
Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI)	Spring 2007
If BPA decides to proceed with this project: Construction Starts	Summer 2007
Construction Complete	Summer 2008

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# Purpose and Need

- The demand for electricity in southeast Idaho and in the Jackson Hole area is growing. This proposed project will help to meet future load growth.
- The aged southeast Idaho system is in need of some improvements. Without this proposed project, electric reliability problems could occur by winter 2008.
- PacifiCorp has plans to improve service in the Soda Springs area. The proposed transmission line would help Lower Valley Energy have access to any system improvements PacifiCorp makes in the future.
- Building a new BPA substation in southeast Idaho will relieve congestion at the BPA current Goshen substation.

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# Project Proposal

1. BPA is proposing to build, own, operate and maintain a new 138/115-kV substation. The substation would provide service to a 138-kV transmission line to serve Lower Valley Energy.
  - Lower Valley Energy is proposing to build, own, operate and maintain a 20-mile double-circuit 115-kV line.
    - The line will connect BPA's new substation with Lower Valley Energy's line.
    - The line will consist of single-wood pole structures.
  
2. A no action alternative.

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# Environmental Considerations

- BPA will prepare an Environmental Assessment after analyzing the environmental impacts of the project on the following resources:
  - Land use and recreation
  - Visual resources
  - Cultural resources
  - Fish and wildlife
  - Vegetation
  - Wetlands and water quality
  - Geology and soils
  - Socioeconomics, public services and transportation
  - Air quality
  - Noise
  - Public health and safety

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# How to comment

When submitting comments please refer to:

“BPA’s Proposed Caribou Project”

**Write:** Bonneville Power Administration  
Public Affairs – DKC-7  
P.O. Box 14428  
Portland, OR 97293-4428

**Online:** [www.bpa.gov/comment/](http://www.bpa.gov/comment/)

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*Close of comment: July 14, 2006*

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