

# Categorical Exclusion Determination

Bonneville Power Administration  
Department of Energy



**Proposed Action:** Leneve Radio Site Sale

**Project No.:** OR 2019070

**Project Manager:** Jay Largo

**Location:** Coos County, OR

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

**Description of the Proposed Action:** Bonneville Power Administration proposes to sell approximately 0.13 acres of land comprising the BPA Leneve Radio Site to Coos County. The Leneve Radio site includes some small buildings, a 2,000-gallon propane tank, a portable toilet, a 121-foot radio tower, and a chain link fence perimeter. BPA has not used the radio site for several years and Coos County would purchase it as a radio site for the county. The radio site would be sold in as-is condition to the county and would include all remaining buildings, equipment, and infrastructure.

**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.

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Concur:

/s/ Sarah T. Biegel  
Sarah T. Biegel  
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Date: September 4, 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

The sale of the Leneve Radio Site would involve BPA-owned land in Coos County, OR. The site is about 0.13 acres and includes a developed radio site that has two small buildings, a 2,000-gallon propane tank, a portable toilet, a 121-foot radio tower, and a chain link fence perimeter. The legal parcel is in Township 27 S, Range 14 W, and Section 24. The surrounding topography consists of relatively flat land with neighboring parcels primarily comprised of some forested areas owned by Coos County, unpaved access roads, and a paved roadway. An unnamed stream is located about 600 feet east of the radio site. The nearest named water body is Winchester Creek and is located over 800 feet to the west of the Leneve Radio Site.

## 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"/>
<p><u>Explanation:</u> BPA acquired the property for the Leneve Radio Site in 1954. The sale of the Leneve Radio Site to Coos County would be subject to ORS 358.653, which obligates state agencies and all political subdivisions of the state, including counties, to consult with the State Historic Preservation Office to avoid inadvertent impacts to historic properties for which they are responsible. Because of this, the sale to Coos County would ultimately have no adverse effect for Section 106 for the built infrastructure on the property. A BPA archaeologist reviewed the proposed activities for the sale of the property and determined that this action does not have the potential to cause effects to historic or cultural resources.</p>		
2. <b>Geology and Soils</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p><u>Explanation:</u> No ground disturbance is proposed as a condition of the sale; therefore, there would be no impacts to geology or soils.</p>		
3. <b>Plants</b> (including Federal/state special-status species and habitats)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p><u>Explanation:</u> No ground disturbance is proposed; therefore, there would be no impacts to plants. There are no federally listed plants at this location.</p>		
4. <b>Wildlife</b> (including Federal/state special-status species and habitats)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p><u>Explanation:</u> No ground disturbance is proposed; therefore, there would be no impacts to wildlife.</p>		
5. <b>Water Bodies, Floodplains, and Fish</b> (including Federal/state special-status species, ESUs, and habitats)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p><u>Explanation:</u> No ground disturbance is proposed; therefore, there would be no impacts to water bodies, floodplains, or fish.</p>		

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| 6. <b>Wetlands</b>                                                                                                                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <u>Explanation:</u> No ground disturbance is proposed; therefore, there would be no impacts to wetlands.                               |                                     |                          |
| 7. <b>Groundwater and Aquifers</b>                                                                                                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <u>Explanation:</u> No ground disturbance is proposed; therefore, there would be no impacts to groundwater or aquifers.                |                                     |                          |
| 8. <b>Land Use and Specially-Designated Areas</b>                                                                                      | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <u>Explanation:</u> No ground disturbance is proposed; therefore, there would be no impacts to land use or specially-designated areas. |                                     |                          |
| 9. <b>Visual Quality</b>                                                                                                               | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <u>Explanation:</u> No ground disturbance is proposed; therefore, there would be no impacts to visual quality.                         |                                     |                          |
| 10. <b>Air Quality</b>                                                                                                                 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <u>Explanation:</u> No ground disturbance is proposed; therefore, there would be no impacts to air quality.                            |                                     |                          |
| 11. <b>Noise</b>                                                                                                                       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <u>Explanation:</u> No ground disturbance is proposed; therefore, there would be no noise impacts.                                     |                                     |                          |
| 12. <b>Human Health and Safety</b>                                                                                                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <u>Explanation:</u> There would be no impacts 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: An existing 2000 gallon propane tank with approximately 1800 gallons of fuel would be included and under control of the county with the completion of the sale.
- 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: BPA Realty is in coordination with Coos County for this project.

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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/ Christopher H. Furey  
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