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In reply refer to: KEC-4

To: People Interested in the Clark Fork River Delta Restoration Project

Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) has prepared a draft environmental assessment (EA) to evaluate whether to fund Idaho Department of Fish and Game's (IDFG) proposed Clark Fork River Delta Restoration. This letter requests your comments on the EA and outlines the project next steps.

As you may know, BPA is proposing to provide funding to IDFG to implement restoration activities in the Clark Fork River Delta. The project would involve using pieces of woody debris (e.g. trees with root wads) and rock to help stabilize shorelines, planting native vegetation such as black cottonwood, dogwood and willow, and raising some ground surfaces to create new plant and wildlife habitat. The project is located on Lake Pend Oreille in Bonner County, Idaho.

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) are cooperating agencies in the development of the EA due to their involvement as land managers and permitting agencies. BPA requested comments on the scope of the draft EA in July and August 2013 and held a public meeting in Sandpoint, ID. The comments received helped shape the analysis of the EA

Draft EA

The draft EA describes the project and why it is needed, discusses the environmental impacts the project would create – including assessment of impacts to the floodplain and wetlands, and lists the mitigation measures that would lessen or eliminate those impacts. The draft EA is available for review and comment online at www.bpa.gov/goto/ClarkForkRiverDelta, or if you requested a copy of the document, it is enclosed. If you would like a hard copy (about 180 pages), please call our toll-free document request line at 1-800-622-4520. Please leave a message with the project name, your name, and complete mailing address.

How to Comment

Please send comments you have on the EA by **March 3, 2014**. All comments will be posted in their entirety on the project website. There are several ways that you can

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Next Steps

We will consider all comments submitted during the comment period and provide responses to comments in the final EA. The final EA and a Finding of No Significant Impact would likely be available in the spring of 2014.

For More Information

You may visit the project website at www.bpa.gov/goto/ClarkForkRiverDelta. If you have questions regarding the environmental process, please contact me at 503-230-3018, or by e-mail at jepeterson@bpa.gov. You can also reach us toll free at 1-800-282-3713.

Thank you for your interest in our work.

Sincerely,

/s/ Jenna E. Peterson

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Three enclosures (if requested):

Draft EA
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