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ENVIRONMENT, FISH AND WILDLIFE

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### **ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT DETERMINATION**

#### **Proposed Action: Clark Fork River Delta Restoration**

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**Location:** Near Sandpoint, in Bonner County, Idaho

**Proposed by:** Bonneville Power Administration (BPA), Bureau of Land Management, and Army Corps of Engineers

#### **Description of the Proposed Action:**

Bonneville Power Administration is proposing to fund the Idaho Department of Fish and Game to implement the Clark Fork River Delta Restoration Project. The purpose of this project is to protect, improve and restore riparian and wetland habitats in the Clark Fork River delta that have been impacted by the annual fluctuation of the water level of Lake Pend Oreille. This project is part of a larger restoration effort in northern Idaho and eastern Washington as part of ongoing mitigation for the construction, operation and inundation of the delta by the Albeni Falls hydroelectric project.

#### **Class of Action to be Applied (from Subpart D, 10 C.F.R. Part 1021):**

C8. Protection of fish and wildlife habitat

We have determined that the proposed action is within the class of actions normally requiring an environmental assessment (EA), but not necessarily requiring an environmental impact statement (EIS) as listed in Subpart D of 10 C.F.R. Part 1021. Therefore, we have determined that an EA will be prepared to assess the impacts of the proposed action. On the basis of the analysis in the EA, BPA will prepare a finding of no significant impact and proceed with the action, or will prepare an EIS if the EA reveals the potential for significant environmental impacts.

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