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### **To: People interested in the Hooper Springs Transmission Project**

The Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) has prepared a Record of Decision (ROD) for the Hooper Springs Transmission Project in Caribou County, Idaho. This letter describes BPA's decision, the project schedule, how to obtain copies of documents, and how to contact us if you have questions. If you requested a copy of the ROD, it is enclosed.

**Decision:** BPA has decided to implement the South Alternative's Option 3A identified in the Hooper Springs Transmission Project Final Environmental Impact Statement (DOE/EIS-0451, January 2015). Option 3A consists of constructing the Hooper Springs Substation, about 24 miles of double-circuit 115-kilovolt (kV) transmission line, the BPA connection facility to connect this new line to Lower Valley Energy's transmission system, about 0.2 miles of single-circuit 138-kV transmission line between Hooper Springs Substation and PacifiCorp's existing Threemile Knoll Substation, and ancillary facilities such as access roads. The ROD explains the factors that were considered in reaching the decision and includes mitigation measures that will be used to avoid or reduce environmental impacts.

**Schedule:** Project activities in 2015 will include acquisition of land rights with substation, transmission line, and access road construction beginning in spring 2016. You will receive notice once the timing for construction is determined.

**For More Information:** The ROD and EIS documents are available on BPA's website: [www.bpa.gov/goto/HooperSprings](http://www.bpa.gov/goto/HooperSprings). If you would like hard copies of these documents, you may call our toll-free document request line at (800) 622-4520 and leave a message with the name of the project and your complete mailing address. If you have questions about this project, you may contact me toll free at (800) 622-4519 or by email at [etorth@bpa.gov](mailto:etorth@bpa.gov).

Thank you for your interest in this project.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure:  
Record of Decision (if requested)