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ENVIRONMENT, FISH & WILDLIFE

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In reply refer to: ECF-4

**To: Parties interested in the Mid-Columbia Coho Restoration Program - Early Winters 3
Acclimation Ponds**

Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) has completed its environmental review of the Early Winters 3 Acclimation Ponds and has decided to fund the construction and operation of the site. This letter briefly describes the action, the environmental review, and whom to contact if you have questions.

Under the proposal, BPA will fund the Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation to construct and operate two ponds for acclimating coho salmon as part of the Mid-Columbia Coho Restoration Program. The Early Winters 3 acclimation ponds will be located near the town of Mazama in Okanogan County, Washington.

To ensure consideration of potential environmental impacts of the acclimation site, BPA prepared a supplement analysis to the 2012 Mid-Columbia Coho Restoration Program Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) (DOE/EIS-0425). As part of the supplement analysis, BPA sent letters in November 2015 to potentially affected landowners; federal, state, and local agencies; tribes; and interest groups that explained the proposal and requested comments. Three comments were received. Using the public input and consideration of potential environmental impacts, BPA completed the supplement analysis, confirming that the acclimation site and its potential effects on the environment are consistent with those that had been analyzed under the 2012 EIS, and that a supplemental or new EIS did not need to be prepared. The supplement analysis is available on our website at www.bpa.gov/goto/midcolumbiacoho.

If you have any questions regarding the environmental review, please contact me at 503-230-3018 or email at jepeterson@bpa.gov. Alternatively, you may contact Michelle Guay, Contract Environmental Protection Specialist, Cor-Source Technology Group, at mxguay@bpa.gov or 503-230-3459.

Thank you for your interest in our work.

Sincerely,

/s/ Jenna Peterson

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Enclosures (if requested):
Supplement Analysis on CD
Location map