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**Review seeks efficiencies in fish and wildlife management**

In 1997 the Northwest Power Planning Council commissioned Moss-Adams, a regional accounting and management consultant firm, to review the contract management processes of the Council's fish and wildlife program. The [review](#) was released on Feb. 6. From BPA's perspective, the Moss-Adams report is helpful and constructive. The reviewers found no wrongdoing either by BPA or the Council. Many of the recommendations, such as development of a unified regional plan for fish and wildlife and more complete monitoring and evaluation of project results, are in close alignment with the direction BPA has wanted to go for some time. Others, such as streamlining the process for reviewing proposed fish and wildlife projects by placing responsibility with a single entity, would likely require legislative changes to implement.

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### **Lake Oswego students win middle school science bowl**

Lake Oswego Junior High edged out teams from Washington and Oregon for first place in the sixth annual BPA Middle School [Science Bowl](#) on Feb. 7. Scappoose (Ore.) Middle School placed second. More than 40 teams of four participated in the round robin contest. The Highland Park Middle School from Beaverton, Ore., took the third place title and Athey Creek Middle School from West Linn, Ore., finished in fourth place. The BPA-sponsored event is the only middle-school science bowl in the nation. BPA's High School Science Bowl, which feeds into the national competition, is set for March 7.

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### **BPA receives award from EPRI**

BPA received a Technology Transfer Award from the [Electric Power Research Institute](#) on Feb. 11. BPA received the award for working with the state of Washington to develop a risk-based cleanup standard for spilled mineral oil. Utilities use mineral oil as an insulator in electrical equipment. If the equipment fails, the mineral oil can be spilled into the environment. Washington has determined that the environmental risk of a mineral oil spill is substantially less than that of fuel oils, so cleanup standards do not have to be as stringent. BPA expects to save about \$200,000 a year in cleanup costs. Other utilities will also benefit from the new standard. Oregon and Idaho are considering similar changes to their cleanup requirements.

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### **Crews save transmission towers**

Heavy January rains sent some transmission structures in the Snohomish, Wash. region sliding downhill — no customers lost power. A Jan. 28 landslide the size of six football fields moved 16 feet down a hill east of Tacoma, Wash., toward a tower on BPA's Covington-Creston 230-kilovolt line. Two of the tower's legs moved three feet and bent. The line serves a Seattle City Light substation. BPA's Snohomish line crew dug ditches to move surface water away from the tower. They brought in 70 truck loads of rock to build a buttress at the base of the tower and stop the slide. Crews will put in permanent drainage and reposition the tower this summer. Another line crew relocated two wood poles on the Snohomish-Murray 230-kV line 125 feet back from a slide area after slumping soil moved the poles two feet from their original moorings. All work was complete Feb. 3. This is the first time landslides have caused trouble for these lines.

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## Public Involvement

### Status Reports

**BPA/Lower Valley Transmission Project.** Idaho and Wyoming — To resolve a voltage stability problem in the Jackson and Afton, Wyo. areas; new 115-kV line proposed on existing right-of-way. A final EIS is being prepared. Call to be added to the mail list.

**Big Eddy-Ostrander Vegetation Management EA.** Oregon — To control vegetation on two segments of the 500-kV transmission line right-of-way. One segment is from Lolo Pass to near Parkdale. The other segment is east of Parkdale. The Forest Service is a partner. An EA is being prepared. Call to be added to the mail list.

**Bonneville-Hood River Vegetation Management EA.** Oregon — To control vegetation on the 115-kV transmission line right-of-way between Bonneville Dam and Hood River in the Columbia Gorge Scenic Area. The Forest Service is a partner. An EA is being prepared. Call to be added to the mail list.

**Columbia Windfarm #1.** Washington — The final EIS (#2682) is available. Call to receive a copy.

**Fourmile Hill Geothermal Development Project EIS (Calpine).** Northern California — A geothermal power plant and new transmission line have been proposed on Forest Service land in the Klamath and Modoc forests. BLM has the lead and BPA is a cooperating agency. A summary of the draft EIS is available. Call to be added to the mail list.

**Grande Ronde River Spring Chinook Project.** Oregon — Spring chinook supplementation program. The preliminary EA (#3018) is available. Call to receive a copy. See Close of Comment.

**Grizzly Substation Fiber Optic Line Project EA.** Oregon — To string fiber optic cable along BPA's John Day-Grizzly No. 1 transmission line into the Grizzly Substation. Also to acquire a 50-foot easement along existing county roads on the Crooked River National Grasslands from the Grizzly Substation to the Big Eddy-Redmond No. 1 transmission line. The EA is available. Call to receive a copy.

**Johnson Creek Artificial Propagation Enhancement.** Idaho — Development of a native chinook salmon broodstock for rearing and release of acclimated smolts to preserve and recover the population. An EA is being prepared. Call to be added to the mail list.

**Northwest Regional Power Facility.** Washington — To construct a combustion turbine near Creston. The final EIS (#2887) and a Supplement Analysis is available. Call to receive a copy.

**Select Area Fisheries Evaluation.** Oregon and Washington — Placement of net pens in Clifton Channel, Deep River and Steamboat Slough. A revised FONSI is being prepared. Call to be added to the mail list.

**Telephone Flats Geothermal Project EIS (Calenergy).** Northern California — A geothermal power plant and new transmission line have been proposed on Forest Service land in the Modoc Forest. BLM has the lead and BPA is a cooperating agency. The draft EIS is being prepared. Call to be added to the

mail list.

**Upper Snake River Fish Culture Facility.** Idaho — A proposal to purchase a tribal hatchery for redevelopment of Yellowstone cutthroat and redband trout. The preliminary EA (#1213) is available. Call to receive a copy.

**Vegetation Management Program EIS.** Regionwide — To develop a vegetation management program that is cost-effective, consistent, efficient and environmentally sensitive while maintaining a safe and reliable transmission system. The Forest Service and BLM are cooperating agencies. The draft EIS is being prepared. Call to be added to the mail list.

**Yakima River Basin Water Enhancement Project Programmatic EIS.** Washington — The Bureau of Reclamation is taking the lead on this project. BPA is a cooperating agency. The draft programmatic EIS is being prepared. For further information, contact John Tiedeman, BOR, at (509) 575-5848 ext. 238.

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## CLOSE OF COMMENT

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### Acronyms:

EA: Environmental Assessment

EIS: Environmental Impact Statement

FONSI: Finding of No Significant Impact

NOI: Notice of Intent

ROD: Record of Decision

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