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October 7, 2002

**Via Certified Mail**  
**Return Receipt Requested**  
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Bonneville Power Administration  
905 NE 11th Avenue  
Portland, OR 97232

Re: REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT  
5 USC § 552 ("FOIA REQUEST")  
Grant County

Dear Sirs:

On behalf of the Grant County Court, Grant County, Oregon we are submitting this Freedom of Information Act Request to obtain copies of documents relating to the Bonneville Power Administration's acquisition of lands within Grant, Jefferson, Wallowa, Wheeler, Union, Umatilla, Baker, and Malheur Counties in Oregon that were subsequently transferred to recognized Indian tribes for management purposes or conveyed outright.

Further, we request any documents that relate to projects wherein the Bonneville Power Administration provided the funding to a tribe or third party to acquire lands within the above described counties.

Along with the acquisition and funding documents, we request any documents that (a) set forth management agreements; (b) discuss the trust status (both present or anticipated); (c) discuss the property tax status and/or tax treatment of the lands; and, (d) appraisals of the above referenced properties. Among these documents is the agreement between the Bonneville Power Administration and the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation that discusses the development of a management plan for the Forrest Ranch.

The above information is requested for the period of 1995 through October 1, 2002.

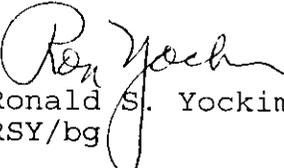
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Under the Freedom of Information Act, we request that fees be waived under 7 CFR subpart A, App. A, Sec. 6, in that this request is by a local government in furtherance of its efforts to serve the general public. The information request will likely contribute to the understanding by the local government and the public of the subject matter by providing the foundation for knowledgeable discussion in County Court sessions as well as with the concerned public as the Grant County Court discusses the tax status, land management, and public policy related to these lands.

The material presented will be reviewed by the County Court in an open public meeting and discussions held with the public relative to proposed rules. This meeting will be an open public meeting and, as such, notice provided in the local newspaper. There will be no commercial use of the information by the County Court.

Sincerely,

  
Ronald S. Yockim  
RSY/bg

cc: Grant County Court



## Department of Energy

Bonneville Power Administration  
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SHARED SERVICES

October 11, 2002

In reply refer to: CILR-4

Mr. Ronald S. Yockim  
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Dear Mr. Yockim:

Thank you for the letter of October 7 requesting documents under provisions of the Freedom of Information Act. Your request has been logged in as #03-001.

Specifically, you asked for copies of all documents relating to the BPA acquisition of lands within Grant, Jefferson, Wallowa, Wheeler, Union, Umatilla, Baker, and Malheur Counties that were transferred to recognized Indian tribes for management purposes or conveyed outright.

In addition to acquisition and funding documents you asked for those relating to projects wherein BPA provided funding to a tribe or third party to acquire lands within those counties. You also asked for any documents that set forth management agreements, discuss trust status, discuss property tax status and/or tax treatment of the lands; and appraisals of the above referenced properties. Among these documents is the agreement between the BPA and the Warm Springs Reservation discussing development of a management plan for the Forrest Ranch.

You also ask that the information cover the period of 1995 through October 1, 2002.

Finally, you ask that we provide a waiver of FOIA fees for copying, search, and review. The Authorizing Official will determine if the fees should be waived.

Mr. Robert J. Austin, Deputy Manager / Fish and Wildlife Program has been designated as Authorizing Official for your request. Mr. Austin has 20 working days, until November 12, to provide a response. Should you have any questions he may be reached at Mail Stop KEW-4 or by calling 503-230-4748.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gene Tollefson".

Gene Tollefson  
Freedom of Information Act Officer

bcc:

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