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Subject: Invitation to Comment on the Draft Programmatic Environmental Assessment Addressing Federal Support of the Phase 2 Implementation Plan: Testing the Feasibility of Reintroducing Salmon in the Upper Columbia River Basin

Dear Interested Party:

The Bureau of Reclamation, Bonneville Power Administration (BPA), and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), collectively referred to as Co-lead Agencies, have prepared a draft programmatic environmental assessment (PEA) under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) for the federal support of the “Phase 2 Implementation Plan (P2IP): Testing the Feasibility of Reintroducing Salmon in the Upper Columbia River Basin.” The P2IP was developed by the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation, Spokane Tribe of Indians, Coeur d’Alene Tribe, and Upper Columbia United Tribes (Project Proponents), to test the feasibility of salmon reintroduction upstream of Chief Joseph Dam into the historic salmon habitats in the United States, i.e. the blocked area. The draft PEA evaluates the potential environmental impacts of the proposed P2IP plan activities.

The Co-lead Agencies invite you to review and comment on the Draft P2IP PEA. The comment period will be open from November 14, 2024, to December 13, 2024. The draft PEA is available at (<https://www.usbr.gov/pn/programs/p2ip/docs/DraftP2IP-PEA.pdf>).

A virtual public meeting website will be accessible 24 hours daily during the comment period to provide project information and allow visitors to submit comments. The website is <https://www.virtualpublicmeeting.com/p2ip-salmon-reintroduction-programmatic-ea>.

Comments may be submitted by mail, through the virtual public meeting room, or by email at bor-sha-p2ip_peaproject@usbr.gov. Written comments may be sent to Ms. Melissa (Mel) Yenke, Natural Resource Specialist, Attn: CPN-1725, Bureau of Reclamation, Columbia-Pacific Northwest Regional Office, 1150 Curtis Road, Boise, ID, 83706-1234.

Please submit your comments by December 13, 2024, so they can be reviewed and considered promptly by the Co-lead Agencies. Comments received in response to this request, including the names and addresses of those who comment, will be considered part of the public record for this project. They will be released in their entirety if requested pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act.

If you have questions about the project or how to comment, please contact Ms. Yenke at (208) 914-0362 or myenke@usbr.gov. Additional project information is available at

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Sincerely,

Jennifer J. Carrington
Regional Director

Enclosure
Draft P2IP PEA Release Email List