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ENVIRONMENT, FISH AND WILDLIFE

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In reply refer to: EC-4

To: People interested in the Lemhi Valley River and Floodplain Restoration Projects

The Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) has prepared a draft environmental assessment (EA) for the proposed Lemhi Valley River and Floodplain Restoration Projects. The EA describes the project and why it is needed, discusses the environmental impacts the project would create, and lists the mitigation measures that would lessen those impacts. This letter requests your comments on the EA and outlines the next steps for the project.

How to Comment: The EA can be viewed on the project website at www.bpa.gov/goto/LemhiRestoration. If you would like to request a hard copy (about 155 pages), please call our toll-free document request line at 1-800-622-4520. Please leave a message with the project name, your name, and complete mailing address.

Please send your comments on the EA by **May 15, 2020** and reference the Lemhi Valley River and Floodplain Restoration Projects. We will consider all comments submitted during the comment period and provide responses to substantive comments in the final EA. In addition, comments will be available on the project website. There are several ways to comment:

Mail: Bonneville Power Administration Public Affairs – DKE-7 P.O. Box 14428 Portland, OR 97291-4428	Toll-free: 800-622-4519 FAX: 503-230-4019 Online: www.bpa.gov/comment
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Schedule: The schedule for the EA process is as follows:

Comment scoping period	January 21 thru February 21, 2020
Draft EA available for public comment	May 1 thru May 15, 2020
Final EA	Spring 2020
Finding of No Significant Impact (if warranted)	Spring and summer 2020
If decision to build, construction start	Late spring and summer 2020

For More Information: If you have questions regarding the environmental process, please contact me at 503-230-5564, or by e-mail at cjhamel@bpa.gov, or Rob Shull, Contract Environmental Protection Specialist, CorSource Technology Group, at 503-230-3962, or by e-mail at rwhull@bpa.gov.

Thank you for your interest in our work.

Sincerely,

/s/ Chad J. Hamel

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Enclosures:

Comment Form

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