

Categorical Exclusion Determination

Bonneville Power Administration

Department of Energy



Proposed Action: Malin MHQ Roof and Glazing Replacement

Project Manager: Jinyoung Lee – NWMS-PSB-2

Location: Klamath County, Oregon.

Categorical Exclusion Applied (from 10 C.F.R. Part 1021): B1.3 Routine Maintenance

Description of the Proposed Action: Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) proposes to replace the aging roof and glazing assemblies on the high upper windows at the BPA-owned Malin Maintenance Headquarters in Malin, Klamath County, Oregon. Project actions would include replacing the old roof system with a new roof membrane, replacing the current plastic glazing with a new translucent glazing system, and installing a fall protection system. Project actions would also include repair of minor ceiling damage on the inside of the building caused by water intrusion.

The Federal Columbia River Transmission System Act directs BPA to construct, acquire, operate, maintain, repair, relocate, and replace the transmission system, including facilities and structures appurtenant thereto. (16 United States Code [U.S.C] § 838i(b)). The Administrator is further charged with maintaining electrical stability and reliability, selling transmission and interconnection services, and providing service to BPA's customers. (16 U.S.C § 838b(b-d)). The Administrator is also authorized to conduct electrical research, development, experimentation, tests, and investigation related to construction, operation, and maintenance of transmission systems and facilities. (16 U.S.C § 838i(b)(3)).

Findings: In accordance with Section 1021.102 of the Department of Energy's (DOE) National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Regulations (57 FR 15144, Apr. 24, 1992, as amended at 61 FR 36221-36243, Jul. 9, 1996; 61 FR 64608, Dec. 6, 1996; 76 FR 63764, Nov. 14, 2011; 89 FR 34074, April 30, 2024; 90 FR 29676, July 3, 2025, Interim Final Rule) and the current *DOE National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Implementing Procedures*, BPA has determined the following:

- 1) The proposed action fits within a class of actions listed in Appendix B of 10 CFR 1021;
- 2) The proposal has not been segmented to meet the definition of a categorical exclusion; and
- 3) There are no extraordinary circumstances related to the proposed action that may affect the significance of the environmental effects of the proposal (see attached Environmental Evaluation).

Based on these determinations, BPA finds that the proposed action is categorically excluded from further NEPA review.

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Attachment(s): Environmental Evaluation

Categorical Exclusion Environmental Evaluation

This evaluation documents environmental considerations for the proposed project and explains why the project would not have the potential to cause significant impacts on environmentally sensitive resources and would meet other integral elements of the applied categorical exclusion.

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Project Site Description

The project site is BPA-owned Malin Maintenance Headquarters in Malin, Klamath County, Oregon (T41S R12E SEC16). Ground cover within the site consists of paved surfaces and parking lots around the Headquarters building, and an area maintained with ornamental vegetation. The surrounding area may be characterized as agricultural, with some city-owned open spaces, residential, and light industrial. The National Hydrography Dataset indicates no surface waters in the project area. The survey data from the Natural Resources Conservation Service and the National Wetland Inventory indicates the project site has no hydric soils, or wetlands present.

Evaluation of Potential Impacts to Environmental Resources

1. Historic and Cultural Resources

Potential for Significance: No.

Explanation: The BPA Archaeologist determined that pursuant to Stipulation I.D.4 of the Programmatic Agreement between BPA, the Idaho State Historic Preservation Office, the Montana State Historic Preservation Office, the Oregon State Historic Preservation Office, the Washington State Historic Preservation Office, and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation to Implement the BPA Manual for Built Resources no further Section 106 review or consultation is required.

2. Geology and Soils

Potential for Significance: No.

Explanation: All project activities would be conducted within the area of the maintenance headquarters, in areas permanently graveled, paved, or with maintained ornamental vegetation. Geology is not anticipated to be affected.

3. Plants (including Federal/state special-status species and habitats)

Potential for Significance: No.

Explanation: Ground disturbance is not anticipated from project actions. Project actions would occur in areas that are graveled, paved, or maintained to prevent vegetation growth, or in areas where there is ornamental vegetation.

4. Wildlife (including Federal/state special-status species and habitats)

Potential for Significance: No.

Explanation: Temporary disruption of normal wildlife behavior could occur from elevated noise and human presence during project implementation. However, wildlife species in the project area that could be present are likely already habituated to human activity, including vehicle traffic and other activities associated with an active maintenance facility. There are no documented occurrences of any special-status wildlife species or wildlife species protected under the federal ESA, and no such species or suitable habitat are expected to occur at the project site. Therefore, the proposed project would result in No Effect to protected wildlife species.

5. Water Bodies, Floodplains, and Fish (including Federal/state special-status species, ESUs, and habitats)

Potential for Significance: No.

Explanation: The project sites are not located in, or near any surface waters or fish bearing streams and they are not located within a floodplain.

6. Wetlands

Potential for Significance: No.

Explanation: The project sites are not located within, or near wetlands.

7. Groundwater and Aquifers

Potential for Significance: No.

Explanation: No ground disturbance is anticipated. Therefore, the proposed action would not substantially impact these resources.

8. Land Use and Specially-Designated Areas

Potential for Significance: No.

Explanation: There would be no change in land use or specially designated areas as a result of these project actions.

9. Visual Quality

Potential for Significance: No.

Explanation: There would be some limited visual changes to the project area. The replacement of the roofing materials and a climbing safety system is expected to be a minor visual change.

10. Air Quality

Potential for Significance: No.

Explanation: Temporary and minor dust and vehicle emissions would increase in the local areas from vehicle and equipment use during project implementation. There would be no long-term impact to air quality following completion of the project actions.

11. Noise

Potential for Significance: No.

Explanation: Project-related noise would be temporary and intermittent and would occur during daylight hours. Operational noise would not change from current ambient conditions.

12. Human Health and Safety

Potential for Significance: No.

Explanation: The projects would not generate or use hazardous materials and would not create conditions that would increase risk to human health and safety. No impact to human health and safety is expected as a result of project activities.

Evaluation of Other Integral Elements

The proposed project would also meet conditions that are integral elements of the categorical exclusion. The project would not:

Threaten a violation of applicable statutory, regulatory, or permit requirements for environment, safety, and health, or similar requirements of DOE or Executive Orders.

Explanation: N/A.

Require siting and construction or major expansion of waste storage, disposal, recovery, or treatment facilities (including incinerators) that are not otherwise categorically excluded.

Explanation: N/A.

Disturb hazardous substances, pollutants, contaminants, or CERCLA excluded petroleum and natural gas products that preexist in the environment such that there would be uncontrolled or unpermitted releases.

Explanation: N/A.

Involve genetically engineered organisms, synthetic biology, governmentally designated noxious weeds, or invasive species, unless the proposed activity would be contained or confined in a manner designed and operated to prevent unauthorized release into the environment and conducted in accordance with applicable requirements, such as those of the Department of Agriculture, the Environmental Protection Agency, and the National Institutes of Health.

Explanation: N/A.

Landowner Notification, Involvement, or Coordination

Description: The project site is on BPA fee-owned property. There are no other landowners that would need to be notified or involved.

Based on the foregoing, this proposed project does not have the potential to cause significant impacts to any environmentally sensitive resource.

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