

# Categorical Exclusion Determination

Bonneville Power Administration  
Department of Energy



**Proposed Action:** Ross Dog Water Fountain

**LURR No.:** 20020323 Rev. 4

**Project Manager:** Christine Kimball – TERR-3

**Location:** Vancouver, WA

**Categorical Exclusion Applied (from Subpart D, 10 C.F.R. Part 1021):** B4.9 Multiple use of powerline rights-of-way

**Description of the Proposed Action:** Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) proposes to allow Dog Owners Group for Park Access in Washington (DOGPAW) and Cynthia Franke to install a 5/8-inch PVC water line and dog water fountain feature in BPA fee-owned right-of-way. The water line and water fountain feature would be located under the North Bonneville-Ross No 1 transmission line between structures 36/4 and 37/1 where there is a local dog park. The water line would be approximately 131-feet long and would require a 16-inch deep trench along the fence line of the small dog area in the Ross Dog Park. The project area has been previously disturbed and is partially vegetated with herbaceous species.

**Findings:** In accordance with Section 1021.410(b) 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, July 9, 1996; 61 FR 64608, Dec. 6, 1996, 76 FR 63764, Nov. 14, 2011), BPA has determined that the proposed action:

- (1) fits within a class of actions listed in Appendix B of 10 CFR 1021, Subpart D see attached Environmental Checklist);
- (2) does not present any extraordinary circumstances that may affect the significance of the environmental effects of the proposal; and
- (3) has not been segmented to meet the definition of a categorical exclusion.

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

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Date: October 29, 2014

2 Attachments:  
Environmental Checklist  
Inadvertent Discovery Language

## Categorical Exclusion Environmental Checklist

This checklist 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

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### Evaluation of Potential Impacts to Environmental Resources

Environmental Resource Impacts	No Potential for Significance	No Potential for Significance, with Conditions
1. <b>Historic and Cultural Resources</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p><u>Explanation:</u> The initiation of consultation was sent to SHPO and the Cowlitz Indian Tribe on August 1, 2014. SHPO concurred with the Determination of No Historic Properties Affected made by the cultural resource specialist on September 29, 2014. The Cowlitz Indian Tribe responded on October 21, 2014 and recommended that an Inadvertent Discovery Plan be attached (see Attachment 1).</p>		
2. <b>Geology and Soils</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p><u>Explanation:</u> Minimal soil disturbance will occur.</p>		
3. <b>Plants</b> (including federal/state special-status species)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p><u>Explanation:</u> Project area has been previously disturbed and is only partially vegetated.</p>		
4. <b>Wildlife</b> (including federal/state special-status species and habitats)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p><u>Explanation:</u> Project area has been previously disturbed and is only partially vegetated.</p>		

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



Explanation:

No water bodies or floodplains present in the project area.

6. **Wetlands**



Explanation:

No wetland indicators are present.

7. **Groundwater and Aquifers**



Explanation:

Maximum depth of disturbance is 16 inches.

8. **Land Use and Specially Designated Areas**



Explanation:

Temporary disturbance during construction.

9. **Visual Quality**



Explanation:

The proposed water line would be buried and therefore would not be visible.

10. **Air Quality**



Explanation:

Temporary dust and vehicle emissions during construction.

11. **Noise**



Explanation:

Temporary noise during construction.

12. **Human Health and Safety**



Explanation:

A dig permit is required due to the project location at the Ross Complex.

### 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, if necessary:

- Require siting and construction or major expansion of waste storage, disposal, recovery, or treatment facilities

(including incinerators) that are not otherwise categorically excluded.

Explanation, if necessary:

- 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, if necessary:

- 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, if necessary:

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#### **Landowner Notification, Involvement, or Coordination**

Description: Not applicable.

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

Signed: /s/ Elizabeth Siping

Date: October 29, 2014



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## INADVERTENT DISCOVERY LANGUAGE

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**I**n the event any archaeological or historic materials are encountered during project activity, work in the immediate area (initially allowing for a 100' buffer; this number may vary by circumstance) must stop and the following actions taken:

1. Implement reasonable measures to protect the discovery site, including any appropriate stabilization or covering; and
2. Take reasonable steps to ensure the confidentiality of the discovery site; and,
3. Take reasonable steps to restrict access to the site of discovery.

The project proponent will notify the concerned Tribes and all appropriate county, state, and federal agencies, including the Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation (SHPO in Oregon). The agencies and Tribe(s) will discuss possible measures to remove or avoid cultural material, and will reach an agreement with the project proponent regarding actions to be taken and disposition of material.

If human remains are uncovered, appropriate law enforcement agencies shall be notified first, and the above steps followed. If the remains are determined to be Native, consultation with the affected Tribes will take place in order to mitigate the final disposition of said remains.

See the Revised Code of Washington, Chapter 27.53, "Archaeological Sites and Resources," for applicable state laws and statutes. See also Washington State Executive Order 05-05, "Archaeological and Cultural Resources." Additional state and federal law(s) may also apply.

**It is strongly encouraged copies of this plan are retained on-site while project activity is underway.**

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