

memorandum

DATE: January 12, 2012

REPLY TO
ATTN OF: KEC-4

SUBJECT: Environmental Clearance Memorandum

TO: David Byrnes
Project Manager - KEW-4

Proposed Action: Construction of new office and storage building.

Fish and Wildlife Project No.: 1995-057-00

Categorical Exclusion Applied (from Subpart D, 10 C.F.R. Part 1021): B1.15 Support Buildings

Location: Fairfield, Camas County, Idaho

Proposed by: Bonneville Power Administration (BPA), Idaho Department of Fish and Game (IDFG)

Description of the Proposed Action: The Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) proposes to fund the Idaho Department of Fish and Game (IDFG) to build a new office and storage building for the Centennial Marsh Wildlife Management Area. The building would be located in Township 1 South, Range 12 East, Section 34 of the Hill City 7.5 minute quadrangle maps. The building would have a footprint of about 50 feet by 60 feet. The site has several large trees on it which currently serve as a shelterbelt next to the original farmhouse and would remain. Electricity and sewer already exist on the site.

Findings: BPA has determined that the proposed action complies with Section 1021.410 and Appendix B of Subpart D 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). The proposed action does not present any extraordinary circumstances that may affect the significance of the environmental effects of the proposal. The proposal is not connected [40 C.F.R. 1508.25(a)(1)] to other actions with potentially significant impacts, has not been segmented to meet the definition of a categorical exclusion, is not related to other proposed actions with cumulatively significant impacts [40 C.F.R. 1508.25(a)(2)], and is not precluded by 40 C.F.R. 1506.1 or 10 C.F.R. 1021.211. Moreover, the proposed action would not (i) threaten a violation of applicable statutory, regulatory, or permit requirements for environment, safety, and health, (ii) require siting and construction or major expansion of waste storage, disposal, recovery, or treatment facilities, (iii) disturb hazardous substances, pollutants, contaminants, or Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act-excluded petroleum and natural gas products that pre-exist in the environment such that there would be uncontrolled or unpermitted releases, (iv) have the potential to cause significant impacts on environmentally

sensitive resources, or (v) 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.

This proposed action meets the requirements for the Categorical Exclusion referenced above. We therefore determine that the proposed action may be categorically excluded from further NEPA review and documentation.

/s/ Hannah Dondy-Kaplan
Hannah Dondy-Kaplan
Environmental Project Manager

Concur:

/s/ Richard Yarde
Richard Yarde
Acting NEPA Compliance Officer

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Attachement:
Environmental Checklist for Categorical Exclusions

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Name of Proposed Project: Construction of new office and storage building.

Work Order #: 36435

This project does not have the potential to cause significant impacts on the following environmentally sensitive resources. See 10 CFR 1021, Subpart D, Appendix B for complete descriptions of the resources. This checklist is to be used as a summary – further discussion may be included in the Categorical Exclusion Memorandum.

<u>Environmental Resources</u>	<u>No Potential for Significance</u>	<u>No Potential, with Conditions (describe)</u>
1. Historic Properties and Cultural Resources Section 106 consultation complete with State of Idaho and Shoshone Bannock Tribes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. T & E Species, or their habitat(s) No lynx or bull trout habitat in vicinity-No Effect.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Floodplains or wetlands There are not floodplains or wetlands in the project vicinity.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Areas of special designation N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Health & safety N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Prime or unique farmlands N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. Special sources of water N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. Other (describe)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

List supporting documentation attached (if needed):

Signed: /s/ Hannah Dondy-Kaplan

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