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### **To: People Interested in the Boyer-Tillamook Access Road Improvement Project**

Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) has finalized the environmental assessment (EA) for the Boyer-Tillamook Access Road Improvement Project. Based on the Final EA, BPA is issuing a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) and has made a decision to proceed with the project. This letter describes BPA's decision, the construction schedule and how to obtain additional information.

**Background:** BPA will improve about 13.5 miles of access roads along the existing Boyer-Tillamook transmission line in Tillamook and Yamhill counties, Oregon. The road improvements are needed because the existing access roads for this transmission line are in poor condition. Access road improvements will include resurfacing roads, upgrading drainage and stream crossings, road widening and adding a small amount of new road.

BPA prepared an EA to help the agency determine if the Proposed Action would cause significant impacts that would warrant preparing an environmental impact statement. BPA released the preliminary EA for public review and comment in September 2013 and received comments from eight entities. The final EA provides responses to those comments and minor revisions to the EA. Based on the EA analysis and mitigation measures to help lessen impacts, BPA has found that the Proposed Action will not cause any significant impacts and, therefore, an environmental impact statement will not be prepared.

**Decision:** BPA has decided to proceed with the Proposed Action and will conduct access road improvements as described in the final EA. Project construction is expected to begin in August 2014 and be completed by November 2015, with breaks in construction during seasonal restrictions.

**For More Information:** The final EA, FONSI, and Mitigation Action Plan are enclosed if you previously requested them. If you did not receive a copy of any of these documents and would like one, please call our toll-free document request line at 1-800-622-4520. Leave a request naming this project and giving your name and complete mailing address. It is also available on BPA's website at [www.bpa.gov/goto/BoyerTillamookAccessRoads](http://www.bpa.gov/goto/BoyerTillamookAccessRoads).

If you need more information or have any questions, please call me toll free at 1-800-622-4519, or e-mail me at [jsemrau@bpa.gov](mailto:jsemrau@bpa.gov). Thank you for your interest in our work.

Sincerely,

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**Enclosures (if requested):**

Final EA

FONSI/Mitigation Action Plan