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In reply refer to: KEC-4

To: People Interested in the Chief Joseph Hatchery Program

Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) has prepared the enclosed Record of Decision (ROD) for the Chief Joseph Hatchery Program. The Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for this project was previously provided.

Proposal

BPA proposes to fund the construction, operation, and maintenance of the Chief Joseph Hatchery and associated facilities in Okanogan County, Washington and adopt the mitigation measures in the Mitigation Action Plan. All practicable means to avoid or minimize environmental harm are adopted. The hatchery program will produce juvenile Chinook salmon and will help mitigate for the effects of the Federal Columbia River Power System on fish and wildlife by enhancing Chinook populations below Chief Joseph Dam in the Okanogan River subbasin and upper middle Columbia River subbasin, and by complementing other on-going salmon protection and mitigation measures. The U. S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), the operator of the Chief Joseph Dam, is a federal cooperating agency under NEPA; the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation are the project sponsors and will own and operate the Chinook salmon production program and hatchery facilities. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's National Marine Fisheries Service, the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service; and the State of Washington's Department of Fish and Wildlife were consulted during the development of the EIS. BPA is issuing this ROD for its actions only; the USACE will issue its own separate ROD.

Copies Available

If you would like additional copies of this ROD, or of the EIS, please call our toll-free document request line: 1-800-622-4520. Leave a message naming this project and giving your name and complete mailing address. It is also available on our website at www.efw.bpa.gov.

For More Information

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

Sincerely,

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Enclosure:
ROD