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To: People Interested in the Kootenai River Ecosystems Project

Proposal: The Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) is proposing to fund an effort by the Kootenai Tribe of Idaho and the Idaho Department of Fish and Game to add liquid nitrogen and phosphorus to the Kootenai River from late June through September for up to 5 years. The goal of this project is to enhance river health and native fish populations such as trout, kokanee, mountain whitefish, burbot, and white sturgeon. The liquid nutrients would be added to the river through a temporary gravity-fed system from holding tanks near Leonia, Lincoln County, Montana. The project would be temporary and monitored to determine the effects of the nutrients on the ecosystem and water quality.

Comment Opportunity: We have prepared a Preliminary Environmental Assessment (EA) to analyze the potential environmental consequences of this proposed action and we would like to hear your views. This Preliminary EA has been prepared following regulations of the National Environmental Policy Act and is enclosed for your review.

Please send any comments you may have by **May 5, 2005**, so that they may be considered in our decision on this project. Choose the way you would like to comment:

Mail comments to Bonneville Power Administration
Communications – DM-7
P.O. Box 14428
Portland, OR 97293-4428

FAX comments to 503-230-3285

OR Submit comments **On-Line** at www.bpa.gov/comment/.

When commenting, please refer to this project title: Kootenai River Ecosystems Project Preliminary EA.

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For More Information: If you need more information or have any questions, please call me toll free at 1-800-282-3713, or e-mail me at caspiering@bpa.gov. Thank you for your interest in our work.

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