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ENVIRONMENT, FISH AND WILDLIFE

June 26, 2006

In reply refer to: KEC-4

Mr. Antone Minthorn, Chairman
Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation
P.O. Box 638
Pendleton, OR 97801

Subject: Lyle Falls Fish Passage Project

Dear Mr. Minthorn:

The Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) has prepared the enclosed Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for this project. BPA proposes to improve the existing Lyle Falls Fishway in Klickitat County, near Lyle, Washington. The improvements would ease fish passage to upstream high quality habitat in the Klickitat Basin and improve capabilities to trap and handle adult fish. The enclosed Notice of Intent provides additional information regarding this proposed project.

The Notice of Intent also gives information on comment opportunities and a public meeting to help determine the range of actions, alternatives, and impacts to address in the EIS. The public meeting, as well as a field trip to the site, is scheduled for July 11, 2006. If your Tribe would like to meet with us separately, please call me at (503) 230-7692, or e-mail me at cjkeller@bpa.gov. You may also call us toll-free at (800) 622-4519.

Sincerely,

/s/ Carl J. Keller June 26, 2006

Carl J. Keller
Environmental Project Manager

Enclosure:
Notice of Intent to Prepare an EIS

cc: (with enclosure)
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