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In reply refer to: KEC-4

**To: People Interested in the Nelson Springs Project**

*Design and Construction of Office Complex-Yakima/Klickitat Fisheries Project and Notice of Floodplain and Wetlands Involvement*

**Proposal:** This letter announces BPA's proposal to fund the construction of a modular office complex in a floodplain and potentially in wetlands located in Yakima County, Washington. This building would replace the two existing buildings that house some of the Yakama Nation's Fisheries Department staff. The proposed location of the new building is 771 Pence Road, northwest of the city of Yakima in T13N, R18E, Sec 9 of the Selah Quadrangle. The site is approximately 125 meters from the Naches River and 20 meters from Buckskin Slough. The existing house and modular building would be removed and the new office complex would be built at a different on-site location.

The proposed project construction would be within the 100-year floodplains of Naches Creek. A wetland delineation will be completed to determine the presence and location of any wetlands on the site. In accordance with DOE regulations for compliance with floodplain and wetlands environmental review requirements, the new construction would be located outside of the designated floodway and would be designed not to flood or affect flood behavior during 100-year flood events. BPA will prepare a floodplain and wetlands assessment and will perform this proposed action in a manner to avoid or minimize potential harm to or within the affected floodplain and wetlands. The assessment and a floodplain statement of findings will be made available to all interested parties upon request.

**Comment Opportunities:**

Please provide any comments you may have on this proposal no later than **October 22, 2009** to: Communications, Bonneville Power Administration - KC-7, P.O. Box 12999, Portland, Oregon 97212, or e-mail: [comment@bpa.gov](mailto:comment@bpa.gov).

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Thank you for your interest in this project.

Sincerely,

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