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TRANSMISSION SERVICES

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In reply refer to: TEP-TPP-1

To: People interested in the Spar Canyon-Round Valley Service Road Project

The Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) has issued a finding of no significant impact (FONSI) for the Spar Canyon-Round Valley Service Road Project and Right-of-Way Amendment 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 construct a service road along about 5 miles of its existing Spar Canyon-Round Valley transmission line located on Bureau of Land Management (BLM) land in Custer County, Idaho. The project will provide BPA with continued safe and reliable access for operation and maintenance of the BPA transmission system.

BPA and BLM prepared an environmental assessment (EA) on the project to help the agencies determine if the project would cause significant impacts that would warrant preparing an environmental impact statement. The EA was released for public review and comment on July 24th, 2018; and two comments were received. In consideration of these public comments, and based on the EA analysis and mitigation measures to help lessen impacts, BPA has found that the project will not cause significant impacts and, therefore, an environmental impact statement will not be prepared.

Separately, BLM issued its environmental findings and a decision notice through the BLM ePlanning website: https://www.blm.gov/epl-front-office/eplanning/nepa/nepa_register.do. Project construction is scheduled to begin in summer 2019 and continue through early fall 2019.

Copies Available: The EA, FONSI, and mitigation action plan are available on BPA's website at www.bpa.gov/goto/SparCanyon. If you previously requested a copy of the documents, they are enclosed. If you would like to obtain paper copies of any of these documents, 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.

For More Information: If you have questions regarding the environmental process, please contact the Environmental Protection Specialist, Jeffrey J. Maslow, toll-free at 800-622-4519, directly at 503-230-3928, or by e-mail at jjmaslow@bpa.gov.

If you have other questions or would like more project information, please call me at the toll-free number listed above, directly at 360-619-6234, or by e-mail at tawehner@bpa.gov.

Thank you for your interest in our work.

Sincerely,

/s/ Todd Wehner

Todd Wehner

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Enclosures (if requested):

FONSI

Mitigation Action Plan