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To: Parties Interested in Spar Canyon-Round Valley Service Road Project and Right-of-Way Amendment

Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) have prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) for BPA's proposed access road project along its Spar Canyon-Round Valley transmission line. This letter requests your comments on the EA and outlines the next steps for the project.

BPA's access road project would involve constructing about four miles of access road, developing fords where roads cross drainages, and acquiring access rights from BLM. The BLM Challis Field Office is reviewing an application to amend BPA's existing right-of-way for the proposed access road project. The EA describes the project and why it is needed, discusses the environmental impacts that would result, and lists mitigation measures that would lessen or eliminate those impacts.

How to Comment: The EA can be viewed at BPA's project website at www.bpa.gov/goto/SparCanyon or on the Idaho BLM website at https://www.blm.gov/epl-front-office/eplanning/nepa/nepa_register.do. If you would like a hard copy (about 80 pages), please call BPA's toll-free document request line listed below. Please leave a message with the full project name (i.e., Spar Canyon-Round Valley Service Road Project and Right-of-Way Amendment), your name, and complete mailing address.

Please send comments on the EA by **August 9, 2018**. Comments received will be posted on the BPA project website. There are several ways to comment:

Mail:	Bonneville Power Administration Public Affairs – DKE-7 P.O. Box 14428 Portland, OR 97293-4428	FAX:	503-230-4019
		Online:	www.bpa.gov/comment
		Email:	comment@bpa.gov

If no comments are received, the BLM will issue a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) and decision record. The BLM would then offer an amended ROW grant to BPA, including the applicable terms and conditions. BPA plans to issue its own FONSI, if warranted, and would start construction in summer 2019.

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

If you have questions about the BLM right-of-way amendment or environmental review, please contact Becky Lazdauskas, Realty Specialist at 208-524-7521 or rlazdauskas@blm.gov.

If you have other questions or would like more project information, please call the BPA Project Manager Todd Wehner toll-free at 800-622-4519, directly at 360-619-6234, or by email at tawehner@bpa.gov.

Thank you for your interest in this project.

Sincerely,

/s/ Theresa Berry

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Todd Kuck
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