

United States Government

Department of Energy

Bonneville Power Administration

memorandum

DATE: June 2, 2004

REPLY TO
ATTN OF: KEP-4

SUBJECT: Supplement Analysis for the Transmission System Vegetation Management Program FEIS
(DOE/EIS-0285/SA-217-Mt. Hebo Microwave Site) **Project #: V-E-04/35**

TO: Ben Tilley
Natural resource specialist – TFE/Alvey

Proposed Action: Vegetation Management for the Mt. Hebo Microwave Site

Location: The project is located in Yamhill County, Oregon in the BPA Eugene Region.

Proposed by: Bonneville Power Administration (BPA).

Description of the Proposal: BPA is proposing to conduct vegetation control activities for the Mt. Hebo Microwave site.

Analysis: A Vegetation Management Checklist was completed for project corridor in accordance with the requirements identified in the Bonneville Power Administrations Transmission System Vegetation Management Program FEIS (DOE/EIS-0285).

The project area is located within the Siuslaw National Forest and is part of the Mt. Hebo Special Interest Area. Coordination with the Wildlife Biologist of the Mt. Hebo Ranger District has taken place and ensures that the proposed actions are consistent with the Management Plan for the Mt. Hebo Special Interest Area.

Section 3 of the checklist identifies the natural resources present in the area of the proposed work. The following summarizes natural resources occurring in the project area along with applicable mitigation measures.

Water Resources: There are no water bodies located near the project area.

Threatened and Endangered Species/Essential Fish Habitat: Pursuant to its obligations under the Endangered Species Act, BPA has made a determination of whether its proposed project will have any effects on any listed species. A species list was received from the United States Fish and Wildlife Service on August 6, 2003 (a species list update was received via fax on March 16, 2004) concerning listed, proposed, and candidate species potentially occurring near the project area. In addition, a review of species and essential fish habitat under the jurisdiction of NOAA Fisheries was conducted. An analysis of each species that may potentially occur within or near the project area determined that this project would have **No Effect** on T&E listed species, their critical habitat or Essential Fish Habitat.

Cultural Resources: There are no known cultural or archaeological resource sites in the project area. No ground disturbing activities will take place during this project. If a site is discovered

during the course of vegetation control, work will be stopped and the BPA Environmental Specialist will be contacted.

Re-Vegetation: Since the fenced yard is to be maintained free of all vegetation, no re-vegetation activities will take place.

Monitoring: The project area will be inspected during the work period. Additionally the project area will be monitored up to 4 times per year after treatment to monitor the effectiveness of the treatment and any issues associated with the project.

Findings: This Supplement Analysis finds that (1) the proposed actions are substantially consistent with the Transmission System Vegetation Management Program FEIS (DOE/EIS-0285) and ROD, and; (2) there are no new circumstances or information relevant to environmental concerns and bearing on the proposed actions or their impacts. Therefore, no further NEPA documentation is required.

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Attachment:
Vegetation Management Checklist

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Official File – KEP (EQ-14)