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ENVIRONMENT, FISH AND WILDLIFE

August 31, 2015

In reply refer to: KEC-4

Dear Landowner/interested party:

The Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) intends to fund the purchase of approximately 15 acres of habitat along Taneum Creek in Kittitas County, Washington State. When the purchase is complete, the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) will own and manage the property for fish and wildlife conservation purposes and BPA will receive a conservation easement to ensure that the habitat values on the property are always protected. This purchase partially fulfills commitments made between BPA, other federal agencies and the Yakama Nation in the historic 2008 Columbia Basin Fish Accords. BPA is sending this letter to inform nearby residents and other interested parties of this land purchase.

The funding will be provided as part of BPA's ongoing efforts to protect, restore and enhance habitat for chinook, coho, steelhead, and bull trout as mitigation for the construction and operation of the federal hydroelectric facilities on the Columbia River.

Enclosed you will find a map detailing this land transaction. BPA has prepared a memo and environmental checklist documenting that no further environmental review of this funding action is required under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). This documentation, known as a categorical exclusion, was approved on August 26, 2015 and is posted on BPA's website at: http://www.efw.bpa.gov/environmental_services/categorialexclusions.aspx

WDFW will incorporate the Taneum Creek property into the existing L.T. Murray Wildlife Areas Management Plan to guide the protection and enhancement of fish and wildlife habitat on the property. BPA, WDFW and the Yakama Nation will review the plan for consistency with the agreement and purpose of the acquisition. If BPA proposes to fund any restoration activities on this property, additional environmental review would be conducted.

If you have any questions regarding this land purchase, please feel free to contact the project manager, Sandra Fife at 503-230-3678, or safife@bpa.gov. You can also call toll free 800-622-4519. Please refer to the Taneum Creek land acquisition.

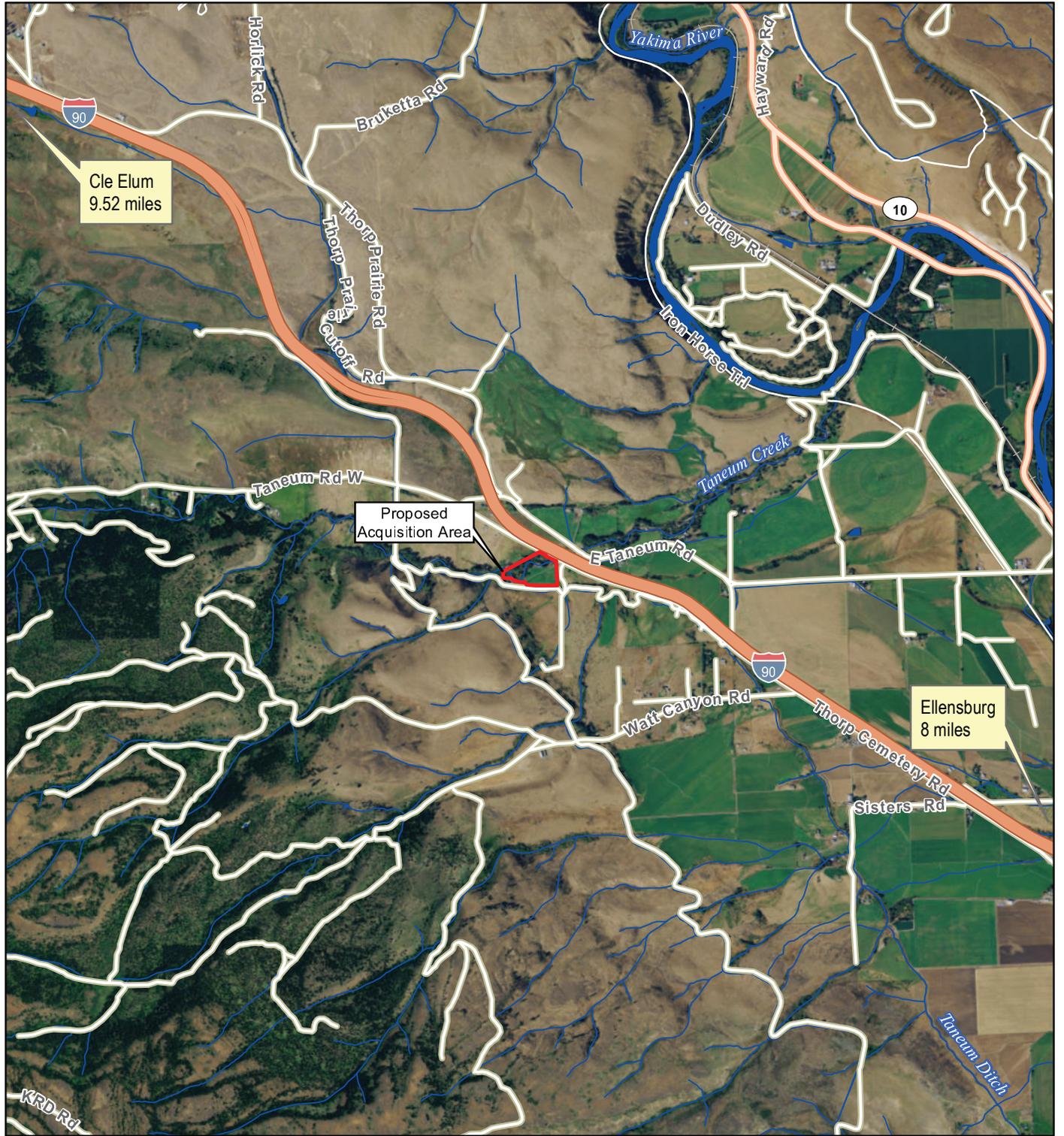
Sincerely,

/s/ Donald L. Rose

Donald L. Rose

Supervisory Environmental Protection Specialist – KEC-4

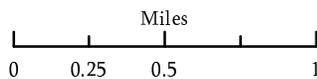
Enclosure: Vicinity Map



Taneum Creek Land Acquisition Public Notification Map

Kittitas County, WA - Thorp 24k USGS Quad
(15.29 Acres)

 Proposed Acquisition Area



August 20, 2015

