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In reply refer to: FOIA #BPA-2014-01504-F

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Ms. Peters:

We have received your request for records under the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. § 552) from the U.S. Department of the Interior – Bureau of Land Management (DOI-BLM). Your letter was received by Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) on July 28, 2014, and has been assigned control number BPA-2014-01504-F. Please use this number in any correspondence with the agency about your request.

You requested:

"A list of all site-specific projects the Bureau of Land Management has approved within Bull Trout Critical designated critical habitat since 2011 and all associated decision documents for these projects (EA and Decision Notices and ROD and Environmental Impact Statements), including any that implement INFISH Management Direction (Interim Management Strategy for Anadromous Fish Producing Watersheds).

All bull trout specific Biological Opinions and Assessments as produced for the BLM in the areas of Oregon, Idaho, Washington, and Montana since 2011."

Response:

On July 23, 2014, the DOI-BLM transferred your request to us with a request to review "one revised draft document (totaling 86 pages)." This document is entitled, *Kootenai River Habitat Restoration Project Phase I, Braided Reach I Implementation – Draft Biological Assessment.* We have reviewed this record and are releasing it in full.

Appeal:

You may still seek administrative appeal pursuant to Department of Energy FOIA regulations at 10 C.F.R. § 1004.8 if you feel the search was not adequate. If you choose to appeal, you must do so in writing within 30 days, and include the following information:

- (1) The nature of your appeal denial of records, partial denial of records, adequacy of search, or denial of fee waiver;
- (2) Any legal authorities relied upon to support the appeal; and
- (3) A copy of this determination letter.

Clearly mark both your letter and envelope with the words "FOIA Appeal," and direct it to the following address:

Director, Office of Hearings and Appeals Department of Energy 1000 Independence Avenue SW Washington DC 20585-1615

I appreciate the opportunity to assist you. If you have any questions about this letter, please contact Colleen Cushnie, FOIA Case Officer (BPA Contractor, ACS), at (503) 230-5986.

Sincerely,

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Cc: Ms. Yadyra Esparza, Bureau of Land Management Attachments

Kootenai River Habitat Restoration Project Phase 1, Braided Reach 1 Implementation Draft Biological Assessment

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