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**BPA to meet with public for feedback on proposed  
transmission system upgrades**

**Portland, Ore.** - The Bonneville Power Administration will hold five public meetings to solicit public feedback on proposed upgrades to its transmission system in Montana, Idaho, and Washington. The first two meetings will be this week in Lewiston, Idaho and Spokane, Wash.

The proposed upgrades would increase available transmission capacity from BPA's Garrison Substation in western Montana to power markets that serve the entire Northwest. Alternative locations will be evaluated for a new substation in western Montana, including sites in the vicinity of Missoula and St. Regis; and replacing 12 miles of existing wire on BPA's existing Taft-Dworshak transmission.

BPA's project team looks forward to talking with local residents. Public feedback guides BPA's development of the environmental impact statement (EIS) which assesses potential impacts of the project. BPA will use the EIS to decide whether or not to undertake the project.

At the public meetings, community members can share questions, concerns and local knowledge about the potential environmental and social impacts the EIS should address. This review provides the information needed to make well-informed decisions.

Public meetings will be held at the following locations:

**May 22, 2012**  
5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.  
Lewiston Community Center  
1424 Main Street  
Lewiston, ID 83501

**May 23, 2012**  
5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.  
Linwood Elementary School  
906 West Weile Avenue  
Spokane, WA 99208

**June 12, 2012**

5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.  
Missoula Fire Department, Station 4  
3011 Latimor Street  
Missoula, MT 59808

**June 13, 2012**

5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.  
St. Regis School  
6 Tiger Street  
St. Regis, MT 59866

**June 14, 2012**

5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.  
Wallace Inn  
100 Front Street  
Wallace, ID 83873

Residents who cannot attend the meetings can learn about the proposed transmission upgrade at: [www.bpa.gov/go/M2W](http://www.bpa.gov/go/M2W). Or, send comments to [www.bpa.gov/comment](http://www.bpa.gov/comment). Please submit comments by July 2, 2012 and reference Montana-to-Washington Transmission System Upgrade Project.

**About BPA**

BPA is a non-profit federal agency that markets renewable hydropower from federal Columbia River dams, operates three-quarters of high-voltage transmission lines in the Northwest and funds one of the largest wildlife protection and restoration programs in the world. BPA and its partners have also saved enough electricity through energy efficiency projects to power four large American cities. For more information, contact us at 503-230-5131 or visit our website at [www.bpa.gov](http://www.bpa.gov).

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