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**BPA to host open house on Clark Fork River delta project**

**Portland, Ore.** – Area residents and interested parties are invited to an open house on Wednesday, July 31, to learn more about and express their opinions on a proposed habitat restoration project in the Clark Fork River Delta on Lake Pend Oreille, Idaho.

The Bonneville Power Administration is considering funding the proposed work by Idaho Department of Fish and Game. Other federal partners involved in the project are the Bureau of Land Management and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. These agencies are seeking public comment as they begin to develop an Environmental Assessment as part of their responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act.

Comments gathered during the public comment period, open through Aug. 19, will help determine the scope of the EA and what questions and issues that document should address.

The purpose of IDFG's proposed project is to protect, improve and restore riparian and wetland habitats in the Clark Fork River Delta that have been impacted by annual fluctuations in the water levels at Lake Pend Oreille.

This project is part of a larger, ongoing restoration effort in northern Idaho and eastern Washington designed to mitigate for the construction and continued operation of Albeni Falls hydroelectric project.

The meeting will take place from 4-7 p.m. on Wednesday, July 31, at the Panhandle State Bank Community Room in Sandpoint, Idaho.

A brief overview of the project will be given by BPA and IDFG representatives at 5 p.m. Prior to and following the presentation, those representatives will be available to answer questions and listen to any ideas and comments from the public.

For more information on the project, visit [www.bpa.gov/goto/ClarkForkRiverDelta](http://www.bpa.gov/goto/ClarkForkRiverDelta).

BPA is also accepting comments online at [www.bpa.gov/comment](http://www.bpa.gov/comment), over the phone at 800-622-4519 or via fax at 503-230-3285. Please reference “Clark Fork River Delta” with comments. All comments received will be posted online at [www.bpa.gov/comment](http://www.bpa.gov/comment).

SUGGESTED INFO BOX:

**Clark Fork River Delta Open House**

4-7 p.m., Wednesday, July 31

Panhandle State Bank Community Room

414 Church Street, Sandpoint, Idaho

For more information: [www.bpa.gov/goto/ClarkForkRiverDelta](http://www.bpa.gov/goto/ClarkForkRiverDelta)

*BPA is a nonprofit 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 [www.bpa.gov](http://www.bpa.gov).*

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