The Bonneville Power Administration proposes to fund the acquisition of wildlife mitigation lands in the Calispell Creek watershed in Pend Oreille County, Wash. BPA funds the Albeni Falls Wildlife Mitigation Program, which is tasked with the acquisition and restoration of key habitats within the larger Pend Oreille Watershed. This is a mitigation program that purchases private land to be owned and managed by program participants for the protection, mitigation, and enhancement of wildlife affected by the construction and operation of the federal hydroelectric facilities on the Columbia River.

BPA is currently working with the Kalispel Tribe to acquire and manage a 420-acre parcel (see map below) of land within Pend Oreille County, Wash. The property proposed for acquisition supports diverse wildlife and wildlife habitats, including wetlands that will provide BPA with credits for partial mitigation of wildlife habitat losses due to the construction of Albeni Falls Dam. The 420-acre parcel will be owned and managed by the Kalispel Tribe for the purpose of wildlife mitigation.

**Land to get management plan**

Once these lands have been acquired, the Kalispel Tribe will develop a management plan to guide the protection and enhancement of resources on the property. The public will be given the opportunity to review and provide comments on the management plan. The Kalispel Tribe will provide information about opportunities for public involvement in the development of the management plan for this property in the future.

Pending BPA approval of the management plan, no forest management, grazing or other land management activities will occur except maintenance and protection such as weed control or fence maintenance.

**For more information**

If you have any questions regarding this proposal or would like additional information, please contact Shannon Stewart at (503) 230-5928 or scstewart@bpa.gov.

For information on the Kalispel Tribe’s land acquisition or management program, you can call Stacey Stovall with the Kalispel Tribe at (509) 445-1147 or send an e-mail to sstovall@knrd.org.