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To: Interested Stakeholders

Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) has prepared a Record of Decision (ROD) for the 2008 Columbia Basin Fish Accords Memorandum Of Agreement (MOA) with the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes. This ROD is tiered to BPA's Fish and Wildlife Implementation Plan Environmental Impact Statement (FWIP EIS) (DOE/EIS-0312, April 2003) and ROD (October 31, 2003), developed pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act.

Decision: BPA has decided to enter into a MOA with the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes of the Fort Hall Indian Reservation in Idaho and two Federal agencies (the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation) to provide for 10-year mutual commitments to implement projects for the benefit of fish and wildlife within the Columbia River Basin. BPA believes the agreement will benefit fish and wildlife in the region by providing additional actions, greater clarity regarding biological benefits, and secure funding. The agreement also provides substantial benefits for wildlife and fish populations, both anadromous and resident fish, within the Basin and within Idaho.

The FWIP ROD adopted a policy direction for BPA's fish and wildlife mitigation and recovery efforts. BPA has reviewed the MOA and determined that the decision to enter into the agreement and to fund the associated activities is consistent with that policy and would not result in significantly different environmental effects from those examined in the FWIP EIS. BPA therefore has decided to tier the 2008 Columbia Basin Fish Accords MOA with the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes to the FWIP EIS and ROD. Prior to implementation of any BPA-funded activity, BPA will conduct additional environmental review as appropriate, as discussed in this ROD.

Copies: For a copy of this ROD, you may call our toll-free document request line at: 1-800-622-4520. Please leave a message specifying the 2008 Columbia Basin Fish Accords MOA with the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes ROD, and provide your name and complete mailing address. The ROD is also available at <http://www.bpa.gov/corporate/pubs/rods/>.

For More Information: If you have questions pertaining to the 2008 Columbia Basin Fish Accords MOA with the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes, please call Lorri Bodi at 206-220-6768 or toll-free at 1-800-282-3713, or e-mail her flbodi@bpa.gov. If you have questions pertaining to the NEPA assessment in the ROD please contact Sandra Ackley, at 503-230-3824 or toll-free at 1-800-282-3713, or e-mail her at sjackley@bpa.gov.

Sincerely,

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