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ENVIRONMENT, FISH AND WILDLIFE

March 1, 2019

In reply refer to: EC-4

To: People Interested in the Post-Fire Cheatgrass Control Project

The Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) has prepared a draft environmental assessment (EA) for the proposed Post-Fire Cheatgrass Control Project. The EA describes the project and why it is needed, discusses the potential environmental impacts of the project, and lists the mitigation measures that would lessen those impacts. This letter requests your comments on the draft EA, and outlines the next steps for the project.

How to Comment: The EA can be viewed at the project website at www.bpa.gov/goto/Cheatgrass. If you requested a hard copy, it is enclosed. If you would like to request a hard copy (about 77 pages), please call our toll-free line at 1-800-622-4520. Please leave a message with the project name, your name, and complete mailing address.

Please send your comments on the EA by **March 15, 2019** and reference the Post-Fire Cheatgrass Control Project. We will consider all comments submitted during the comment period and provide responses to substantive comments in the final EA. In addition, comments will be available on the project website. There are several ways to comment:

Mail: Bonneville Power Administration Public Affairs – DKE-7 P.O. Box 14428 Portland, OR 97291-4428	Toll-free: 800-622-4519 Fax: 503-230-4019 Online: www.bpa.gov/comment
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Schedule: The schedule for the EA process is as follows:

Comment scoping period	December 28, 2018 thru January 28, 2019
Draft EA available for public comment	March 1 through March 15, 2019
Final EA	Spring 2019
Finding of No Significant Impact (if warranted)	Spring 2019
If decision to build, construction start	Spring 2019

For More Information: If you have questions regarding the environmental process, please contact me at 503-230-3018, or by e-mail at cjhamel@bpa.gov, or contact Rob Shull, Contract Environmental Protection Specialist, First Tek Professional Staffing, at 503-230-3962, or by e-mail at rwshull@bpa.gov.

Thank you for your interest in our work.

Sincerely,

/s/ Chad J. Hamel

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Enclosures:

Draft EA (if requested)
Comment Form
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