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Department of Energy
Bonneville Power Administration

memorandum

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REPLY TO
ATTN OF: KEP-4

SUBJECT: Supplement Analysis for the Transmission System Vegetation Management Program FEIS
(DOE/EIS-0285/SA-02)

TO: Bill Erickson - TFP/Walla Walla
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Proposed Action: Danger tree clearing on nine ROWs. Locations are: the Franklin-Badger Canyon #2; Hedges Tap; White Bluffs-Richland; Grandview-Richland; Badger Canyon-Richland; Franklin-Riverview; Taylor Flats Tap; Walla Walla-Pendleton; and McNary-Slatt Transmission lines.

Location: All ROWs are located in the Walla Walla Region.

Proposed by: Bonneville Power Administration (BPA).

Description of the Proposed Action: BPA proposes to clear danger trees from varying widths of the indicated transmission line rights-of way that are approaching electrical clearance zones in accordance with the National Electrical Safety Code and BPA Standards. See Section 1.1 of the attachment. BPA is clearing the danger trees to prevent them from falling or growing into the lines causing outages.

Analysis: This project meets the standards and guidelines for the Transmission System Vegetation Management Program Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and Record of Decision (ROD). The planning step are described in the attached checklist. See attachment.

This Supplement Analysis finds that 1) the proposed actions are substantially consistent with the Transmission System Vegetation Management Program FEIS (DOE/EIS-0285) and ROD, and; 2) there are no new circumstances or information relevant to environmental concerns and bearing on the proposed actions or their impacts. Therefore, no further NEPA documentation is required.

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Attachment: Vegetation Management Checklist