



## Department of Energy

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ENVIRONMENT, FISH AND WILDLIFE

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In reply refer to: EC-4

### **To: People interested in the Columbia River Basin Tributary Habitat Restoration Environmental Assessment**

The Bonneville Power Administration (Bonneville) in cooperation with the Bureau of Reclamation prepared a draft environmental assessment (EA) for the proposed Columbia River Basin Tributary Habitat Restoration program. The EA describes the program and why it is needed, discusses the environmental impacts the associated projects would create, and lists the mitigation measures that would lessen those impacts. This letter requests your comments on the EA, and outlines the next steps for the project.

**How to Comment:** The EA can be viewed at the project website at <http://www.bpa.gov/goto/TribProgrammatic>. If you would like to request a hard copy (about 250 pages), please call our toll-free document request 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 October 3, 2020 and reference the Columbia River Basin Tributary Habitat Restoration Environmental Assessment. 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:

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

Scoping comment period	<b>November 1 through November 30, 2019</b>
Draft EA available for public comment	<b>September 3, 2020 – October 16, 2020</b>
Final EA	<b>Fall 2020</b>
Finding of No Significant Impact (if warranted)	<b>Fall 2020</b>
If decision to proceed, actions would start	<b>Fall 2020</b>

**For More Information:** If you have any questions regarding the environmental process, please contact me at 503-230-5564 or email at [cjhamel@bpa.gov](mailto:cjhamel@bpa.gov), or Rob Shull, Contract Environmental Protection Specialist, CorSource Technology Group, at [rwshull@bpa.gov](mailto:rwshull@bpa.gov), or 503-230-3962.

Thank you for your interest in our work.

Sincerely,

/s/ Chad J. Hamel

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**Enclosures:**

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