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### **To People interested in the Alvey-Fairview Transmission Line Rebuild**

Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) has finalized the environmental assessment (EA) for the Alvey-Fairview Transmission Line Rebuild. Based on the final EA, BPA is issuing a finding of no significant impact (FONSI) and has made a decision to proceed with the project. This letter describes BPA's decision, the construction schedule, and how to obtain additional information.

#### **Background:**

BPA is proposing to rebuild the Alvey-Fairview 230-kilovolt (kV) transmission line between the cities of Eugene and Coquille in Lane, Douglas and Coos counties, Oregon. The 97 mile-long rebuild would include replacement of all wood-pole structures, including cross arms, cross braces, guy wires, anchors, insulator assemblies, and switches. Some existing access roads would be improved to accommodate construction equipment and some new road access would be acquired or constructed in areas where access is not available. The line would continue to operate at 230-kV.

BPA prepared an EA to help the agency determine if the Proposed Action would cause significant impacts that would warrant preparing an environmental impact statement. BPA released the draft EA for public review and comment in February 7, 2014 and received comments from 21 entities. The final EA provides responses to those comments and minor revisions to the EA. Based on the EA analysis and mitigation measures to help lessen impacts, BPA has found that the Proposed Action will not cause any significant impacts, and, therefore, an environmental impact statement will not be prepared.

**Decision:** BPA has decided to proceed with the Proposed Action and will rebuild the Alvey-Fairview 230-kV transmission line as described in the final EA. Project construction is expected to begin in June 2014 and continue through December 2016, with breaks in construction during the winter.

**For More Information:** The final EA, FONSI, and mitigation action plan are enclosed if you previously requested them. If you did not receive a copy of any of these documents and would like one, please call our toll-free document request line at 1-800-622-4520. Leave a request naming this project and giving your name and complete mailing address. It is also available on BPA's website at [www.bpa.gov/goto/AlveyFairview](http://www.bpa.gov/goto/AlveyFairview).

Sincerely,

*/s/ Richard Heredia*

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#### **Enclosures (if requested):**

Final EA  
FONSI  
Mitigation Action Plan