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ENVIRONMENT, FISH AND WILDLIFE

August 6, 2020

In reply refer to: EC-4

To: People interested in the Birch Creek Floodplain Restoration Project

The Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) has prepared a draft environmental assessment (EA) for the proposed Birch Creek Floodplain Restoration Project. The EA describes the project and why it is needed, discusses the environmental impacts the project 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 www.bpa.gov/goto/BirchCreek. If you requested a hard copy, it is enclosed. If you would like to request a hard copy, about 85 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 **August 21, 2020** and reference the Birch Creek Floodplain Restoration 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

Toll-free: 800-622-4519
FAX: 503-230-4019
Online: www.bpa.gov/comment

Schedule: The schedule for the EA process is as follows:

Draft EA available for public comment	August 6 to August 21, 2020
Final EA	September 2020
Finding of No Significant Impact (if warranted)	September 2020
If decision to build, construction start	October 2020

For More Information: If you have questions regarding the environmental process, please contact me at 503-230-3928, or by e-mail at jjmaslow@bpa.gov. You can also reach us toll free at 1-800-622-4519.

Thank you for your interest in our work.

Sincerely,

/s/ Jeff Maslow

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Enclosures:

Draft EA (if requested)

Comment Form

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