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ENVIRONMENT, FISH AND WILDLIFE

September 1, 2020

In reply refer to: EC-4

To: People interested in the Hood River Chinook and Steelhead, and Umatilla Steelhead Hatcheries

National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) is the lead agency and BPA is a cooperating agency on this draft environmental assessment (EA) for the Hood River Chinook and Steelhead, and Umatilla Steelhead Hatcheries. The draft EA describes the projects and why they are needed and discusses the potential environmental impacts the project would create. 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/HRUHatcheries. Please send your comments on the EA by **September 16, 2020** and reference the Hood River Chinook and Steelhead, and Umatilla Steelhead Hatcheries EA. 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
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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	September 1 -September 16, 2020
Final EA	Fall 2020
Finding of No Significant Impact (if warranted)	Fall/Winter 2020

For More Information: If you have questions regarding the environmental process, please contact me at 503-230-5756, or by e-mail at esgresh@bpa.gov. You can also reach us toll free at 1-800-622-4519.

Thank you for your interest in our work.

Sincerely,

/s/ Ted Gresh

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