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In reply refer to: ECF-4

To: People interested in the Middle Entiat River Restoration Project

In February 2016 the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA), in cooperation with the Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation), initiated a National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process by requesting public input in advance of preparing an environmental assessment (EA) that would analyze the effects of the proposed Middle Entiat River Restoration Project in Chelan County, Washington. The public letter briefly explained what was being proposed, outlined the environmental review process and schedule, and requested your comments.

At this time, BPA has reallocated funding to other projects in the Upper Columbia Region and so is no longer involved with the planning and design of the Middle Entiat River Restoration Project. Reclamation has decided to allocate funding to complete the planning and design for the project along with the intent to implement the project. Reclamation is now the Lead Agency for environmental compliance, including compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act, the Endangered Species Act, and the National Historic Preservation Act.

If you have any questions related to Reclamation's NEPA process, please contact Rebecca Thompson by phone at 208-378-5191 or email at rthompson@usbr.gov.

If you have any questions regarding BPA's environmental process, please contact me by phone at 360-619-6557 or email at cjhamel@bpa.gov, or Ted Gresh, Contract Environmental Protection Specialist, CRGT, Inc., at esgresh@bpa.gov, or at 503-230-5756.

Thank you for your interest in our work.

Sincerely,

/s/ Chad Hamel

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