

Categorical Exclusion Determination

Bonneville Power Administration
Department of Energy



Proposed Action: Pride Disposal Gravel Lot Land Use Request

Project No.: 2019014

Project Manager: James Clark – TERR-Chemawa

Location: Washington County, OR

Categorical Exclusion Applied (from Subpart D, 10 C.F.R. Part 1021): B4.9 Multiple use of powerline rights-of-way

Description of the Proposed Action: Pride disposal has requested to install a new graveled lot with driveway/drive through roadway to store garbage containers less than six feet tall in BPA's Vancouver-Eugene (operated as Keeler-Oregon City #2) transmission line right-of-way.

Findings: In accordance with Section 1021.410(b) of the Department of Energy's (DOE) National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Regulations (57 FR 15144, Apr. 24, 1992, as amended at 61 FR 36221-36243, Jul. 9, 1996; 61 FR 64608, Dec. 6, 1996, 76 FR 63764, Nov. 14, 2011), BPA has determined that the proposed action:

- (1) fits within a class of actions listed in Appendix B of 10 CFR 1021, Subpart D (see attached Environmental Checklist);
- (2) does not present any extraordinary circumstances that may affect the significance of the environmental effects of the proposal; and
- (3) has not been segmented to meet the definition of a categorical exclusion.

Based on these determinations, BPA finds that the proposed action is categorically excluded from further NEPA review.

/s/ Doug Corkran

Doug Corkran
Environmental Protection Specialist

Concur:

/s/ Sarah T. Biegel

Sarah T. Biegel
NEPA Compliance Officer

Date: April 22, 2019

Attachment(s): Environmental Checklist

Categorical Exclusion Environmental Checklist

This checklist documents environmental considerations for the proposed project and explains why the project would not have the potential to cause significant impacts on environmentally sensitive resources and would meet other integral elements of the applied categorical exclusion.

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Project Site Description

The project area sits under BPA's Vancouver-Eugene (operated as Keeler-Oregon City #2) transmission line right-of-way. The area is surrounded to the east and west by Pride Disposal's graveled or paved container and drop box storage areas. The area is heavily industrial with no residences nearby. The right-of-way is currently a mowed field.

Evaluation of Potential Impacts to Environmental Resources

Environmental Resource Impacts	No Potential for Significance	No Potential for Significance, with Conditions
1. Historic and Cultural Resources	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<u>Explanation:</u> BPA's archeologist conducted a survey of the proposed use area. No cultural resources were identified. BPA determined that the proposed land use would have no potential to affect cultural or historic resources and the Oregon SHPO concurred with this determination on April 15, 2019.		
2. Geology and Soils	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<u>Explanation:</u> Some ground-disturbing work would take place, but the site is level or slightly sloped, so soils would remain on site and there are no geological concerns. No adverse impacts to soils or geology are expected.		
3. Plants (including Federal/state special-status species and habitats)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<u>Explanation:</u> The proposed land use area contains regularly mowed orchard grass, with no trees, or other special-status species present. No adverse impacts to plants are expected.		
4. Wildlife (including Federal/state special-status species and habitats)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<u>Explanation:</u> The proposed land use area contains regularly mowed orchard grass, which offers limited habitat value to wildlife. No adverse impacts to wildlife are expected.		
5. Water Bodies, Floodplains, and Fish (including Federal/state special-status species, ESUs, and habitats)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<u>Explanation:</u> The proposed land use area is upland area with streams or other water bodies in or near it. It is also out of any floodplains. No adverse impacts to waterbodies, floodplains, or fish are expected.		
6. Wetlands	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<u>Explanation:</u> The proposed land use area is upland, with no wetlands on or adjacent to it. No adverse impacts to wetlands are expected.		

7. **Groundwater and Aquifers**



Explanation: No hazardous materials are proposed for storage in the proposed land use area. No adverse impacts to groundwater or aquifers are expected.

8. **Land Use and Specially-Designated Areas**



Explanation: The proposed land use would be an extension of the surrounding land use (garbage container and dropbox storage areas). No adverse impact to existing land use is expected.

9. **Visual Quality**



Explanation: The proposed land use would be an extension of the surrounding land use (garbage container and dropbox storage areas) and would look similar. No adverse impacts to visual quality are expected.

10. **Air Quality**



Explanation: Some minor vehicle emissions and dust would be generated during the installation of the gravel lot, but this would be temporary and minor. No adverse impacts to air quality are expected.

11. **Noise**



Explanation: The proposed land use is in an existing industrial area with high noise levels. Additional noise from construction would not rise above the already high ambient noise levels. No adverse impacts from noise are expected.

12. **Human Health and Safety**



Explanation: The proposed land use is an extension of similar land use and activities in the area and would not add any additional human health and safety issues. No adverse impacts to human health and safety are expected.

Evaluation of Other Integral Elements

The proposed project would also meet conditions that are integral elements of the categorical exclusion. The project would not:

- Threaten a violation of applicable statutory, regulatory, or permit requirements for environment, safety, and health, or similar requirements of DOE or Executive Orders.

Explanation, if necessary:

- Require siting and construction or major expansion of waste storage, disposal, recovery, or treatment facilities (including incinerators) that are not otherwise categorically excluded.

Explanation, if necessary:

- Disturb hazardous substances, pollutants, contaminants, or CERCLA excluded petroleum and natural gas products that preexist in the environment such that there would be uncontrolled or unpermitted releases.

Explanation, if necessary:

- Involve genetically engineered organisms, synthetic biology, governmentally designated noxious weeds, or invasive species, unless the proposed activity would be contained or confined in a manner designed and operated to prevent unauthorized release into the environment and conducted in accordance with applicable requirements, such as those of the Department of Agriculture, the Environmental Protection Agency, and the National Institutes of Health.

Explanation, if necessary:

Landowner Notification, Involvement, or Coordination

Description: No landowner notification or coordination is needed.

Based on the foregoing, this proposed project does not have the potential to cause significant impacts to any environmentally sensitive resource.

Signed: /s/ Doug Corkran
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Date: April 22, 2019