

Access Road Program

The Access Road Program includes 19 road improvement projects located in or near various transmission corridors throughout the BPA system. The access road projects include one or more of the following improvements: new road construction, new surface layer of rock, ditches and culverts, removing fishery blockages, and bridge replacements.

The 19 road improvement projects provide important access to BPA's Direct Current line and to transmission lines that are significant to Western Electricity Coordinating Council (WECC) and/or Operating Bulletin-19. In a few cases there is no access to individual line structures and these can only be reached by ATV or on foot. These improvements will provide access for both emergency and routine patrol, improve safety, decrease outage times and improve maintenance access. New hard surfaces, ditches, culverts and new bridges will also mitigate potential for erosion and sedimentation into nearby streams.

Program capital cost:

The total capital cost for this program is estimated to be \$22.2 million, including overheads and AFUDC and these 19 road improvements are scheduled to be completed by September 30, 2010.