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## **BPA seeks comment on draft study of proposed rebuild of Grand Coulee-Creston line**

**Portland, Ore.** - The Bonneville Power Administration invites members of the public to comment on the draft environmental study for the proposed 28-mile Grand Coulee-Creston Transmission Line Rebuild Project in Washington. The draft Environmental Assessment describes the project and why it is needed, discusses the environmental impacts it would create, and lists the mitigation measures that would lessen or eliminate those impacts.

“Our project team looks forward to talking to local residents,” said project manager Erich Orth. “Feedback on the draft Environmental Assessment is considered before a final decision is made on whether or not to proceed with the project.”

The 115-kilovolt wood-pole line between the cities of Coulee Dam in Grant County and Creston in Lincoln County has aged over the decades since it was built in 1941. Although routine maintenance has been performed on the line, all wood poles and wires must be replaced due to rot and deterioration. The proposed project would require developing temporary access roads and improving existing ones. If BPA chooses to proceed with the project, construction would begin in the spring of 2015.



Public meetings will be held at the following locations:

**Jan. 7, 2014**  
4 p.m. to 7 p.m.  
Coulee Dam Town Hall  
300 Lincoln Ave.  
Coulee Dam, Wash. 99116

**Jan. 8, 2014**  
4 p.m. to 7 p.m.  
Wilbur Community Center  
5 S.W. Railroad Ave.  
Wilbur, Wash. 99185

Community members can ask questions, voice concerns and share local knowledge about the potential impacts of the draft EA.

They are also encouraged to send comments to

[www.bpa.gov/comment](http://www.bpa.gov/comment). Please send comments on the proposal and its impacts by Feb. 3, 2014, so they may be considered while we draft the EA. When commenting, refer to the “*Grand Coulee-Creston Transmission Line Rebuild Project*.”

Residents who cannot attend the meetings can learn about the proposed transmission upgrade at: [www.bpa.gov/goto/CouleeCrestonRebuild](http://www.bpa.gov/goto/CouleeCrestonRebuild) and are also invited to submit comments to [www.bpa.gov/comment](http://www.bpa.gov/comment).

### **About BPA**

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