



Fact Sheet

HABITAT CONSERVATION – PUBLIC NOTICE

July 2010

Trimble Creek acquisition to preserve wildlife habitat

Location: Property is located approximately three miles northwest of Cusick, in Pend Oreille County, Wash. (SEE MAP).

Acres: 72.25

Purpose: The Bonneville Power Administration is partnering with the Kalispel Tribe to purchase the Trimble Creek property for the protection of wildlife habitat. BPA will acquire a conservation easement on the property, ensuring that this land will be protected in perpetuity in a as natural, open space. Purchasing this property will protect habitat for Canada geese, mallard, Savannah sparrow, Lincoln's sparrow, bobolink, white-tailed deer, elk, coyote and other fish and wildlife species. Funding this acquisition will partially mitigate for wildlife habitat losses due to the construction and inundation of Albeni Falls Dam. The agreement is expected to be finalized in August 2010.

Type of action: The purchase will be funded by BPA. The Kalispel Tribe will own the land, and BPA will receive a conservation easement on the property. Under the terms of the easement, development restrictions are placed both on the current landowner and on all subsequent landowners.

Land management: The land will be managed and protected by the Kalispel Tribe. Once the easement has been acquired, the Kalispel Tribe will lead the development of a management plan to

guide the protection and enhancement of resources on the property. The Kalispel Tribe will provide information about opportunities for public involvement during development of the property's management plan. Pending BPA approval of the management plan, no streamside development, grazing or other land management activities would occur other than maintenance and protection, such as weed control or fence maintenance.

For more information, contact

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BPA Fish and Wildlife Program

BPA's fish and wildlife program protects and preserves valuable fish and wildlife habitat throughout the Northwest. Since its inception in 1980, BPA has set aside more than 300,000 acres of land, protecting and preserving habitat for hundreds of species. The program protects habitat from development, either through outright purchase of land or by placing conservation easements on privately owned property. BPA works in partnership with conservation groups, local tribes, and state fish and wildlife management agencies.



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Pend Oreille County, Washington

