



# Fact Sheet

HABITAT CONSERVATION – PUBLIC NOTICE

October 2010

## BPA funds conservation easement in Willamette Valley

**Location:** Lafayette, Yamhill County, Oregon  
(SEE MAP).

**Acres:** 1,310

**Partners:** Our Lady of Guadalupe Trappist Abbey and the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

**Purpose:** The Bonneville Power Administration is funding the purchase of a conservation easement in the Yamhill River Watershed in Oregon's Willamette Valley. The funding is contingent upon approval of an agreement with the state

of Oregon, outlining how much habitat must be protected in coming years. BPA will receive wildlife habitat credit for funding the purchase of this conservation easement that will partially mitigate for the impacts caused by the construction and inundation of hydroelectric and flood control dams in the Willamette Basin. The purchase would go forward in October 2010, pending approval of the agreement between BPA and Oregon.

This property is located in a high-priority conservation area as identified in the Oregon Wildlife Conservation Strategy adopted by the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife. The types of habitat on the property include native conifer woodlands, upland prairie, oak savanna, oak woodlands, grasslands and wet



*Sustainable forest production, agriculture and healthy wildlife habitat in the Willamette Valley.*





*Our Lady of Guadalupe Trappist Abbey Monastery*

prairies. This habitat supports many species of plants and wildlife including several migratory and resident birds such as the acorn woodpecker, streaked-horned lark and white-breasted nuthatch.

**Type of action:** BPA is funding the acquisition of a conservation easement. The existing landowner, Our Lady of Guadalupe Trappist Abbey, will continue to own and manage the land. Under the terms of the conservation easement, development restrictions are placed on the land and the conservation values, and the property will be enhanced either through natural or active restoration processes ensuring that high-quality habitat will be protected in perpetuity.

**Land management:** Our Lady of Guadalupe Trappist Abbey is currently managing this property for sustainable forest production and agriculture. The majority of the property is in forest production. Operations are guided by a management plan based on the sustainable working forest model that has been approved by the Forest Stewardship Council. This plan is a land conservation strategy

designed to operate a viable commercial business by growing diverse native forests while enhancing and conserving wildlife habitat and retaining biological legacies such as snags, large live trees and down wood on the forest floor. The management plan is periodically reviewed and revised as necessary to ensure that it continues to meet the Forest Stewardship Council's principles and criteria for sustainable forest operations. Our Lady of Guadalupe Trappist Abbey and BPA will work together to assure that the open space values created by the working landscape and protected under the conservation easement will be conserved and sustained.

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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, the program has set aside more than 300,000 acres of land benefiting hundreds of species. The program protects habitat from development either through outright purchase of land or by purchasing conservation easements on privately owned property. BPA works in partnership with conservation groups, local tribes and state fish and wildlife management agencies.



*Snow covered working forest*



*Complimentary land uses. Our Lady of Guadalupe Trappist Abbey Monastery among the living and working landscape*

# Trappist Abby

Yamhill County, Oregon

